

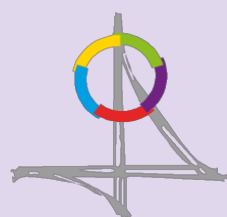
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# RULES OF THE NINTH FRANCOPHONE GAMES



**CULTURAL COMPETITIONS**  
**SPORTS COMPETITIONS**





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# FOREWORD

Following on from Morocco in 1989, France in 1994, Madagascar in 1997, Canada in 2001, Niger in 2005, Lebanon in 2009, France in 2013 and the Ivory Coast in 2017, the Democratic Republic of Congo will be hosting the 9th edition of the Francophone Games, which will be taking place in the city of Kinshasa, from 19 to 28 August 2023.

Focused on equity, solidarity and excellence this major sports and cultural event will once again offer French-speaking youth the opportunity to excel and compete in a spirit of exchange, sharing and discovery.

This document defines the rules and conditions of pre-selection and selection for each event in the Democratic Republic of Congo/Kinshasa 2023 edition of the Games. Its purpose is to inform member states and governments of the International Francophone Organisation (OIF) of the rules.

This document of rules is complementary to the “Registration Guide” document.

These rules will then be repeated in full in the technical manuals which the CNJF will supply to states and governments for each discipline.

The use of masculine in this document is intended to lighten the text. The CIJF strongly encourages gender parity and respect for human rights in all organizational sectors.

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The Sports competitions of the Francophone Games must shed light on the potential of Francophone athletes and also, one year after the Olympic Games, help to discover new talents with a view to participation in future international events. Winners of the Francophone Games will receive support to help them progress in their careers.

## GENERAL RULES

### 1. General conditions of participation

a) Only member States and governments of the OIF are authorized to register competitors in the sports events according to the conditions defined by the International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF).

b) Participants must:

- be nationals of member States or governments of the OIF;
- have the nationality of the State they represent, either through birth or through naturalisation obtained at least six (6) months before the Games, subject to the conditions stipulated in Item 5 of the statutes of the CIJF and the Rules of the Games that deal with the engagements;
- respect the age requirements for each discipline, as defined below.

(c) Each participating state or government is responsible for the international transportation and insurance of its competitors' equipment.

## 2. Program

The 9th Francophone Games include 8 official sports competitions and 1 demonstration sport event.

### DISCIPLINES

1. **Athletics** (m/w, 18-35 years)
2. **Basket-ball** (w, 18-25 years)
3. **Football** (m, 18-20 years)
4. **Disabled sport (Athletics)** (m/w, 18-35 years)
  - m, 200 meters (T42 to T47 & T61 to T64)
  - m, long jump (T42 to T47 & T61 to T64)
  - m, javelin throw 800 g (F42 to F46 & F61 to F64)
  - w, 100 meters (T11-12 & T13)
  - w, long jump (T11-12 & T13)
  - w, shot-put throw 3 kg (F40-41)
  - w, discus throw 750g (F40-41)
5. **Judo** (m/w, 18-25 years)
6. **Wrestling**
  - 6.1. African wrestling (m/w, 18-30 years)
  - 6.2. Freestyle wrestling (m/w, 18-30 years)
7. **Table tennis** (m/w, 18-21 years)
8. **Road cycling** (m, 19-25 years and w, 19-35 years), Demonstration

## 3. Selection and number of competitors

- a) The selection process is established to:
  - Develop a policy which aims to bring the French-speaking sporting elite together during the Games;
  - Give the French-speaking sporting elite the opportunity to reveal itself and to benefit from support in their sports careers.
- b) For each competition on the programme, the CIJF has set a maximum number of participants in order to ensure a timeframe for the Games and an appropriate scale for the organisation of the Francophone Games by any State or government in the French-speaking area.

DISCIPLINES	NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING COMPETITORS
1. Athletics (m/w, 18-35 years)	Athletes having achieved the entry criteria (maximum of 3 per event)
2. Basketball (w, 18-25 years)	16 competing teams (team of 12)
3. Football (m, 18-20 years)	16 competing teams (team of 20)
4. Disabled sport (Athletics) (m/w, 18-35 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- m, 200 meters (T42 to T47 &amp; T61 to T64)</li> <li>- m, long jump (T42 to T47 &amp; T61 to T64)</li> <li>- m, javelin throw 800 g (F42 to F46 &amp; F61 to F64)</li> <li>- w, 100 meters (T11-12 &amp; T13)</li> <li>- w, long jump (T11-12 &amp; T13)</li> <li>- w, shot-put throw 3 kg (F40-41)</li> <li>- w, discus throw 750 g (F40-41)</li> </ul>	Athletes having achieved the entry criteria (Maximum of 3 per event)
5. Judo (m/w, 18-25 years)	18 m and 18 w per category (7 men's categories and 7 women's categories) Registration of a maximum of 1 Judoka per category
6. Wrestling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1. African wrestling (m/w, 18-30 years)</li> <li>6.2. Freestyle wrestling (m/w, 18-30 years)</li> </ul>	<p><b>African wrestling:</b>  <u>Individual competition:</u> 16 m and 16 w per category  (5men's categories and 5 women's categories)  Registration of 1 wrestler per category by State or government  <u>Team competition:</u> 16 teams participating</p> <p><b>Freestyle wrestling:</b>  <u>Team competition:</u> 16m and 16 w per category  (10 men's categories and 10's women categories)  Registration of 1 wrestler per category</p>
7. Table tennis (m/w, 18-21 years)	40 teams of 2 players (1 m - 1 w participating competitor) Registration of 1m and 1 w
8. Road cycling (m, 19-25 years and w, 19-35 years)	Maximum of 20 participating teams Registration of 6 men and 6 women per team/delegation

