

New back identification of athletes,  
Decision of the IJF Executive Committee /

In its effort to improve the presentation of judo and competitions to spectators, TV and other media, the IJF has decided to renew the unified identification of athletes (back numbers, Bibs), which was introduced in January 2010. After the positive results of this personal identification system some changes seemed appropriate in order to improve the situation for athletes, sponsors and visibility.

Changes to the actual system:

- Size of back number → usage
- Fabric of back number → grip
- Font used for names → visibility
- Size of National Olympic Abbreviation → visibility of name

**In the IJF SOR, Article 14 Back identification and Annex 5 IJF judogi rules are modified accordingly to this decision, which enters into force from the 1st January 2011.**

Each competitor taking part in the IJF events is obliged to have sewn on the back of his judogi an appropriate back identification.

This back number contains surname and National Olympic Abbreviation and has the size of 38 x 39 cm (width x height). The printed surname and National Olympic Abbreviation are situated in the upper 50% of the back number. The lower part, which is plain white with only light positioning lines, will be used as subsoil for self-adhesive sponsor labels or IJF event presentation, unique for each particular event. The unified back numbers, Bibs of athletes are described and depicted in annex: "The IJF Back Numbers 2011".

Logistics of acquiring of the IJF Back Numbers is described in annex: "The Ordering Procedure of the IJF Back Numbers". Only the original IJF Back Numbers carrying the IJF / EJU Trade Mark and acquired exclusively according to new fixed procedure as per detailed in attached annexes will be accepted at judogi control. The IJF Back Numbers are obligatory for all the World Championships and Masters, Grand Slam, Grand Prix, World Cup and eventually other events specified by the IJF.

Annexes:

- The IJF Back Numbers 2011
- Procedure of Ordering the IJF\_EJU Back Numbers\_2011

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