



To: Special Olympics Accredited Programs

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Re. Invitation to Special Olympics Judo Open Sarajevo 2026

Dear National and Sports Director,

On behalf of SOEE, and IJF, I'm pleased to invite your SO Program, Judo athletes and coaches to attend **Special Olympics Judo Open Sarajevo 2026**, that will be held on 23-26 September 2026 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Judo athletes with ID will join for the first time the event organized by IJF, as part of, and between two IJF Championships: [World Championships Kata Sarajevo 2026 / IJF.org](https://www.ijf.org/World-Championships-Kata-Sarajevo-2026) and [World Championships Veterans Sarajevo 2026 / IJF.org](https://www.ijf.org/World-Championships-Veterans-Sarajevo-2026)

We will work closely with SO Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnian Judo Federation to ensure a high quality of Judo competition, following Special Olympics Judo Rules, for 100 individuals with intellectual disabilities representing Special Olympics Programs in Europe and beyond, clubs, or federation, for the whole IJF community world-wide.

Note, that each delegation is expecting to cover their travel to Sarajevo (arrivals on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept till 5 p.m., and departures on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept afternoon) and on-site expenses (same hotel as for participants of IJF Championship). More details will be shared in March 2026.

This event is a result of partnership between SOI and IJF signed in 2025 [The IJF and Special Olympics Reinforce Partnership / IJF.org](https://www.ijf.org/The-IJF-and-Special-Olympics-Reinforce-Partnership)

In case of any additional question please feel free to reach me or Cecilia at [evenblj@specialolympics.ch](mailto:evenblj@specialolympics.ch)

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