



World Judo Federation

Press Release

World Judo Senior Open Championship to be held in Rio de Janeiro Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. -

The National Judo League has announced that the World Judo Federation has entrusted them with the World Judo Senior Open Championship, Kata and Teams, both male and female, from August 6th to August 28th of this present year.

When giving the announcement, Paulo Dubois, who in addition of being the President of the National Judo League is the President of the Organizing Committee of the World Championship, stated that the competitions will be held in the weight categories of 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, more than 78 kilograms and an open division for the female category.

In the male division, Dubois informed, that there shall be competitions in the weight categories of 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 11, more than 100 kilograms and an open division.

In the Kata competition, the Nague No Kata for mixed and same sex couples shall be presented.

The age of the competitors starts at 15 years of age for both sexes, and they will compete in the Gimnasio do Canto do Rio Futebol Clube, in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro.

The arrival of the delegations, the sewing of the batches, the checking of the competitors lists, the referee clinic and draw are planned for August 26th.

On August 27th the individual competitions, kata and teams will take place, where the different athletes will be representing the participating countries.

On August 28th, Dubois informed, the delegations shall be returning to their countries of origin.

All of the participants will have the opportunity to have their Dan degrees recognized by the World Judo Federation during the days of the event.

“An unprecedented event in worldwide judo is the fact that in this championship the World Judo Federation will be incorporated, and this will fill a gap for those who follow the teachings of this noble art created by Professor Jigoro Kano as martial art and now as a sport for all”, Paulo Dubois stated.

“We have assumed the challenge to do this World Championship and we will comply with everything, making sure that we have the best accommodations for the participants”, Paulo Dubois concluded.

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