

Event name	Warsaw European Open 2026
Date	March 14-15, 2026

Number of competitors	Overall	Men	Women
	320	191	129
# Countries		27	
# Countries reaching a medal		11	

Number of Referees	Int.	27
	Nat.	0
EJU Ref. Commission		yes

Number of tatami	3
Size of tatami	7 x 7 m, 3 m between, 3 m around

Draw	Begin	19:30
	End	19:50

Day 1 Block 1	Start preliminaries	10:00
	End preliminaries	15:50
	Start final block	16:30
	End final block	19:00

EJU Delegates	Marketing: T.Janity; Refereeing: N.Carvalho, V.Nutsubidze; Sport: A.Gmeiner, W.Blach; Media: E.Zucchiati, C.Peirrot, S.Franco-Rooks; Medical: I.Bohacek; IT: D.Navratil, C.Ferreira, B.Witkowski, B.Nikitovic, O.Popik
---------------	--

Key persons LOC	Kownacki S., Soloducha A., Mucha A., Koszela K., Maj A., Gawel S.
-----------------	---

City/Country	Warsaw (POL)
Sport hall	CAiLS Sports Hall

Venue capacity	3000
Overall # of spectators	200

# Media accreditations	Nat.	Int.
	5	9
# TV stations		no
TV live broadcast		no
Live stream		EJU

Opening	Day	1
	Start	16:00
	End	16:10

Format Final Block	BM on 2 mats, Finals on 1 mat
--------------------	-------------------------------

Day 2 Block 1	Start preliminaries	10:00
	End preliminaries	15:13
	Start final block	15:45
	End final block	17:55

### Summary

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Local Organizing Committee, EJU officials, volunteers, and all participants for their dedication and hard work. Their collective effort contributed to the event's success, and we look forward to future collaborations.

## Details

yellow = excellent	green = good, all requirements fulfilled
amber = needs improving	red = should never happen again

Department	Area	Comment	Rating
Sport	Preparation	<i>The communication with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) was outstanding. We experienced excellent responsiveness, with very quick replies to inquiries. Furthermore, they demonstrated a highly cooperative attitude, readily adapting and modifying arrangements to enhance the overall event experience.</i>	
Event Manager	Preparation	<i>Very good communication at the time of the preparation, on time setup on site. Professional team!</i>	
Sport	Accommodation	<i>A Category hotel: Hotel Arche Krakowska, 1 hotel Cat. B: Hotel Arche Geologiczna. Two hotels were in one building. Facilities in all hotels were ok, in hotel Arche Geologiczna there was also training venue (tatamis). There was gym at the hotel Arche Krakowska. Test scales were available in the hotel Arche Krakowska. All accommodation in line with the outlines and requirements.</i>	
Sport	Meals	<i>Meal quality was very good. Hotels Arche meals were rated positively by delegations. Venue and Hotels Arche meals, including those served during competition days, were also of good standard.</i>	
Sport	Airport transfers	<i>Airport transfers for arrivals and departures generally proceeded without significant issues. Overall, while the transfers were mostly successful, these instances highlight the importance of ensuring accurate and complete information from participating federations. Airport was 10 min by bus from the hotels.</i>	
Sport	Event transportations	<i>Transport from hotels was generally good. Buses arrival and departure were punctual. There were no comments regarding the functioning of transport during the competition. Distance 30 min by bus from hotels to competition hall.</i>	
Sport	Communications	<i>Information desk available at hotel and adequate signage.</i>	
Sport/Marketing/IT	Accreditation	<i>Accreditation took place at the Arche Krakowska Hotel on the first floor. The accreditation room was prepared on Thursday afternoon. Room was very spacious and comfortable. There were printer, paper and etc. Everything was well prepared.</i>	
Sport/Marketing/IT	Draw	<i>The draw was conducted in the venue and streamed live. Welcome speeches were delivered by Mr Krzysztof Wilkomirski-President of PJA, for the local federation, and Mr. Albert Gmeiner for the EJU. There was referee commissioner Nuno Carvalho too. Overall, the draw and its online broadcast were satisfactory.</i>	
Sport	Weigh-in	<i>The weigh-in was successfully conducted in two spacious and appropriate rooms. The organizers proactively sought to enhance participant convenience by requesting an additional weigh-in location at another hotel. Given the availability of scales and personnel, this request was granted. The information pack and event outline were promptly updated to reflect the additional weigh-in option. The entire weigh-in process proceeded efficiently and without issues. On day one three athletes didn't come to official weigh-in (66 kg: GEO-Sagenelidze, ITA Pantano; 63 kg ARG-Tittareli). On day two, one athlete had not correct weight ( 100 kg, Cardoso-POR).</i>	
Sport	Random Weigh-in	<i>The random weigh-ins were efficiently conducted in two rooms conveniently located near the warm-up area. The officials responsible for the process were punctual and carried out their duties effectively. The weigh-ins were completed in a timely manner, contributing to the smooth flow of the event.</i>	

