



## NANKA Novice Division Eligibility Criteria

The following rules apply to all Novice Divisions. These divisions are intended for beginner athletes with limited competition experience.

### Smoothcomp Account

- Athletes must have a PUBLIC Smoothcomp account so the tournament organizer can review their competition history.
- Athletes who choose not to make their account public are eligible only for the regular division.
- Junior Novice competitors must hold a rank of White or Yellow Belt
- Senior Novice competitors must hold a rank of below Brown Belt.
- Competitors must have less than 2 years of judo training.

### National-Level Results

- Athletes who have placed in a USA Judo Points Tournament or Winter Nationals are not eligible for the Novice division.

### Competition Record

- Athletes who meet the following criteria will be ineligible for the Novice Division.
  - Entered 7 or more tournaments
  - Won approximately 10–15 matches
  - Medaled consistently in all tournaments entered.

### Division Changes

- If an athlete registers for the Novice division but is later found to be ineligible, they will be moved to the appropriate division and notified.

### Spring Tournament 2026 Only

- Athletes who register for the Novice division but are later found ineligible may withdraw and receive a refund.

### Purpose:

These rules help ensure that Novice divisions remain fair and are reserved for true beginner athletes seeking their first competition experience.

### Disclaimer:

In the interest of fair play, sportsmanship, and the proper administration of the competition, the Nanka Tournament Committee reserves the full authority to interpret these rules and to modify divisions, eligibility, placements, or tournament procedures whenever deemed necessary. All decisions of the Nanka Tournament Committee are final and binding.