



Dear coaches,

**Welcome to the Hasselt Goju Cup 2026 in Hasselt.**

We kindly ask for your cooperation, along with your competitors, to ensure the tournament runs as smoothly as possible..

**Please observe the following rules:**

Competitors / Coaches / Audience access: from 07:45

Start of the matches: 09:00

Line-up: 08:45 – Referees at the front, competitors will be guided by club to the competition floors.

**Competition System**

This year, our competition will use a different system: all individual pools will be run as round-robin groups, followed by elimination (where possible). This means that all competitors will have plenty of opportunities to compete on the match area.

With 2 pools: the 2 pool winners and 2 runners-up advance to the elimination stage.

With 3 pools: the 3 pool winners and the best runner-up across all pools advance to the elimination stage.

With 4 pools: the 4 pool winners advance to the elimination stage.

The elimination stage determines all podium positions: the losers of the semifinals finish in 3rd place, and the finalists finish in 1st and 2nd place.

Pools consisting of 2 competitors will be held as a Best of 3, where the first to win 2 matches will be the winner.

**Coach**

Upon check-in at the entrance table, you will receive an envelope.

Only pre-registered coaches will be allowed access to the competition area.

Coaches must wear sportswear or a karate-gi, as well as sports shoes.

Each registered club will receive an envelope containing competitor wristbands, competitor cards and coach card(s). The competitor card and coach card must be shown when entering the competition hall. The competitor card must be handed over at the match table; it will be returned at the end of the competitor's category.

The number of wristbands in the envelope corresponds to the number of participants, not the total number of registrations.

**Extra coach cards will NOT be available.**

**Competitors**

**Please ensure that your competitors receive their card and wear their wristband.**

Weigh-ins will take place in the warm-up area, where the competitor card will be stamped. Competitors in each category will be called in the warm-up area, escorted to the waiting room, and then brought to the competition floor.

Please make sure your competitors are in the warm-up area on time. Competitors arriving late risk being unable to participate.

Bags are not allowed in the competition hall. Competitors may only bring belts and protective gear to their match floor.

No comments toward active referees will be tolerated. Any concerns must be discreetly and respectfully addressed to the tatami manager and competition officials.

Protest fee = 250 Euro

Thank you in advance for briefing your competitors and for your kind cooperation.

**Goju-Ryu Hasselt Organization Team**