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# 2023 USA JUDO SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# WELCOME TO THE 2023 USA JUDO SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



USA Judo is pleased to welcome you to the USA Judo Senior National Championships in Spokane, WA. Competition will take place at The Podium Powered by STCU and will feature the best athletes in the country going for gold with just over a year remaining before the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## Know Before You Go

<b>Tournament Host:</b>	Spokane Sports		
<b>Sanctioning Organization:</b>	USA Judo		
<b>Tournament Contact:</b>	Vaughn Anderson, 719.213.4570, <a href="mailto:Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us">Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us</a>		
<b>Online Registration:</b>	<a href="https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/events">https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/events</a>		
<b>Live Results:</b>	<a href="https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/">https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/</a>		
<b>Pointable Categories:</b>	Senior, IJF-Junior, Veterans, Visually Impaired		
<b>Non-Pointable Categories:</b>	Brown Belt, Novice, Kata		
<b>Tournament Site:</b>	The Podium Powered by STCU 511 W Dean Ave. Spokane, WA 99201		
<b>Host Hotel:</b>	The Centennial by Davenport Hotels 303 W North River Dr. Spokane, WA 99201		
<b>Key Dates:</b>	<b>Fri., May 19</b> Shiai Weigh-In (All Categories)  Referees, Coaches and Technical Officials Meetings  USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting  USA Judo Sub-Committee Meetings	<b>Sat., May 20</b> Shiai Competition (All Categories)  Kata Registration / Check-In	<b>Sun., May 21</b> Kata Competition
<b>Chief Referee:</b>	Gary Berliner		
<b>First-Time Competitors</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> to view tips for athletes competing at their first national event.		

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## Deadlines and Entry Fees

Deadline	Categories 1 & 2	Categories 3, 4 & 5	Categories 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10	Open
Early Online Registration: April 13 (11:59 p.m. MT)	\$85	\$60	\$40	\$50
Regular Online Registration: May 11 (11:59 p.m. MT)	\$100	\$75	\$45	\$60

## No Walk-Up Registrations

- All registration must be completed online. No paper registrations.
- **On-line registrations will not be accepted after Thursday, May 11 at 11:59 p.m. MT.**
- Athlete's date of birth, citizenship and rank, if applicable, must be verified in the database prior to using the online event registration system. Send copies of athlete's birth certificate/passport and rank certificate [Matt.Schneider@usajudo.us](mailto:Matt.Schneider@usajudo.us). Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. MT.
- Entry fee is waived for defending 2022 USA Judo Senior Shiai National Champion and 2023 NCJA Collegiate Senior Elite Shiai National Champion if competing in the same weight in which won. Defending Champions seeking to compete with an entry fee waiver must contact Matt Schneider at [Matt.Schneider@usajudo.us](mailto:Matt.Schneider@usajudo.us).
- Entry into subsequent categories must be for same athlete.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable
- **Absolutely no changes will be accepted after Thursday, May 11 at 11:59 p.m. MT.**

# Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

## Thursday, May 18

8 a.m.

### The Centennial by Davenport Hotels

Male Test Scales (Riverfront Ballroom D)  
Female Test Scales (Riverfront Ballroom D)  
(Test scales open through Friday evening)

## Friday, May 19

8 a.m.

### The Centennial by Davenport Hotels

USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting (Riverfront Ballroom B)

9 a.m. – Noon

Tournament check-in / changes for all competitors  
(Check in only if there is a change in category or weight)

#### **NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION**

9 a.m. – Noon

Shiai Weigh-In: Novice, Brown Belt, Veterans  
Male Official Weigh-In (Riverfront Ballroom D)  
Female Official Weigh-In (Finch Room)

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

USA Judo Subcommittee Meetings (Riverfront Ballroom C)

10 a.m.

Preliminary List of Athletes Posted: [usajudo.smoothcomp.com](http://usajudo.smoothcomp.com)

12:15 – 1 p.m.

Veteran, Brown Belt, Novice, VI Athletes Meeting (Riverfront Ballroom C)

5-6 p.m.

Technical Officials Meeting (Riverfront Ballroom A)

5-6 p.m.

Educational Rules Seminar for Referees (Riverfront Ballroom C)

6-7 p.m.

Event Referee Meeting (Riverfront Ballroom C)

7-8 p.m.

Coach Meeting (Riverfront Ballroom B)

6-8 p.m.

Shiai Weigh-In: Senior, IJF-Junior, Visually Impaired  
Male Official Weigh-In (Riverfront Ballroom D)  
Female Official Weigh-In (Finch Room)

8 p.m.

Draws Posted: [usajudo.smoothcomp.com](http://usajudo.smoothcomp.com)

## Saturday, May 20

7 a.m.

### The Podium

Doors Open

7:15 a.m.

Referees Meeting

8 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

8:15 a.m.

Competition begins (All Shiai Categories)

1-2 p.m.

Kata Check-in

6 p.m.

