

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



## EVENT OUTLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

# JUDO

**Tbilisi Grand Slam, Georgia**

**24 - 26 March 2023**

**#JudoTbilisi**

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@MariusVizer

Welcome to Georgia!

Tbilisi is preparing to host their third grand slam after many years organising a much loved Tbilisi Grand Prix.

This World Judo Tour event will always be a highlight on the calendar, with the passion of the Georgian team leading the athlete and spectator experience, providing excellence and fun in equal measure. Hospitality and excitement are always at the forefront here!

The 2023 edition is the penultimate World Judo Tour event before the Doha World Championships, making it almost essential preparation. This means we can expect the elite of the world circuit, the finest judoka bringing their finest judo to Georgia. There will be high octane negotiations for seeding for future events, with every point being important at this stage of the cycle.

I wish all participants, organisers, volunteers and spectators the energising judo experience they expect. Tbilisi is ready, open and eager to welcome you.

Welcome to Georgia.

Yours in judo.

**Marius L. VIZER**  
**President**  
**International Judo Federation**



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Dear judo family, dear friends,

On behalf of the Georgian Judo Federation, I have the honour of welcoming all officials, athletes, coaches and fans to the Tbilisi Grand Slam 2023.

It is a great honour for us to be the organiser of the judo grand slam in Georgia, a country where judo is loved and appreciated. Here, judo has the biggest events and public celebrations, a celebration of unity in its diversity. Our fans are looking forward to this grand slam tournament.

We are proud of our place in world judo and I would like to thank once again the President of the International Judo Federation, Mr Marius Vizer, for his trust and for this great opportunity.

I am sure that this great competition, with the highest level participants, will be held at the highest organisational level and the battles of the world's strongest athletes will delight their fans.

I wish all participants a successful and memorable event!

We look forward to meeting you in Tbilisi

**Giorgi ATABEGASHVILI**  
**President**  
**Georgian Judo Federation**



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### 1. DEADLINES

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	Action
37	15 February 2023	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
34	18 February 2023	Hotel first reservation
25	27 February 2023	Hotel final reservation and full payment
25	27 February 2023 17:00 CET	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation (medical reason e.g., sick or COVID-19 positive, must send medical certificate)
14	10 March 2023	Arrival and departure information sent to: <a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>
7	17 March 2023**	<a href="http://ijfmedia.datastat.si">http://ijfmedia.datastat.si</a>

\*All media representatives must have the necessary documents to travel to Georgia, including a visa if necessary.

\*\*All requests are subject to approval by the IJF and the LOC, so the inscription is not a guaranty to be accredited. All accreditation requests coming after the deadline will be refused.

#### Event Inscription

In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone has to be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF ([media@ijf.org](mailto:media@ijf.org)) and the LOC ([grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com](mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com)).

### 2. PARTICIPATION RULES

- Inscribe in the IJF media platform - <http://ijfmedia.datastat.si>
- Have a signed and approved individual Liability Release Waiver (LRW). The form can be found in the documents section: [www.ijf.org/competition/2440](http://www.ijf.org/competition/2440) and [covid.ijf.org](http://covid.ijf.org) and sent to [covid@ijf.org](mailto:covid@ijf.org)

### 3. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Georgian Judo Federation
Address	Beliashvili str, 5 A, Tbilisi, 0159, Georgia.
Telephone number	+995322516466
Website	<a href="http://www.gjf.ge">www.gjf.ge</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>



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### 4. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Mrs Natalia Chikvaidze	<a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>	+995577725261
General Enquiries	Mrs Irina Sakvarelidze	<a href="mailto:judofedgeo@gmail.com">judofedgeo@gmail.com</a>	+995577994418
Transport contact	Mrs Mariana Imnadze	<a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>	+995599502882
Visa	Mrs Sophia Tsirekidze	<a href="mailto:judofedgeo@gmail.com">judofedgeo@gmail.com</a>	+995599208020
Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mrs Irina Sakvarelidze	<a href="mailto:judofedgeo@gmail.com">judofedgeo@gmail.com</a>	+995577994418

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**USE ONLY THE EMAIL FROM THE OFFICIAL OUTLINES.**

### 5. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Olympic Sports Palace
Address	University str. 15 A, Tbilisi, Georgia
Website	<a href="http://smsorg.ge/?lang=en">http://smsorg.ge/?lang=en</a>
Seats for spectators	3.600
Tickets	<a href="https://tkt.ge">https://tkt.ge</a>

### 6. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://new.geoconsul.gov.ge/en>

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in judobase for the event.

It is the responsibility of the media participant to respect the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the participant concerned.

Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the Government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections.

Complete the form	Tbilisi GS 2023 Form Visa		
Deadline	15 February 2023		
Visa contact	Mrs Sophia Tsirekidze	<a href="mailto:judofedgeo@gmail.com">judofedgeo@gmail.com</a>	+995599208020



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### 7. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 22 March 2023	14:00 - 20:00	Accreditation	Holiday Inn Hotel
Thursday 23 March 2023	09:00 - 12:00	Accreditation	Holiday Inn Hotel
	14:00	Draw	Online
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg	Holiday Inn Hotel
Friday 24 March 2023	<b>Competition Day 1 - w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg</b>		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Olympic Sports Palace
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg	Holiday Inn Hotel
	17:00	Final block	Olympic Sports Palace
Saturday 25 March 2023	<b>Competition Day 2 - w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg</b>		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Olympic Sports Palace
	16:00 - 16:30	Weigh-in w: -78 kg, +78 kg; m: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg	Holiday Inn Hotel
	17:00	Final block	Olympic Sports Palace
Sunday 26 March 2023	<b>Competition Day 3 - w: -78 kg, +78 kg; m: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg</b>		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Olympic Sports Palace
	17:00	Final block	Olympic Sports Palace

\* The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known.

