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WORLD JIU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 DRAWS MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL FIELD TO TOKYO

CANADA’S JOHN MUTTON EARNS BRONZE IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TOKYO, JAPAN

JAPAN — The SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2026 has brought one of the largest international jiu-jitsu fields of the year to Tokyo, with competitors from around the world battling for world championship medals at the Yoyogi National Gymnasium. The championship ran from September 3 through September 6 and was sanctioned by the Sport Jiu Jitsu International Federation in partnership with the Asian Sport Jiu Jitsu Federation and Sport Jiu Jitsu Japan Federation. The event includes Gi, No-Gi, adult, masters, youth, para, deaf and special jiu-jitsu competition. The scale of this year's championship is enormous. Tournament tracking site JiuFlow reports approximately 5,700 entries — about 4,200 Gi and 1,500 No-Gi —

representing 589 academies from 54 countries and more than 1,050 separate competition brackets. Competition began September 3 with No-Gi adult and masters divisions, followed September 4 by the Gi masters divisions and the adult black-belt open-weight championship. Adult Gi divisions continue September 5, followed by youth and specialized championship divisions on September 6. Because the tournament is still underway in Japan, the complete 2026 results are not yet final. One of the notable Canadian performances came from Clarington, Ontario, Canada, John Mutton, competing for the Sport Jiu-Jitsu Canada Federation in the Male Blue Belt Master 56 Super Heavy division.

Mutton entered Tokyo as the defending SJJIF world champion in his division. At the 2025 World Championship, Mutton won gold in Male Blue Master 56 Super Heavy and followed that with a silver medal in the Open Weight division. This year, Mutton again reached the world championship podium, earning the bronze medal for Canada.

JOHN MUTTON — 2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

Male Blue Belt — Master 56 — Super Heavy

1st — Shinya Saitou, Over Limit Jiu Jitsu Sapporo, Japan

2nd — Koryo Kosugi, Over Limit Jiu Jitsu Honjo, Japan

3rd — John Mutton, Sport Jiu-Jitsu Canada Federation, CanadaIt was a three-athlete division featuring Mutton

against two Japanese competitors. SJJIF's official competitor list confirms Mutton, Kosugi and Saitou as the three entrants. JiuFlow's event tracker explains that three-person SJJIF divisions use a round-robin format, meaning each competitor is matched within the three-man pool. This is where the publicly available information becomes limited.. Mutton entered the considerably larger Male Blue Master 56 Open Weight division, which had 12 registered competitors from Canada, Japan, the United States and New Zealand. The Open Weight podium was:

1st — Brian Erwin, Aloisio Silva BJJ, USA

2nd — Zchohn Marais, Phoenix BJJ NZ, New Zealand

3rd — Hisashi Miyazaki. The division surrounding Mutton produced an international mix of medalists:

Light Feather 1st — Osamu Kuniyasu, Japan

2nd — Makoto Arai, Japan3rd — Masaharu Anno, Japan Feather

1st — Nariyoshi Takayama, Japan

2nd — Yoshio Hayakawa, Japan Light

1st — Zchohn Marais, New Zealand

2nd — Satoshi Fukuoka, Japan 3rd — Taro Imai, Japan Heavy

1st — Brian Erwin, USASuper Heavy 1st — Shinya Saitou, Japan 2nd — Koryo Kosugi, Japan 3rd — John Mutton, Canada.

CANADIANS MAKING THEIR MARK IN TOKYO

Mutton was not Canada's only medalist. Among the Canadian results already posted on the official Gi results page are:

Jon Matzov — GOLD, Male Black Master 30 Ultra Heavy.

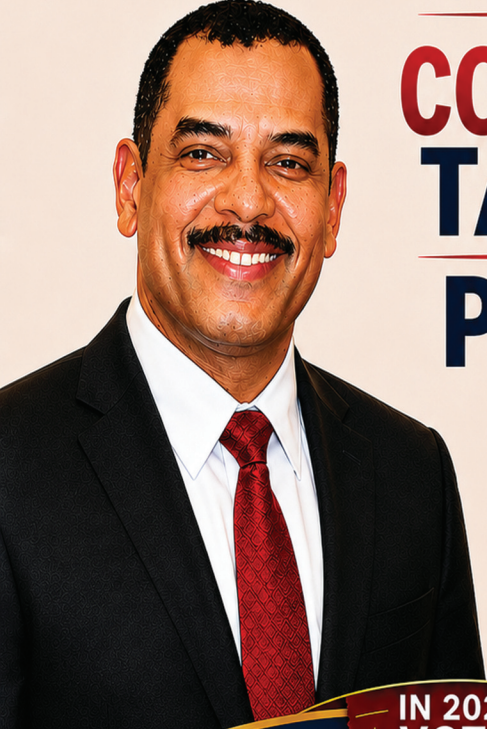
Thomas Whynot — GOLD, Male Brown Master 41 Medium - Heavy.

Jeremy Lorenowicz — GOLD, Male Blue Master 46 Ultra Heavy and GOLD in Open Weight. Michele Forte — BRONZE, Male Black Master 51 Light. John Mutton — BRONZE, Canada has also recorded several No-Gi medals. Among them, Baylen Luu and Bertrand Lauture won gold in adult divisions; Malik Belhaj won gold at Brown Belt Adult

Medium Heavy and silver in Open Weight; Garrett Gibson won Black Master 30 Medium Heavy; Thomas Whynot won Brown Master 41 Medium Heavy; and Jeremy Lorenowicz again captured gold in both Master 46 Ultra Heavy and Open Weight. One of the tournament's major overall performers so far is Brazil's Anderson Marinho of Infight Japan. He won the Male Black Adult Open Weight championship in Gi competition and also captured the Black Adult Open Weight title in No-Gi.

MUTTON CONTINUES IMPRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL RUN

The Tokyo bronze adds another international result to an already impressive competition record for Mutton. His IBJJF record lists victories at the 2025 Pan Championship, American Nationals, Toronto International Open, New York Spring Open, Indianapolis Open, Orange County Winter Open and San Jose Open, along with a second-place finish at the 2024 IBJJF World Master Championship. From all of us in Clarington, Durham and Canada. Congratulations John for all your contributions to Canada. You are truly an outstanding human being. Congratulations...



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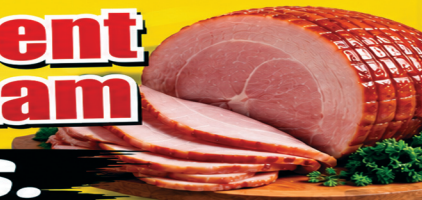
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