Department	Area	Comment	Rating
Sport/Venue Management	Venue	Venue is very nice and good. All technical and setup requirements were ready and in high level. Spectator area is big and comfortable. The venue, while presenting some initial preparation challenges, was ultimately suitable for the event. The organizers successfully addressed the issues that arose. The venue itself is a hall with a seating capacity of 3,000. It is important to note that access to one of the tribunes requires a lengthy walk. The venue provided sufficient changing rooms and toilet facilities, and signage was adequate throughout. The venue was well prepared and is optimal for this kind of competition.	
Sport/Venue Management	Field of Play & Competition Area	The technical setup within the venue was well-executed. The competition mats, measuring 5 cm in thickness, were in excellent condition. LED screens were strategically positioned, providing clear visuals for attendees. A dedicated coach assistance computer station was made available at the end of the coaches' walkway, facilitating real-time data access. Furthermore, the sound system within the hall delivered clear and high-quality audio. The technical table stage was functional and without issues.	
Marketing/Sport	Venue and FOP Decoration & Advertising	The venue visual presentation was well-maintained and aligned with the event requirements. The hall was equipped with LED screens, including a prominent large screen. This screen effectively displayed the fight order throughout the competition and showcased the national flags during the awarding ceremony, enhancing the overall viewing experience. All decorations were according to EJU rules. The materials are very good. Signs and informations could be found everywhere. The A boards were only 1,5m because of this there was 1,5 m missing... Next time we need to pay attention to this size.	
Sport/Venue Management/IT	Sport Information System	LED panels were used as scoreboards on rear side and TV screens on the front. LED panels were used also for advertising. 2 warm-up areas were equipped with TV screens showing the contest order, live stream from all mats and 1 laptop with coach assistant. Judogi control used 1 TV screen with contest order and 3 TV screens with the live stream. There were 2 large LED screens in the FOP (replays, contest order). Flags could be seen on the LED screens during the awarding ceremony. Cooperation with the local IT team was excellent; the team is experienced and highly skilled at their work.	
Sport/Venue Management	Warm-up Area	The warm-up area was divided into two sections. The first section was located immediately adjacent to the judo registration desk and measured approximately 150 m <sup>2</sup> . The second section was located on the first floor of the sports centre and measured approximately 200 m <sup>2</sup> . This arrangement proved satisfactory. Particular care was taken to ensure that no pastries were present in the immediate vicinity of the warm-up areas. The mats were arranged around the training bags, with a narrow one-meter buffer zone, which further restricted the available space. Despite the limited size, the mats were 5 cm thick and in good condition. The area was equipped with a table providing bottled water for athletes. Crucially, the warm-up area featured screens displaying live match broadcasts, the fight order, and a coach assistance system, enabling athletes and coaches to stay informed. Warm-up area was well prepared and clean.	
Sport/Marketing/Venue Management	Judogi Control and Call Room	The judogi control area was strategically positioned close to the warm-up zone, providing easy access for athletes. The area was optimal sized and included a designated section for spare judogis. Referees had Sukoteki for checking judogi. Judogi control team worked very good.	
Marketing/Sport	Opening ceremony	The opening ceremony took place within the sports hall following the preliminary rounds on the first day of competition. The opening speeches were delivered by President of Polish Judo Association Mr. Krzysztof Witkomirski and EJU sports commissioner Mr. Albert Gmeiner. After the opening we had 1 local awarding ceremony.	
Marketing/Sport	Awarding ceremonies	The medal ceremony was executed with a well-structured setup. The national flags were displayed prominently on the large LED screen, enhancing the visual presentation. 2 Hostesses, attired in traditional clothing, gracefully presented the medals. A comprehensive rehearsal was conducted before the finals to ensure a smooth ceremony.	
Sport/Marketing/Venue Management	Local Staff	The local organizing team demonstrated a strong commitment to delivering a successful event. They were prepared well and professional.	

