

‘God Is Number One’: Christian Olympian Responds After Being Suspended For Making Sign of Cross

A sporting organization is doubling down on its decision to suspend a Christian athlete for five months after he made the sign of the cross during the 2024 Summer Olympics.

The International Judo Federation (IJF) suspended Nemanja Majdov, 28, over the action, which it said is a violation of its code of conduct, The Christian Post reported.

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The sport’s body’s Disciplinary Commission noted Majdov was charged with “having showed a clear religious sign when entering the field of play and having refused to bow your opponent at the end of the contest.”

Beyond that, he was accused of removing his judogi, or uniform, “in the field of play.”