

Special Needs Judo – 2009/10 Registration Process

Dear Club coaches / club registrars,

Special Needs Judo hopes to offer people with disabilities the opportunity to participate as productive and respected members of the Judo Federation of Australia by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through judo training and competition, and also increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

A Special Needs Competition Rules document has been developed by the Judo Federation of Australia, with the aim to assist with the efficient running of Special Needs Judo Competitions and to assist Judoka, their carers, coaches and Referees to participate and enjoy Judo competitions.

Starting in July 2009, Judo Western Australia has included a question on the new registration forms, asking if members consider themselves eligible to be included in the Special Needs categories.

On the second page of this document is an extract from the Special Needs Competition Rules on Functional Classification, for your perusal. We ask that club coaches / club registrars assist potentially eligible members to document their correct Functional Classification Level. Please note that participation is completely voluntary, but would assist Judo Western Australia to provide accurate numbers to the Australian Sports Commission and other possible funding organisations.

Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Judo Western Australia (Inc.)

Judo-For-All Extract - Functional Classification

Skill level 1: The judoka's who are classified in this Skill level can train and compete with mainstream judoka's on recreational club level. These judoka's have an excellent technical repertory and competition insight where by there capability and initiative is well developed. The judoka understands cause and effect of there own acts and can be given a penalty by breaking the Special needs competition rules.

The judoka is classified on more than 80% performance of what mainstream judoka's can achieve. The judoka can compete with minimal support from coach and referee. The relationship between judoka –coach/referee is 80-20%.

Skill level 2: The judoka's who are classified in this Skill level can train and take part in light competition (Randori) with mainstream judoka's. These judoka have a good technical repertory and competition insight of which the capability and initiative is normally developed. The judoka understands cause and effect of there own acts and can be given a penalty by breaking the Special needs competition rules.

The judoka is classified on more than 60% and less than 80% performance of what mainstream judoka's can achieve. In competition the judoka needs support from the coach and referee. The relationship between judoka and coach/referee is 70-30%.

Skill level 3: The judoka who are classified in this Skill level can take part in training with mainstream judoka's but only compete in special competition with judoka's of the same level. These judoka's understand the meaning and the rules of the Special needs competition rules and have a reasonable technical repertory and competition insight of which the capability and initiative of his own act belongs to their possibilities.

The judoka is classified on more than 50% and less than 60% performance of what mainstream judoka's can achieve. In competition the judoka needs support and guidance from the coach and referee. The relationship between judoka and coach/referee is about 50-50%.

Skill level 4: The judoka who are classified in this skill level can take part in a special training and competition but needs guidance during the competition. These judoka understand the basic rules and the meaning of the Special needs competition rules and have a small technical repertory and competition insight. Due to the low judo knowledge the judoka, a small amount of basic techniques will be used during the competition.

The judoka is classified on more than 40% and less than 50% performance of what mainstream judoka's can achieve. In competition the judoka needs support and guidance from the coach and referee. The relation judoka and coach/referee is 40-60 %.

Skill level 5: The judoka's who are classified in this Skill level need a lot of guidance during training and competition and sometimes do not understand the basic rules and/or physically not capable to understand. Due to the low judo knowledge the judoka will use primary basic techniques during the competition.

This judoka needs a lot of guidance. During competition the relationship between judoka-coach/referee is 30-70%. The judoka is classified in less than 30% performance of what mainstream judoka's can achieve. They will normally¹, for safety reasons, take part in the competition in ground techniques. (ne-waza).

¹ This are guiding lines that does not mean that it can be used as rules, so if a judoka compete on his knees for safety reasons does not implicate that he compete in level 5!! There is also the possibility that this judoka compete in one of the other levels, his opponents have to adjust by competing this judoka in ne-waza.