Department	Area	Comment	Rating
Refereeing	Organisation	Organizers provided very good service with drinks and snacks, and a very good lunch during the competition. Hotel was of very good level. No problems with transport were reported. EJU team was invited for a special and very friendly dinner on Saturday, in a special room of the Hotel, which was much appreciated.	
IT/Refereeing	Care System	The Fair Replay system from both sides worked well. The Referees were provided with radios and earphones that worked also without problems. Also Referee Commissioners had radio contact with referees, and Fair Replay system for each one, which was essential in order to have faster analysis and decisions.	
IT/Venue management	IT setup	CT post was equipped with the printer from accreditation. The printer was fast enough. Anyway, there were issues when CT tried to connect the printer. It wasn't working, and the private company that delivered the printer couldn't be reached on site. The internet connection from the live streaming studio was stable. The speed of internet wasn't 100/100 Mbps. There were 2 separate networks (local, internet). The cabling was done using the required Cat6 cables, so I just plugged the server in and it connected immediately. There were no problems. The IT setup was carried out according to the handbook, including the power supply, etc. There was great collaboration with the LOC. Suggestion: The handover of the CT printer must be carried out in person.	
IT	Competition running	All the results were successfully uploaded. The runners were available, and the organisers frequently checked that everything was going smoothly on the CT side. LOC IT were highly experienced and skilled, which was helpful. The scoreboard operators were familiar with the system. There were no problems with the scoreboards.	
IT/Media	Event production & live streaming	All required items were provided: video cabling, UPS devices, computer screens, laptops, power supply, internet connection, and LAN were all perfect. The local team excelled in delivering everything we needed and provided exceptional support throughout the event.	
Media	Media operations	Ewa Kempka provided invaluable support from the LOC to ensure there is sufficient coverage on the EJU website from the event. From the team on-site, I received no errors. The internet was cut early on Sunday following the event but the team managed to finish the work in the hotel. Ideally, would be better if the internet could be sustained up until 2 hours from the last medal ceremony.	
Medical	Hygiene & Safety	Hygiene & cleanliness in hotels, venue, toilets, tatam was excellent Temperature in the venue, FOP, warm-up, weigh-in was ideal Cleaning team (tatami) was active and very responsive Safety (FOP, tribunes,...): security present	
Medical	Medical services	Ambulance staff: very responsive and professional Tatami doctor(s): skilled, very responsive and professional Medical table: well equipped Medical room: clean, large	
Medical	Doping control	Location: good position in the venue Set-up: according to WADA rules Equipment: standard Officials: present, skilled and cooperative Procedures: performed according to WADA rules Chaperones and notification procedures: chaperons well chosen, all OK Transportation after controls: present and well organized	
Sport/Marketing	EJU delegation & VIP	EJU delegation stayed in Golden Tulip hotel. The hotel and food were of a good standard. On Saturday evening, an official dinner was held at the restaurant at the invitation of the President of the Polish Judo Association. Transport to/ from airport and venue was well prepared	
Sport	Security	The organizers contracted a professional security team for the event. Following last cup experience Sport Commissioners held a meeting with security supervisors, all. Operations proceeded smoothly and without any incident.	