### 8. TRANSPORT

The LOC will provide official transportation for media during the competition. This transportation service includes airport transfers.

Arrival and departure details must be sent to: [grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com](mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com)

Transfers for this event will be arranged from/to:			
Airport	Tbilisi Shota Rustaveli International Airport - TBS		
Deadline	10 March 2023		
Transport contact	Mrs Mariana Imnadze	<a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>	+995599502882



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### 9. ACCOMMODATION

The LOC offer to all media participants the following accommodation.

Any damage to hotel property will be charged to the participant and must be paid in full.

<b>Complete the form</b>	<b>Tbilisi GS 2023 Form Accommodation</b>		
<b>Deadline first reservation</b>	27 February 2023		
<b>Deadline final reservation and full payment</b>	27 February 2023 17:00 CET		
<b>Accommodation contact</b>	Mrs Natalia Chikvaidze	<a href="mailto:grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com">grandslamtbilisi@gmail.com</a>	+995577725261

**Note:** The LOC will do their best to provide your first choice of accommodation but, as rooms might be limited, this cannot be guaranteed. After the accommodation deadline, the LOC cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

### INTERNATIONAL MEDIA HOTELS

The following packages are available in the international media hotel:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

Full board includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch at the hotel or sport hall\*.

\*LUNCH ON COMPETITION DAYS WILL BE SERVED AT THE SPORT HALL AND CAN BE RESERVED AT ACCREDITATION.

### Accommodation

<b>Holiday Inn Hotel</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Twentysix May Square 1, Tbilisi, 0171, Georgia
<b>Phone</b>	+9950322300099
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/tbilisi/tbsms/hoteldetail">https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/tbilisi/tbsms/hoteldetail</a>
<b>Check-in time</b>	15:00pm (if available the room can be accessed from 13:00pm with no additional charge)
<b>Check-out time</b>	12:00pm
<b>Early check-in / Late check-out</b>	If requested the room will be charged at full price
<b>Air-conditioning</b>	Yes (Free)
<b>Gym</b>	No
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Yes (Free)
<b>Room service</b>	Yes
<b>A La Carte restaurant</b>	Yes
<b>Food delivery allowed</b>	No





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All prices are per person per night in: **euro**

	Bed & Breakfast	Full Board
Single	195	245
Twin	145	190
Extra lunch on competition days (at the sport hall) Reserve at the hotel welcome desk		25
Deposit required by hotel at check-in		No

Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	22	00:40
Accreditation	Same hotel	
Draw	The draw will be held online: <a href="http://www.ijf.org">www.ijf.org</a>	
Sport hall	4	00:15

### PAYMENT

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According to the IJF rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo, "the organising country should not request penalties fee for media representatives who cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash upon arrival. Those countries who cannot make bank transfers should inform the LOC well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival".

All bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid to the following bank:

Beneficiary's Name	Georgian Judo Federation
Bank Name	Bank of Georgia
Bank Address	Gagarini str. 29 A, Tbilisi 0160, Georgia
IBAN	GE52BG0000000954854100
SWIFT/BIC Code	BAGAGE22
Payment Reference	Tbilisi GS 2023+Country code and invoice number

If payment is being made by bank transfer the bank information must be inserted correctly and completely on the transfer document and any procedures related to amendment of the bank transfer must be done before arrival. Participants must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the LOC receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Participants must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

<b>If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:</b>	
<b>No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 25 days before start of competition</b>	27 February 2023 17:00 CET

In the case of non-payment to the LOC, the media participant concerned will not be allowed to register to competitions until the debt is settled.





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### 10. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the IJF Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sports and Organisation Rules (SOR, [www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/21](http://www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/21)) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>), as well as the media protocol in place on spot. Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

#### INSURANCE

Everyone is responsible for their own insurance and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during any IJF WJT event. The LOC of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration. It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19 related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event nor any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a media participant during the event.

#### COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. It is expressly forbidden for all media including photographers to live stream at any time during the draw, competition or any other official IJF activity. They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue. Mobile devices must not be used for any function while mat side.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF. This must be proposed and granted by the IJF at least two weeks before the competition. Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

#### ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation centre, from the welcome desk at the hotel after the draw, from the media entrance welcome desk in the sport hall, or from any other place dedicated to media which will be indicated.

An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion.



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The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 US\$ to be paid to the IJF.

### **RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES**

Throughout the event, from arrival to departure, media representatives must observe strict respect for the athletes and their delegation. The delegations need calm to prepare and concentrate, the international media will only have access to the athletes under the conditions of the competition, at the stadium, in a mixed zone.

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: [press@ijf.org](mailto:press@ijf.org)



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