*\* For athletics, acceptance of two male (m) guest athletes and two female (f) guest athletes per delegation, who have not achieved the entry criteria.*

## 4. Registration – Cancellation

- a) If a competition or discipline has to be cancelled, the CIJF shall immediately inform each State or government concerned.
- b) The States or governments must inform competitors of the specific rules of their disciplines.

## 5. International juries

### > The jury

- a) For each sports discipline, the CIJF, with the delegate from the international federation, forms a jury which is responsible for ruling on all technical matters. The President of the jury is the delegate of the international federation.
- b) The CIJF delegate must be present at the jury sittings. This delegate is not entitled to vote.
- c) The jury writes a detailed report of each deliberation and transmits it to the CIJF, as well as the official ranking in each discipline.
- d) The CIJF remains custodian of each jury's deliberations after the Games.

### > The appeal committee

The appeal committee, under the authority of the Director of the CIJF, is the supreme body in charge of settling all cases not covered by the powers of the international jury. Its decisions cannot be appealed.

## 6. Medal ceremony

For each sports competition, gold, silver and bronze medals and a certificate are awarded. These ceremonies are an integral part of the event in accordance with the conditions for each discipline. They take place on the competition site.

The award ceremony, during which medals shall be awarded, must take place in compliance with the following directives:

- Medals are only awarded by qualified personalities appointed by the CIJF in agreement with the President of the CNJF and its protocol division;
- If possible, this ceremony shall take place directly after the event and on the site of the competition, in the following conditions:
  - Competitors ranked first, second and third take position, in uniform, on the podium opposite the Official stands, while the Games' hymn is played;
  - The winner is slightly higher than the second place to his right and third place to his left;
  - The winner's flag is raised on the central mast and the flags of the second and third positions are raised on two neighboring masts to the right and left of the central mast, facing the arena;
  - while a shortened version of the national anthem of the winner's State or government is played, the three competitors and spectators turn to the flags.

## 7. Claims – Disputes

The international jury is responsible for ruling on all technical matters which lead to a claim.

The appeal committee, under the authority of the Director of the CIJF, is the supreme body in charge of settling all cases not covered by the powers of the international juries. A case may be brought to it by:

- the representative of the relevant international federation;
- the president of the CNJF;
- the head of one of the delegations.

Its decisions cannot be appealed.

In order for a claim to be examined and deliberated by the CIJF, it must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the event, and state the decision or the dispute giving rise to the claim in question.

## 8. Pay

Competitors are not paid.

The officials of the sports competitions shall receive pay from the CNJF, which shall be determined after consultation between the CIJF and the international federations. The conditions shall be submitted prior to final acceptance by each official concerned.

## 9. Reasons for disqualification

Any deviation from the general conditions of participation, the eligibility conditions or the obligations stipulated in the specific rules of each sports discipline by the international federation may lead to disqualification of the athlete or the team.

## 10. Testing

Anti-doping tests and any other test which may be necessary are carried out in compliance with the instructions of the CIJF's international medical committee and with the provisions of the different international sports federations concerned. They are carried out under authority of the CIJF in collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

## 11. CNJF obligations

The purpose of the CNJF is to conduct the Francophone Games in compliance with the rules stipulated by the CIJF, notably by organising:

- reception, accommodation and catering;
- local transportation;
- a media center;
- the events, including opening ceremony, winners' gala ceremony and closing ceremony;
- the medical service and anti-doping controls;
- security;
- insurances on the territory;
- promotion of the Francophone Games on its national territory;
- accreditation;
- ticketing;
- the protocol.

## SPECIFIC RULES

THESE RULES MUST BE GIVEN TO THE PRE-SELECTED ATHLETES BY THEIR STATE OR GOVERNMENT.

Each sports competition is governed by the technical rules of the relevant international federation.



## ATHLETICS

### REMINDER

The athletics competition (men/women) has been on the programme of all the previous eight editions of the Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) has always worked with World Athletics to organize athletics events during the Francophone Games.

The competitions are organized under the responsibility of a Technical Delegate appointed by World Athletics.

RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO / KINSHASA 2023 EDITION

## Format and qualifications

The CIJF, in collaboration with World Athletics, proceeds with the selection of the States or Governments to participate in the tournament of the IX<sup>th</sup> Games.

