

American Judo Alliance Agreement Expiration Summary (as of 3/10/2023)

Aspects of Agreement	Summary	Results of Termination, Effective 3/15/2023
Tournament Agreement	<p>Reciprocal participation in each other's competitions except USA Judo National Events & international sanctioned events (must have USA Judo membership)</p> <p>To receive points on national roster, individual must be a USA Judo member</p> <p>Only one of the AJA Organizations can sanction events at a time - no co-sanctioning.</p> <p>IJA/JF Summer Nationals were awarded USA Judo Points</p>	<p>Only USA Judo Members are eligible to participate in USA Judo Sanctioned Events</p> <p>No change - only USA Judo Members may receive points on the national roster</p> <p>USA Judo Members participant accident insurance will not be in effect at any USJA or USJF Sanctioned Event, nor at any USJA or USJF-only Registered Club</p> <p>USJA/USJF Summer Nationals will not receive any USA Judo Points</p>
Required Insurance Coverages	<p>Each AJA organization will have equal or better general liability coverage and sports accident coverage meeting agreed minimum requirements (the "Insurance Policies").</p>	<p>USA Judo will continue to maintain its same insurance coverages for its members and clubs, but cannot guarantee that the USJA or USJF will.</p>
Coaching Reciprocity & Development	<p>AJA orgs. recognize each others coaching certs if all requirements are met (coaching cert, background screen, U.S. Center for SafeSport Certification, concussion training)</p> <p>Integrated Coaching Certification - AJA will establish a task force of 6 coaches (two from each of the Alliance Organizations) within 30 days of signing this Agreement to create a comprehensive, integrated coaching certification program. This integrated coaching certification will start at the beginner level up to and including the national events of each Alliance Organization. Such task force will be charged with presenting a non-binding proposal for such integration no later than twelve (12) months from the date of this Agreement, and will be subject to adoption by each Alliance Organization, pursuant to the governance requirements of each such organization.</p> <p>All coaches desiring to coach at any event sanctioned or otherwise recognized by the International Judo Federation or the Pan-American Judo Confederation must be certified by USA Judo.</p>	<p>After the USA Judo Youth Nationals taking place March 18-19, 2023, USA Judo Events will no longer recognize coaching certifications from the USJA and USJF. Only USA Judo Coaching Certifications will be accepted for coaches at USA Judo Sanctioned Events</p> <p>The integrated coaching certification was never pursued and does not exist.</p> <p>No change - All coaches desiring to coach at any event sanctioned or otherwise recognized by the International Judo Federation or the Pan-American Judo Confederation STILL must be certified by USA Judo.</p>
Requests for Sanctioning International Events	<p>Any request for international sanctioning from USJA or USJF to USA Judo, as required by the Sports Act, will be reviewed by USA Judo to ensure compliance with the Sports Act.</p>	<p>No change</p>
Referee Reciprocity & Development	<p>Referees certified by each AJA org. are permitted to serve at each other's events. Referees who are certified by USJA or USJF but who are not certified by USA Judo are allowed to referee at events conducted by USA Judo without being required to be certified by USA Judo, with the exception of refereeing at any USA Judo national or international event per the referee recognition system (Level A, B, PJC, N1-3, etc.). To referee at any USA Judo national event, a referee must be certified by USA Judo and be a member of USA Judo.</p> <p>Integrated Referee Certification - the AJA orgs. agree that they will work together to develop referee training programs and certification criteria.</p>	<p>Only USA Judo certified referees are allowed to officiate at USA Judo sanctioned events.</p> <p>The USA Judo Referee Corps, USA Judo Referee Committee and USA Judo Referee Education Committee are organically blended with USJA and USJF Referees. However, training programs and certification are currently separate. USA Judo's overall investment in USA Judo Referees is budgeted to be \$70,000 - \$80,000 in 2023, at least 10X the respective referee budgets at the USJA and USJF.</p>
Rank & Promotion	<p>Recognition of Rank . The Parties agree to recognize the rank that has been issued by each of the organizations up to fifth degree black belt. Recognition of any rank above that level is to be determined by each AJA Organization on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>International Rank. The Parties recognize and understand that any rank to be recognized by the International Judo Federation has to be issued and approved by USA Judo, PJC, and IJF.</p>	<p>Until further consideration and review by USA Judo's Rank & Promotion Committee, no USJA or USJF Ranks will be recognized by USA Judo</p> <p>There is no change in international rank procedures.</p>
Website Links	<p>Parties agree to provide links to each others' respective websites' home pages.</p>	<p>These links were never reciprocated and will continue not to exist.</p> <p>Effective March 15, 2023, only USA Judo members will have access to the links to the U.S. Center for SafeSport certification training and the the NCSI background screening process.</p>

<p>Athlete Development Model</p>	<p>Parties understand & agree that some standardization of instruction and progressive skill level programming will assist in the integration of the sport & may also help with Talent ID. The parties also agree to develop programming for recreational players, and to promote the philosophy of Judo as per the teachings of Dr. Jigoro Kano.</p> <p>AJA Orgs will select 6 coaches (2 from each) or teachers skilled in instruction at all age and skill levels to form a task force to create a skeleton plan for a unified "American Judo Development Model." Task Force & Chair will be selected by the AJA Presidents within 30 days after this agreement is signed. The Task Force will present its initial recommendations no later than 9 months from the date of this Agreement.</p>	<p>USA Judo coordinated the bringing together of USJA and USJF representatives to create a foundational and a coaching task force utilizing funding and resources provided by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee. A foundational document/guide and on-line coaching program were created before USJF participants dropped out and were not replaced. This caused further development of the program to cease beyond what was already created.</p>
<p>Entire Agreement</p>	<p>The Agreement represents the entire agreement as to the matters specified herein between the Alliance Organizations and any prior agreements of whatever nature are of no longer of any force and effect and are superseded by this Agreement. This Agreement can be modified only by written documentation signed by all Parties.</p>	<p>There are no longer any agreements in place between USA Judo and the USJA/USJF effective March 15, 2023.</p>
<p>Term</p>	<p>The term of this Agreement is for a period of five (5) years and for successive five-year periods unless notice is given 120 days prior to the expiration of each five-year term.</p>	<p>USA Judo informed the USJA and USJF on September 14, 2022 and November 11, 2022 that it would not be renewing the American Judo Alliance Agreement as it was written at that time. The primary driving force behind this decision was/is the risk and inefficiencies of having four separate membership database platforms while fulfilling athlete safety related requirements mandated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee, and the United States Congress. Unfortunately, discussions and negotiations since last year's notices have been unproductive.</p>
<p>Promotion of the Sport</p>	<p>The Alliance Organizations will cooperate and take advantage of joint opportunities to market the sport of judo in the United States. In that regard, each Alliance Organization agrees to promptly bring any disagreements or complaints to each organization's attention in a proper, dignified and respectful manner in line with the core values of judo.</p>	<p>There is no longer an agreement in place for these kind of collaborative considerations or initiatives to occur.</p>