

Beverwijk, April 14-16, 2023
Special Needs Judo Foundation

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Special Needs World Judo Games
Ben van der Eng Memorial

Ben van der Eng Memorial 2023

Event outlines

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1. Introduction

This is an invitation for the twenty-third edition of our great tournament in Beverwijk. We are honoured and proud to be able to invite you, our guests, for this tournament that since its inception in 1998 has become the greatest in the world for judoka with a disability.

The Ben van der Eng Memorial does not select: We accept any handicap whether it is physical or mental. Our 5-grade divisioning system FCS is capable of handling anything from the most accomplished judoka to the most severely disabled ones.

Indeed our Sunday's BENG! tournament is, we can proudly say, the greatest Judo party in the world whereas the more "serious" Saturday hosts the Special Needs World Judo Games for Shiai and Kata.





2. Who can participate?

Eligible for our tournaments are all judoka with either a physical or mental disability. According to the divisioning rules set out in the Adapted Judo rulebook, they will be categorised in one of the five competition categories.

Please note: Judoka are categorised on Judo capability and *not* by handicap.

The competition rules can be downloaded [through this link](#).

It also shows the criteria for divisioning. If you are in doubt about a judoka's division, you can send a short video of the judoka in action (randori or shiai) showing some basic techniques to [Tycho van der Werff](#), our technical director, and we will make a preliminary assessment based on that.

However in such a case we do recommend strongly to also attend the divisioning workshop on Friday afternoon, April 14th .



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3. What do we offer?

This is only an overview. More detailed planning will follow as it materialises, and you will receive a more detailed schedule in March- if you did sign up, that is.

- **Friday afternoon the 14th of April** is our divisioning workshop. Highly recommended for judoka and/or clubs that attend for the first time, as we can assess their abilities based upon the various exercises we will perform during this event.
- **Friday afternoon** is also the scene for some workshops we will organise however the exact subject of these is not yet determined.
- **Saturday morning the 15th** is for the Special Needs World Judo Games (SNWJG). This is the tournament for the judoka of level 1-3, 16 years and over. The entourage of this tournament is a bit more serious than what we will see on the Sunday.
- **Saturday afternoon** is the second tournament: SNWJG Kata. We are happy to see a great growth in the Adapted Kata sport, supported by EJU and international success. All ages can participate.
- **Saturday evening** we will have Beverwijk shake on its foundations by the great party in Assumburg Castle.
- **On Sunday the 16th** we organise BENG, the greatest Judo party in the world for all levels and all ages.

Matches are performed in a more informal entourage where supporters are allowed around the competition area.





4. Travel, Hotels, competition venue

Competition Venue

Sporthal De Walvis
Van Loenenlaan 1
1945 ZH Beverwijk
The Netherlands

Hotels

First of all and most important:

You will have to arrange your hotel yourself. SNJF cannot assist you.

Our main hotel is the StayOkay Assumburg, the renaissance castle that is also the headquarters for our organisation staff. They also reserve places for our guests but you need to book early: very often, the castle is already booked full in January!

Also, the best way to book is by phone (+31 251 232 288) Please tell the receptionist you are participating in the big judo tournament in April.

As for other hotels, we do not recommend or endorse any but you must be aware that we can **only** offer a shuttle service for hotels in the following places:

- IJmuiden
- Heemskerk
- Wijk aan Zee
- Spaarnwoude

Should you book a hotel in another place than the above then please note that we probably cannot offer shuttle transport for you. In case of doubt, please contact our [logistics coordinator, Piet Vittali](#).



Shuttle service

Our shuttle service will bring you only:

- From Schiphol Airport to your hotel, if on the list of acceptable cities (see above);
- From your hotel to the competition venue and back;
- From the competition venue back to Schiphol Airport.

The shuttle service runs in the following time windows:

Thursday 13/04/2020	0700-2300
Friday 14/04/2020	0700-2300
Saturday 15/04/2020	0700-2300
Sunday 16/04/2020	0700-2300
Monday 17/04/2020	0700-1600

When booking your flight, please take the above time windows in consideration. Contrary to previous years, we cannot pick you up in the middle of the night.

The costs for the shuttle service are 10,- per person, which will pay for your transport during the whole weekend on the above routes.

How to travel to Beverwijk

Schiphol Airport is one of the busiest airports in Europe, and there are daily inbound flights from just about everywhere.

From Schiphol, you can take our shuttle service, a taxi or the train.



DO NOT fly in though Rotterdam Airport or Eindhoven Airport. Besides the fact that we cannot pick you up through the shuttle service, these airports are also very far from Beverwijk, and train travel is expensive and, we are sorry to say, extremely unreliable.

For our guests coming from Northern England: The DFDS ferry terminal (Newcastle-IJmuiden) is very close to De Walvis. But, please note its arrival time is about 10:00 in the morning!

What more to do in Beverwijk?

The nearby city of Wijk aan Zee is a great beach, where you can do blokarting, kite- and windsurfing, visit one of the trendy beach restaurants or a World War II nazi submarine bunker.

And of course, the city of Amsterdam is only a train ride away!



5. How to apply for the Ben van der Eng Memorial?

Download application form

First of all, you can **download** the application form [THROUGH THIS LINK](#). DO NOT try to open the form on the website, it will not work.

Then, complete the form as thoroughly as possible. We have experienced nasty misunderstandings in the past due to incomplete information. Therefore, take your time and read carefully. The amount due will show up in the “INVOICE” tab.

Then, send the form to **woc@specialneedsjudo.nl**

Prices

Special Needs World Judo Games	EUR 10,- per judoka
Special Needs World Judo Games KATA	EUR 15,- per katateam
BENG!	EUR 7,50 per judoka
Prices are including lunch package and t-shirt. If you want to arrange lunch by yourself then please denote this in the application sheet, as we do not want to waste lunches.	

5.1.1. Payment through bank transfer

IBAN: NL42 ABNA 0504 1510 96 for attention of Special Needs Judo Foundation SWIFT: ABNANL2A ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Gustav Mahlerlaan 10 1082 PP Amsterdam The Netherlands

5.1.2. Payment at the tournament

At the tournament, you can pay either cash, or using credit- or debit cards.

5.1.3. Closing date

The closing date for application is March 8th, 2023. If you cannot make this date, then please contact us by mail.



After your application

You will receive a confirmation email, and you will be put on our PARTICIPANTS mailing list. From time to time you will receive updates about the tournament. Mid-March you will receive our Extended Outlines, with the detailed schedule in it, and some more information that has not been decided at this moment.

New in 2023 is that the main contact person will be on our BENG WhatsApp group. There, we will keep you up-to-date with last-minute messages. The group will be removed after the tournament.

See you in Beverwijk!