The registrations and qualifications for the athletics events take place in three stages:

- Quantitative registrations: until February 28, 2023
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2023
- Nominative registration (final short list): until June 28, 2023

The qualifications will be made following the minimums below. These performances have to be done between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Each delegation can enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per event, as long as these athletes have satisfied the entry criteria in the identified period and in regular qualifying conditions for the 9th Francophone Games Democratic Republic of Congo/Kinshasa 2023:

<b>Hommes</b>	<b>Épreuves</b>	<b>Dames</b>
10"54	<b>100 m</b>	<b>11"94</b>
21"24	<b>200 m</b>	<b>24"24</b>
46"64	<b>400 m</b>	<b>54"94</b>
1'49"	<b>800 m</b>	<b>2'8"5</b>
3'45"	<b>1 500 m</b>	<b>4'24"</b>
14'00"	<b>5 000 m</b>	<b>16'40"</b>
29'20"	<b>10 000 m</b>	<b>34'30</b>
14"34	<b>100 m/110 m haies</b>	<b>14"34</b>
51"54	<b>400 m haies</b>	<b>59"64</b>
8'45"	<b>3 000 m steeple</b>	<b>10'40"</b>
1h08'	<b>Semi-marathon</b>	<b>1h22'</b>
2,15 m	<b>Hauteur</b>	<b>1,75 m</b>
7,60 m	<b>Longueur</b>	<b>6,10 m</b>
15,90 m	<b>Triple-saut</b>	<b>12,75 m</b>
5,00 m	<b>Perche</b>	<b>3,70</b>
<b>15,80 m</b>	Poids	13,50 m
<b>52,00 m</b>	Disque	45,00 m
<b>60,00 m</b>	Marteau	48,00 m
<b>69,00 m</b>	Javelot	46,00 m
<b>7 000 pts</b>	Décathlon	
	Heptathlon	5 000 pts
<b>40"80</b>	Relais 4x100	<b>47"00</b>
<b>3'14"</b>	Relais 4x400	<b>3'50"</b>
<b>1h35'</b>	Marche 20km	<b>1h55'</b>

*NB: As a reminder, competitors must be at least 18 years on 1st January of the year of the Games.*

Performances must be achieved during competitions organized in compliance with World Athletics rules, duly authorized by World Athletics, its continental associations or one of its federations.

Performances achieved during mixed events may exceptionally be accepted if the conditions stipulated by Rule 147 of the IAAF are complied.

.For 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m/400m hurdles and 4 x 100m relay, only performances achieved with automatic timekeeping defined by Rule 160 (§ 13 to 18) shall be accepted.

For all competitions and races of 400m and more:

- indoor performances shall be accepted.
- For races of 400m and more performances achieved on tracks shall not be accepted.

Any State or Government that does not have an athlete who has met the minimum requirements may be represented by inviting a maximum of two (2) female and two (2) male athletes.

The athletics competition shall be held over 5 consecutive days. Each of the events composing the discipline will be maintained in the program of the Games only if there are at least eight (8) competitors or teams engaged, except for the half-marathon and walking events for which a minimum of 15 competitors per event is required.

## Accompanying persons

For athletics, each delegation will be able to integrate: 1 official, 1 coach for 4 athletes, 1 physiotherapist and 1 doctor.

## International jury

In compliance with rules of the International Federation and upon proposal by the Technical Delegate, the CIJF will appoint the following persons meeting the conditions defined by the IAAF: 3 Appeal Jury member, 5 ITO/ATO, 4 walking judges and a secretary, one road race measurer.



# BASKET-BALL

## REMINDER

Women's basketball has featured at the eight editions of the Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) has always collaborated with the FIBA in organizing the Francophone Games basketball competition accordingly to FIBA regulations.

The CIJF has developed a partnership with the FIBA for each edition to organize this important competition under the technical responsibility of a Delegate appointed by the FIBA.

## RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO/ KINSHASA 2023 EDITION

### Format and qualifications

The basketball competition brings together 16 teams from member States and governments. It shall take place as follows:

- a Preliminary round with 4 groups of 4 teams where each team of the same group all competes against each other.
- A final phase with quarterfinals, then Semi-finals, 3rd place match and final for the teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group. The teams losing the quarter finals will play classification matches for places 5 to 8. The 3rd and 4th ranked teams will play classification matches for places 9 to 16.

The competition will last between a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of 9 days, including rest days. There will be a compulsory rest day after the Preliminary round. There may be another rest day after the quarter finals and another after the semi-finals.

### Selections

In consultation with the Technical Delegate nominated by the FIBA, the CIJF establish the list of States/governments selected for the IXth edition, following the number of States or governments registered and the geographical repartition and the FIBA rankings.

The 16 selected teams selected shall be involved by their State or government and identified following the geographical below:

Americas - Caribbean	2
Asia- Oceania	2
Indian ocean	1
Europe	6
Africa	5



If a continent does not enter the number of teams it is allocated, the CIJF, in consultation with the FIBA, can accept additional teams from the other continents.

The teams are qualified according to the FIBA international ranking as of October 1, 2022.

## Selection and registration process

Each participating State or government lists 20 players from which the 12 players participating in the competition will be selected. The players' compliance with the rules will be checked on the list of 20 players, as well as the establishment of accreditations.

The registrations will take place in several stages:

- Selection of member states or governments: September 15, 2022
- Drawing of lots: October 29, 2022
- Nominal registration of an extended list of 20 players: April 28, 2023
- Final selection of 12 players per team: June 28, 2023

In agreement with FIBA, except in case of force majeure, any State or government having engaged a team in basketball commits itself to pay to the CIJF the sum of 1000 euros by bank transfer. This sum will then be deducted from the proportional contributions at the time of their payment.

