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KUDO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION MALTA

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Malta Open Junior Championship 2026

20th of June, 2026, Malta

Description

The European Kudo Junior Committee is pleased to announce the Malta Open Junior Championship 2026 in Malta, under supervision of the Committee's General Secretary, Alexander Zhuravlev.

The Championship will be open to all European branches and federations. To ensure a fair and motivating competitive environment, the event will be divided into two divisions:

- White / Purple / Blue belts (10–7 Kyu)
- Yellow belt and higher grades (6 Kyu and above)

If necessary, categories may be adjusted to maintain competitive balance.

The goal of this event is to provide less experienced athletes with a confident first international experience, while offering advanced competitors the opportunity to face strong opponents at their level — always with a focus on safety and development.

Participating teams are welcome to arrive earlier and make use of the Kudo Malta Dojo for training and preparation. It is also possible to join regular training sessions during the stay, allowing for increased mat time and exchange of experience between athletes.

Championship schedule

The Malta Open Junior Championship 2026 will be organized on June 20, 2026 for athletes from the U10, U12, U14 and U16 divisions. We strongly recommend that each participating team provide a referee of 16 years or older. We also encourage the participation of individual referees, even without the participation of a team, to gain refereeing experience.

June 19, Friday

Weigh-In and Referees Meeting

18:15 – 20:00	Weigh-in
20:15	Referees meeting

June 20, Saturday

Competition Day

09:20	Competitors arrival
10:00	The Championship takes off
16:30	End of the fights

Application

Only European athletes registered with Kudo International Federation and have 10th Kyu and higher grade can apply for the Championship. Age divisions determined by age on December 31, 2026. Filled application forms must be sent to info@kudomalta.com. Deadline for application is the **30th of May 2026**. Earlier applications are highly appreciated.

Competition outfit and protective gear

- White **or** blue kudo uniforms ("kudogi" or "dogi").
- NHG headgear, which must be secured at the back by laces in two places.
- Foul cup (groin protection).
- Mouth guard is highly recommended.
- KIF-approved body protector. Short-sleeved T-shirt must be worn underneath.
- KIF-approved arm protectors for U10, U12, U14 and U16 age categories.
- KIF-approved leg supporters (shin guards).
- It is recommended to use a belt holder.

It is prohibited to put protective equipment on top of the GI. **All unforeseen cases are preliminary discussed by refereeing team.**

Weight-In

During the Weight-In participants of the Competition must have with themselves:

1. ID or certificate of birth.
2. On the day of the tournament, it is strictly necessary to have an insurance policy. You can buy insurance at affordable price here: <https://www.assurance-multi-sports.com/>

Events fee

The participation fee for the Championship is €25.

Accommodation

Malta has a huge variety of hotels, apartments and other type of accommodation suitable for any budget or need. You can find and book your stay at the most popular webpages www.booking.com or www.airbnb.com

How to get to Kudo Malta

Our Dojo address is Sir Adrian Dingli Road Pembroke, PBK 1940. It's located on the grounds of Melita Football Club in Pembroke. You can reach us either by public transport www.publictransport.com.mt or taxi. To get a cheap taxi service, please download application at www.bolt.eu or www.ecabs.com.mt. We have a large free of charge parking facility in case you decide to rent a car.

You can easily find Kudo Malta on Google map by introducing its name or copy and follow the link: <https://goo.gl/maps/8bPVvpqQWsse1Tvk8>

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