



WORLD WIDE JUDO NORDIC DIMENSION

European Judo Union - Senior events:



SWEDISH JUDO OPEN 2005

1000 EURO COMPETITION

EJU – Senior Tournament

29-30 October 2005

Borås, Sweden

EJU TRAINING CAMP

31 October – 3 November 2005

Borås, Sweden

by Swedish Judo Association and Borås Judoklubb

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Joint departure on 3 November by bus and ferry or flight from Sweden...

...Arrival on 4 November by ferry and bus or flight to Finland.



JUDO FINNISH OPEN 2005

EJU – Senior Tournament

5-6 November 2005

Vantaa, Finland

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

7-9 November 2005

Vantaa, Finland

by Finnish Judo Association and Tikkurila Judo Club, Vantaa

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The Nordic Dimension of the European Union

The Northern Dimension, initiated originally by Finland, in the external and cross-border policies of the European Union covers the Baltic Sea region, Arctic Sea region and North West Russia. It addresses the specific challenges of those regions and aims to increase cooperation between the EU “old” member states like Finland and Sweden and the new Baltic member states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and Poland from EU and Russia from out of the EU.

Judo in Finland and Sweden – the Judo Nordic Dimension

The first training sessions in Finland in judo were organised in spring 1954. **The Finnish Judo Association** was founded in 1958 and now it has 140 member clubs with a total of 14000 judokas.

Judo was introduced in Sweden 1955. The first official meeting of the Swedish Judo Federation was held 1960 and today **The Swedish Judo Federation** consists of about 160 judo clubs and nearly 18000 members.

Tikkurila Judo Club (Tikkurilan Judokat ry) was founded in 1976 and its home town is Vantaa, which is the northern neighbour and the airport city of Helsinki. Tikkurila Judo Club has two dojos: one in Tikkurila and one in Hakunila and it has some 300 members. It is called “The Super Market of Judo”, because it offers activities to all age groups, skill levels and even to special groups. Tikkurila Judo Club is one of the biggest and best judo clubs in Finland.

Borås Judoklubb was founded in 1962 and today it has about 400 members and it is one of the best and biggest judo clubs in Sweden. It has its own dojo in an old locomotive hall near to the Borås railway station. Borås is located 50 km to the east from Gothenburg.

Judo Finnish and Swedish Opens today

Tikkurila Judo Club has organized the new wave **Judo Finnish Open** since 2001 with a nice success: the average amount of participants has been round 250 athletes from round 25 countries. In 2003 and 2004 the tournament was also B-tournament of EJU and now in 2005 according to the new classification it is the EJU senior tournament.

Borås Judoklubb has organized **Swedish Judo Open** since 2003. It has same amount of participants and countries as Finnish Open. In 2004 the tournament was also B-tournament of EJU and in 2005 EJU senior tournament. Swedish Judo Open has an extra label of 1000 Euro Tournament, because all the winners will get an award of 1000 euros.

World wide open judo tournaments

Judo Finnish Open and Swedish Judo Open are both world wide open senior tournaments to all nations and races. They are open to juniors as well. The number of participants from various countries is unlimited, but the only restriction might be the total amount, which in Finland is about 300 athletes and in Sweden a little bit more. These tournaments fit fine to the top athletes, to beyond the top athletes, to athletes having been on the top and to younger athletes aiming at the top. **The tournaments are three and two weeks before the U23 European Championships, which will be held this year in Kiev in Ukraine, and thus give fine possibilities for final testing.**



The Nordic Dimension of EU in 2003