## Allocation of referees

Each participating state or government must include in its delegation a certified international referee, appointed for the Francophone Games by the General Secretary of the FIBA.

The international travel of the referee is at the expense of his state or government, but through-out the duration of the Games, he shall be fully taken care of (accommodation, national transport and indemnities) by the organizing state or government (CNJF).

His name shall be sent at the same time as the names of the participating athletes during the named registrations.

8 referees and 4 independent commissioners will be appointed by the FIBA.

They will be taken care of during the period of the Games (accommodation, national transportation and allowances) by the organizing State or host government (CNJF).

Referees and commissioners, must be accommodated in the same location, different than that of the athletes.

FIBA shall organize a training course for referees during the competition. If so, 4 training referees will be appointed by the FIBA in addition to the referees of the competition. The 4 training referees must be accommodated in the same place as the referees of the competition.

## Accompanying persons

For basketball, each delegation will be able to include: 1 official, 1 coach, 1 assistant coach, 1 physical trainer, 1 physiotherapist, 1 doctor.



# FOOTBALL

## REMINDER

Men's under-20s football has been on the program of all eight editions of the Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) has always collaborated with the FIFA in organizing the Francophone Games football competition.

The CIJF has developed a partnership with the FIFA for each edition to organize this important competition under the technical responsibility of a Delegate appointed by the FIFA.

This competition has always been organized according to FIFA rules.

## RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO / KINSHASA 2022 EDITION

### Format and qualifications

16 national teams of 20 male players shall compete, divided into four pools of four teams. Each team shall play at least three matches in the first round, with a total of 28 matches played. The competition shall take place over 10 days, as described below:

- A Preliminary round with 4 groups of 4 teams, each team of the same group playing each other once
- A final phase with semi-finals, match for the 3rd place and final for the teams ranked 1st of each group.

### Selections

In consultation with the Technical Delegate appointed by the FIFA, the CIJF establishes, depending on the registrations received, based on geographical criteria and taking into account the last available FIFA ranking, the list of states or governments selected to take part in the football competition of the 9th edition.

The 16 teams selected will have been entered by their state or government and identified according to the following geographical breakdown:

Americas - Caribbean	2
Asia - Oceania	2
Indian Ocean	1
Europe	6
Africa	5



If a continent does not register the number of teams allocated to it, the CIJF, in consultation with FIFA, may accept additional teams from other continents.

The qualification conditions are as follows:

## Automatic qualifications

Organizing State or government: Democratic Republic of Congo/Kinshasa

## Additional qualifications

The conditions for allocating remaining places shall be determined depending on the number of pre-registered teams and taking into account already established criteria: FIFA ranking as of October 1, 2022.

## Commitment of participation

Each participating state or government will enter an expanded list of 30 players from which the 20 players participating in the competition will be selected. The list of 30 players will be checked for compliance with the rules, as well as the establishment of accreditations.

The registrations will take place in several stages:

- Selection of member states or governments: September 15, 2022
- Drawing of lots: October 29, 2022
- Nominal registration of an extended list of 20 players: April 28, 2023
- Final selection of 20 players per team: June 28, 2023

In agreement with FIFA, except in case of force majeure, any State or government which has entered a football and/or basketball team commits to pay to the CIJF an amount of 1000 euros via bank transfer. This amount will then be deducted from the proportional contributions when settled

## Allocation of referees

Each participating State or government must include in its delegation an international-grade referee certified by FIFA.

The international travel of the referee is at the expense of his State or government, but throughout the duration of the Games, he shall be fully taken care of (accommodation, national transport and indemnities) by the organizing State or government (CNJF).

His name shall be sent at the same time as the names of the participating athletes during the named registrations.

## Accompanying persons

For soccer, each delegation can include: 1 official, 1 coach, 1 assistant coach, 1 physical trainer, 1 physiotherapist, 1 international referee.



# DISABLED SPORT (ATHLETICS)

## REMINDER

The disabled athletics competition (men/women) was on the official program of the Francophone Games for the first time at the 7th edition of the Games, held in France at Nice in 2013.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) works with the World Para Athletics (WPA), to prepare and organize the disabled sports events of the Francophone Games, according to World Para Athletics rules.

The organization of the competition is under the technical responsibility of the Technical Delegate appointed by WPA.

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## Format and qualifications

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The CIJF, in collaboration with World Para Athletics, selects the states or governments qualified to take part in the 9th Francophone Games.

The disabled athletics competition shall take place between the 28th of July 2023 and the 6th of August 2023, over 5 days, under the technical responsibility of the World Para Athletics.

The competition can be held at the same time as the athletics competition mentioned above.

The disabled athletics disciplines of the 9th Francophone Games are:

- M 200 meters (T42 to T47 & T61 to T64)
- M long jump (T42 to T47 & T61 to T64)
- M javelins throw 800 g (F42 to F46 & F61 to F64)
- W 100 mètres (T11-12 & T13)
- W long jump (T11-12 & T13)
- W shot-put throw 3 kg (F40-41)
- W discus throw 750g (F40-41)

Registration and qualification for the athletics events will take place in three stages:

- Quantitative entries: until February 28, 2022
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2022
- Nominative registration (final short list): until June 28, 2022
- The qualifications will be done according to the minimums below. These qualifying performances will have to take place between June 1st, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Each delegation may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per event provided that these athletes have met the minimum requirements for the IX Games of La Francophonie Democratic Republic of Congo /Kinshasa 2023.

Each delegation can supply one (1) escort per athlete for rankings 11, 12 and 13.

Any State or Government that does not have an athlete who has met the minimum requirements may be represented by inviting a maximum of two (2) female athletes and two (2) male athletes.

In addition to the mentioned conditions and age criteria, eligibility to disabled sports events entails:

- to be registered in the World Para Athletics ;
- to be a member in 2023 ;

Entry criteria for the 9<sup>th</sup> Francophone Games Democratic Republic of Congo /Kinshasa 2023 (agreed with the World Para Athletics):

MEN		
T42 : 29"00 T43-44 : 26"40 T45 : 25"80 T46-47 : 25"80	200 meters	T61 : 29"00 T62 : 26"40 T63 : 25"00 T64 : 26"40
T42 : 5,00 m T43-44 : 5,60 m T45 : 5,00 m T46-47 : 5,80 m	Long jump	T61 : 5,00 m T62 : 5,60 m T63 : 5,00 m T64 : 5,60 m
F42 : 33,00 m F43-44 : 35,00 m F46 : 36,00 m	Javelin throw	F61 : 33,00 m F62 : 35,00 m F63 : 33,00 m F64 : 35,00 m
WOMEN		
T11 : 15"30 T12 : 15"00 T13 : 15"00	100 meters	
T11 3m00 T12 : 3m30 T13 : 4m00	Long jump	
F40 : 14m00 F41 : 14m00	Discus throw 750g	
F40 : 4m50 F41 : 4m50	Shot-put throw 3 kg	

Each of the events composing the discipline of Athletics for the Disabled will only be maintained on the program of the Games if there are at least three (3) athletes from two (2) different countries. Each delegation may enter a maximum of four (3) athletes per event

Depending on the needs of the organizing State or Government, an official referee of international rank may be requested at the appropriate time.



# JUDO

## REMINDER

Judo has featured at the eight editions of the Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) and the National Committee for the Francophone Games (CNJF) are collaborating with the International Judo Federation (IJF) in organizing the Francophone Games judo competition.

The CIJF has developed a partnership with the IJF for each edition to organize this important competition under the technical responsibility of a Delegate appointed by the IJF.

This competition has always been organized according to IJF rules.

## RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO / KINSHASA 2022 EDITION

## Format and qualifications

### Individual competition

For men, there are 7 weight categories

Extra light	Up to and including 60 kg
Half-light	Over 60 Kg up to and including 66 Kg
Light	Over 66 Kg up to and including 73 Kg
Half-middle	Over 73 Kg up to and including 81 Kg
Middle	Over 81 Kg up to and including 90 Kg
Half- heavy	Over 90 Kg up to and including 100 Kg
Heavy	Over 100 kg

For women, there are 7 weight categories

Extra light	Up to and including 48 kg
Half-light	Over 48 Kg up to and including 52 Kg
Light	Over 52 Kg up to and including 57 Kg
Half-middle	Over 57 Kg up to and including 63 Kg
Middle	Over 63 Kg up to and including 70 Kg
Half- heavy	Over 70 Kg up to and including 78 Kg
Heavy	Over 78 kg

The number of competitors is 18 for men and women per weight category (the number may vary by – 2 à + 2). A quota of 7 places is reserved for invitations

### Inter-Nation Mixed team competition

On an experimental basis, a mixed inter-nation competition is also planned for the 9th edition of the Games (team of 12 fighters, 6 men / 6 women).

The competition is reserved for Male and Female Judokas aged between 18 and 25 years and having participated in individual competitions. The competition is organized according to the technical rules of the IJF. The Organization of the competition is under the technical responsibility of the Technical Delegate appointed by the IJF.

Teams: Teams will be mixed and composed of nationals of different States or governments. As far

as possible, there will be no more than 2 nationals of the same State or government in the same team. The composition of the teams will take into account the individual results, from the first to the 7th place, i.e. 8 competitors. These competitors will be divided into different teams, so that the teams are sportily balanced. The other competitors will be randomly assigned to their category. The other fighters will be split randomly in their categories.

Each team will consist of 12 Judokas, 6 boys and 6 girls.

- **Men's categories:** 2 under 73 kg, 2 under 90 kg, 2 over 90 kg.

In the men's category - 73 kg the participants in the individual categories - 60 kg, - 66 kg and - 73 kg will be able to fight. For the category - 90 kg, those who have participated in the individual category - 73 kg, - 81 kg and - 90 kg. For the category + 90 kg, those who have participated in individuals in - 90 kg, - 100 kg and + 100 kg.

- **Female categories:** 2 under 57 kg, 2 under 70 kg, 2 over 70 kg

In the women's category - 57 kg, the participants in the individual categories - 48 kg, - 52 kg and - 57 kg will be able to fight. For the category - 70 kg, the women who participated in the individual category - 57 kg, - 63 kg and - 70 kg. For the category + 70 kg, the participants who took part in the individual competition in - 70 kg, - 78 kg and + 78 kg.

The draw for the distribution of athletes will be done either manually or by computer.

If the number of athletes entered by categories is not equal, there may be substitutes in one or more categories.

Each head of delegation will have to confirm to the organizers the names of their competitors the after the last award ceremony. Only athletes with a valid reason, medical problem or injury, can be exempted from this competition.

During the weighing process, a weight tolerance of about 5% of the required weight will be granted.

- For men: - 73 kg : 76,7 kg admissible ; - 90 kg : 94,5 kg admissible ; competitors in + 90 kg must weigh necessarily + 90 kg.
- For women: - 57 kg : 59,9 kg admissible ; - 70 kg : 73,5 kg admissible ; competitors in + 70 kg must weigh necessarily + 70 kg.

Order of combats: - 57 kg, - 73 kg, - 70 kg, - 90 kg, + 70 kg, + 90 kg. The starting category will be chosen by draw.

In case of a tie of wins, the number of points will be taken into account as follows: Waza Ari 1 point. Ippon or Hansoku Make (disqualification) 10 points. In the event of a tie of wins and points, a combat will be drawn. The winner of the combat will make his team win. The order of the competitions will be set by full draw with no serial head. The competition formula must allow each team to play at least 2 rounds.

There will be no official coach per team. A member of the team will play this role. Heads of individual teams will be involved in the organization of the competition.

The teams will carry the names of the cities that have hosted the Francophone Games. If the number of teams entered is higher than the number of cities, the organizers shall suggest additional names.

## Registration and Qualifications

The registrations for the judo events take place in two steps:

- Quantitative entries (quota validation): until February 28, 2023
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2023
- Final Nominative Entries (short list): June 28, 2023

## General information

### Allocation of referees

Each State or government with a judo delegation of five (5) competitors and more (men and women) must include in its delegation an international-grade referee certified by the IJF.

The international travel of the referee is at the expense of the participating State or government, but throughout the duration of the Games, he shall be fully taken care of (accommodation, national transport and indemnities) by the organising State or government. His name shall be sent at the same time as the names of the Judokas during the named registrations.

### Specific Judo equipment

Any equipment used for the Judo competitions of the 8th Francophone Games must comply with IJF rules.

Competitors are responsible for bringing a white judogi and a blue judogi. They will be checked in compliance with IJF rules.



# WRESTLING



## REMINDER

Wrestling was on the program of the 2nd, 7th and 8th Francophone Games under competitive sports.

African wrestling was officially included in the program of the 5th Francophone Games under demonstration sports. In addition, on the sidelines of this demonstration, a competition was organized in compliance with the African wrestling code for individuals and teams. The team ranking was: Niger 1<sup>st</sup> (gold) and Senegal 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver).

Freestyle wrestling and African wrestling will appear in the official program as sports competition at the 9<sup>th</sup> Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) and the National Committee for the Francophone Games (CNJF) work with United World Wrestling (UWW) to organize the freestyle wrestling and African wrestling competitions, following UWW rules, of the 9th Francophone Games in the Democratic Republic of Congo /Kinshasa 2023. These two disciplines will be organized in accordance with UWW rules and under the technical responsibility two technical delegates, respectively for each competition. The African wrestling is organized pursuant to the African wrestling code.

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# SPECIFIC RULES FOR FREESTYLE WRESTLING

## Format

For freestyle wrestling, athletes will compete in the ten (10) weight categories for men and ten (10) weight categories for women.

Women's categories

<50kg
Over 50 kg up to and up to 53 Kg
Over 53 kg up to and up to 55 Kg
Over 55kg up to and up to 57 Kg
Over 57 kg up to and up to 59 Kg
Over 59 kg up to and up to 62 Kg
Over 62 kg up to and up to 65 Kg
Over 65 kg up to and up to 68 kg
Over 68 kg up to and up to 72 Kg
Over 72 kg up to and up to 76 Kg

Women's categories

<57kg
Over 57 kg up to and up to 61 Kg
Over 61 kg up to and up to 65 Kg
Over 65kg up to and up to 70 Kg
Over 70 kg up to and up to 74 Kg
Over 74 kg up to and up to 79 Kg
Over 79 kg up to and up to 86 Kg
Over 86 kg up to and up to 92 Kg
Over 92 kg up to and up to 97 Kg
Over 97 kg up to and up to 125 Kg

For each category, the CIJF and UWW will select 16 male competitors and 16 female competitors.

Weight upgrade is only allowed in the next highest category for each weight category, except for heavyweights, in which the wrestler must necessarily weigh more than 97 Kg for the Free- style Wrestling and more than 72 Kg for Women's wrestling.

Any wrestler entered in a competition organized under these rules must:

- Hold a validated UWW license for the current year;
- Present a valid international health booklet and a medical certificate of physical fitness for the sport of wrestling;
- Meet the weigh-in requirements.

The medical control and the first weighing will take place on the morning of the competition of the concerned weight category. The athletes qualified for the finals and repechage will be weighed again on the second morning. No weight tolerance will be allowed.

The competition is organized over 3 days. Each weight category is organized on one day. The draw will take place the day before the start of the competition of the concerned category.

The competitions will be held over two (2) days for each weight category, indoors, according to UWW standards and in the form of a direct elimination draw with repechage for two third places. Each state or government may enter only one wrestler per weight class, with no obligation to cover all weight classes. Withdrawal from a match means withdrawal from the competition. The competition, has an ideal number of athletes for the direct elimination system, is 8, 16, 32, 64 etc. In the case of less than 8 athletes are registered, the functioning is a Nordic tournament with no repechage tour.

## Selections and registrations

The CIJF, in collaboration with the UWW, proceeds to the allocation of the quotas of the States or governments to participate in the competitions of the IXth Games.

Hommes		Femmes	
Amériques-Caraïbes	3	Amériques-Caraïbes	3
Asie-Océanie	1	Asie-Océanie	1
Océan Indien	1	Océan Indien	1
Europe	4	Europe	4
Afrique	7	Afrique	7

The terms and conditions of qualification for each category are as follow:

- Automatic qualification:
  - Organizing State or government
  - All the qualifiers for the 2020 Olympic Games
  - Participants of the continental championship
- Additionnal qualifications:
  - UWW ranking

The registrations for the freestyle wrestling are done in two steps:

- Quantitative entries (quota validation): until February 28, 2023
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2023
- Final Nominative Entries (short list): June 28, 2023



## General Information

### Referee Assignments

Each State or Government having a wrestling delegation (men and/or women) can include in its delegation a referee of international rank certified by UWW.

His international transportation is at the expense of the participating State or Government while his complete care during the period of the Games (national transportation, accommodation, and allowances) will be at the expense of the organizing host State or Government.

His/her name will be transmitted at the same time as those of the competitors at the time of the nominative registrations.

The UWW designate “neutral” referees and officials. The number of international “neutral” referees and officials is fixed at 20 (18 international referees and 2 for refereeing delegate). This number can increase following the number of participants and the number of mat. The CNJF insure the international transportation and the full payment during the Francophone Games (national transportation, accommodation, compensation).

### Accompanying persons

For freestyle wrestling, each delegation will be able to integrate: 1 official, 1 coach for 4 wrestlers, 1 doctor, 1 physiotherapist, 1 international referee if more than 3 wrestlers.

# SPECIFIC RULES FOR AFRICAN WRESTLING

## Format

Any wrestler engaged in a competition organized within the framework of the present rules must:

- be holder of a UWW license or a sports license of his National Federation validated for the current season;
- present a valid international health booklet and a certificate of physical fitness;
- meet the weighing conditions

For African wrestling, athletes will compete in the five (5) weight categories for men and five (5) weight categories for women.

### Women's categories

- 48 kg	over 45 kg up to and including 48Kg
- 53 kg	over 48 kg up to and including 53 Kg
- 58 kg	Over 53 kg up to and including 58 Kg
- 63kg	Over 58 kg up to and including 63 Kg
- 70 kg	Over 63 kg up to and including 70 Kg

### Men's Categories

- 66 kg	Up to and including 66 Kg
- 76 kg	over 66 kg up to and including 76 Kg
- 86 kg	Over 76 kg up to and including 86 Kg
- 100 kg	Over 86 kg up to and including 100 Kg
+ 100 kg	Over 100 kg up to and including 120 Kg

*NB: Upgrading to the immediately higher category is permitted*

For each category, the CIJF and UWW will select: 16 male competitors and 16 female competitors.

The competitions take place over three (3) days, on a sanded combat area in accordance with the African code and in following form:

## Team competition

The formula depends on the number of teams involved:

- Five teams or less: single pool in Nordic tournament.
- From 6 to 8 teams: two pools with, as seeds, the Champion team of the previous edition of the Games and the team of the organizing State or Government.  
The first teams of each pool will play in the final, the second teams will play for the third place.
- From 9 teams to 11 teams: three or four pools with the host state or government team and the two best teams of the last edition as seeded teams. The teams ranked first in their

respective pools and the best runner-up play each other in the two semi-finals. The best runner-up cannot meet in the semi-final the first team of the pool from which he/she came.

- For a 4 pools competition, the two semi-finals will face following the crossed formula (A against C and B against D).

### Individual competition

Each state or government may enter only one wrestler per weight category, without obligation to cover all weight categories. Each category will consist of 16 wrestlers in a knockout format organized according to the UWW African Wrestling rules for knockout tournaments.

## Selections and registrations

The CIJF, in collaboration with the UWW, proceeds to the allocation of the quotas of the States or governments to participate in the competitions of the IX Games.

All the States or governments registered within the limit of the maximum authorized number of wrestlers per category.

The States or governments concerned will have to indicate if they accept all or part of these quotas. The complementary qualifications will be made in consultation between the Management of the CIJF and UWW.

The States and governments have the possibility to enter the same wrestler having fulfilled the conditions of qualification in Freestyle and African Wrestling.

The registrations for the judo events will take place in two steps:

- Quantitative entries (quota validation): until February 28, 2023
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2023
- Final Nominative Entries (short list): June 28, 2023



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### Assignment of referees

Each state or government with an african wrestling delegation (men and/or women) can include in its delegation an international grade referee certified by UWW.

His international transportation is at the expense of the participating State or Government while his complete care during the period of the Games (national transportation, accommodation and allowances) will be at the expense of the organizing host State or Government.

His name will be transmitted at the same time as those of the fighters at the time of the nominative inscriptions.

The UWW will appoint “neutral” referees and officials. The number is fixed at 10 neutral international referees and 6 neutral officials. The CNJF insures their international transport and the complete care during the period of the Games (national transport, accommodation, allowances).

### Accompanying persons

For African wrestling, each delegation will be able to integrate: 1 official, 1 coach for 4 wrestlers, 1 physiotherapist, 1 doctor, 1 international referee if more than 4 wrestlers.

## Tradition

The ritual is a set of practices specific to each country including drums, griots, songs, invitational dances, challenges, symbolic incantations. The ritual of each country is accepted according to its tradition as long as it does not hinder the opposing team or the normal course of the fight. The time of the ritual must not exceed (1) minute. Each delegation will have the possibility of integrating in its midst, in addition to the fighters, a traditional drummer (griot).





# TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis has figured at the eight editions of the Francophone Games.

The International Committee for the Francophone Games (CIJF) has always collaborated with the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) in organizing the Francophone Games table tennis competition.

The CIJF has developed a partnership with the ITTF for each edition to organize this important competition under the technical responsibility of a Delegate appointed by the ITTF.

This competition has always been organized according to ITTF rules.

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### Format and qualifications

#### Format

This competition will welcome 32 delegations composed of two athletes each: 1 man and 1 woman. No replacements shall be accepted. The competition will take place in accordance with the ITTF rules for continental competitions and consist of a direct elimination tournament of 32 teams.

The following competitions shall take place:

- Team competition (1 man and 1 woman will each compete in a singles match and a mixed double match)
- Individual competitions:
  - Women's singles
  - Men's singles
  - Mixed doubles

NB: During the competition, the 3rd part of the team competition (i.e. the mixed doubles) shall not be played if the score is already 2/0.

### Selection and registration

Registration for table tennis events is done in two steps:

Registration for judo events will take place in two stages:

- Quantitative entries (quota validation): until February 28, 2023
- Nominative entries (long list): until April 28, 2023
- Final Nominative Entries (short list): June 28, 2023



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## General information

### Referees assignment

Each participating State or government has to include in its delegation an international-grade referee certified by the ITTF.

His international transportation is at the expense of the participating State or Government while his complete care during the period of the Games (national transportation, accommodation and allowances) will be at the expense of the organizing host State or Government.

His name will be transmitted at the same time as those of the fighters at the time of the nominative inscriptions.

### Automatic qualifications

Organizing State or government: Democratic Republic of Congo.

The defending competitor: France.

### Additional qualifications

The conditions for allocating remaining places for the final round shall be determined depending on the number of pre-registered teams by a combined ITTF/CIJF committee, in liaison with the Francophonie Pongiste Internationale association.

### Accompanying persons

For table tennis, each delegation can include: 1 official, 1 coach, 1 doctor, 1 international referee.



# ROAD CYCLING (DEMONSTRATION SPORT)

Road cycling was on the official program of the Francophone Games for the first time at the 7th edition of the Games, which took place in Nice, in France in 2013, as a demonstration discipline. The International Committee of the Francophone Games (CIJF) and the National Committee of the Francophone Games (CNJF), in collaboration with the International Cycling Union, organize the competition following the ICU rules.

The competition is organized under the responsibility of the Technical Delegate designated by ICU.

## RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF SELECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO/ KINSHASA 2023 EDITION

### Format

The « road cycling » discipline for men (19- 25 years) and women (19-35 years), with an international license. Both races, men and women can be held on the same day.

The races will be held online, in accordance with the ICU rules for one-day races and Continental Games. They will take place on one day over a maximum distance of 140 km for men and 100 km for women. This distance does not consider the dummy start, which may be 5 km.

If the event is organized as a circuit, its minimum length must be 10 km. If only part of the event is organized as a circuit, the minimum length is 3 km. The maximum number of laps on the circuit is:

- 3 for circuits between 3 and 5 km
- 5 for circuits between 5 and 8 km
- 8 for circuits between 8 and 10 km

The CNJF will provide the teams with recovery vehicles and will ensure neutral recovery. Only one vehicle per team is allowed at the race level.

## Selection and registration

The CIJF, in collaboration with the ICU, proceeds to the selection of the States or governments to participate in this event of the IXth Games (20 qualified teams maximum for men and 13 qualified teams maximum for women). The States or governments are selected based on the UCI international rankings and according to a geographical balance. The host State or Government is automatically qualified. A State or Government may enter a maximum of 6 cyclists. The CIJF, in collaboration with the ICU, will determine the number of competitors per State or Government, which shall not exceed 120 for men and 80 for women.

The organization of the competition is under the responsibility of the Technical Delegate appointed by the ICU.

### Accompanying persons

For cycling, each delegation can include: 1 official, 1 coach, 1 mechanic

## Jury

In accordance with ICU regulations, a jury president and international commissaires will be appointed to ensure the regularity of the events. In the event of a dispute on matters relating to this event, the ICU regulations will apply. As a last resort, the CIJF will decide.

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