Senior Shiai Gold Medal Finals

Finals to be followed by medals presentation for gold, silver and bronze medalists

## Sunday, May 20

8:30 a.m.

### The Podium

Kata Judges Check-in

10 a.m. Kata Competition Begins

TBD Kata clinic immediately following awards presentation

**NOTE: ATHLETES DO NOT NEED TO WEIGH IN FOR A SECOND CATEGORY IF THE SECOND CATEGORY IS THE SAME WEIGHT. IF A DIFFERENT WEIGHT CATEGORY, ATHLETE MUST WEIGH IN AGAIN. HOWEVER, ATHLETES COMPETING IN THE SENIOR, IJF-JUNIOR OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CATEGORY MUST WEIGH IN DURING THE EVENING WEIGH-IN SESSION.**

*The tournament staff and officials reserve the right to make all final decisions regarding the tournament.*

# Event Code of Conduct

*(Applicable to all attendees, including, but not limited to Athletes, Coaches, Spectators, Officials, Volunteers, Parents)*

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any attendee.
3. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
4. I will treat any coach, parent, athlete, volunteer, official or any other attendee with respect.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any attendee.
6. I will not initiate a fight or unauthorized physical contact with any attendee.
7. I will obey all facility and organization rules.
8. I acknowledge that the concluding decision of the officials or event director is final.
9. I will accept the decision of the officials or event director with respect and grace.
10. I will be responsible for the sportsmanship of myself and teammates while assisting in maintaining a respectful environment for all participants.

It is agreed that if I fail to conform to the above while attending a USA Judo event through coaching, officiating, or participating in any capacity the following will occur:

- Verbal warnings will first be given to the individual
- If infraction occurs after the verbal warning a “yellow card” will be given to the head coach/individual as notice of first official warning.
- If the infraction occurs after the yellow card is distributed, a “red card” will be given to the head coach/individual which may trigger the immediate elimination from the Team Award consideration for both the tournament and the annual award.

If a red card is issued the individual may be subject to possible additional disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the below in any order or combination:

1. Immediate removal from event for the duration of the event
2. Removal of coach credentials for the duration of the event
3. Suspension of USA Judo membership, coach certification credentials, or official certification credentials.
4. If individual is removed from an event for failure to conform to the above CODE, their respective club may be eliminated from the Team Award consideration (loss of all points) for both the tournament and the annual award.

There is no expiration date as to the length of time an issued yellow or red card is valid.

**USA JUDO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE COMPETITION/ACTIVITY IF AN EGREGIOUS INCIDENT OCCURS WITHOUT FIRST ISSUING A VERBAL WARNING, YELLOW OR RED CARD.**

## COVID-19 Protocols

USA Judo will be following the jurisdictional COVID-19 guidelines provided by the local/state health department and/or appropriate government entities at <https://covid.srhd.org/>. As such, neither COVID testing or COVID vaccinations will be required for these Championships.

USA Judo asks any individuals who have a fever and/or are experiencing [COVID-like symptoms](#) NOT to attend Senior Nationals.

All competitors arriving from outside the United States will need to follow COVID-19 protocols as required by the US State Department/CDC.

## Spectator Admission Fees

Age	One Day
13+	\$12.00
9-12	\$6.00
Under 8	Free

Tickets are available at the door. VIP ticket packages will be available for advance purchase with further details to be announced in the coming weeks.

## Headquarters Hotel

**Headquarters:** The Centennial by Davenport Hotels  
2303 W. North River Dr.  
Spokane, WA 99201

**Rate:** Deluxe Queen: \$140 plus tax and fees  
Reservations: [Click here](#) to book online

**Deadline Date:** Book by April 15, 2023 to receive discounted rates.

*Rooms go fast so it is best to book as early as possible.*

## Transportation

**Air Transportation:** The nearest airport – Spokane International Airport (Code GEG) – is located approximately 13 minutes from the host hotel.

**Ground Transportation** will not be provided to either the host hotel or the venue. The Centennial Hotel to The Podium – 0.3 miles (eight-minute walk).



## Coach Information

In order to coach matside, all coaches must have a coaching credential for the tournament.

Coaches must hold a current **USA Judo coaching certification**, including current background screen and concussion and SafeSport training to receive coaching credentials at this event. Credentials will be issued at the coaches meeting. All coaches must have a photo ID coach credential to receive a wristband for the event.

All USA Judo coaches must register for the event through the event online entry system at [usajudo.sport80.com](http://usajudo.sport80.com) to receive wristbands. There is no charge for registering. Log into your USA Judo profile and click on Events to register.

NOTE: Only one coach is allowed to coach matside inside the barricade during each match. Coaches who fail to comply this this rule may lose their coach wristband for the day and may be removed from the venue.

Credentials will be issued at the coaches meeting.

All coaches must adhere to the following dress code during this event. Failure to adhere will be grounds for removal of coaching credentials.

**Acceptable apparel:** national or club team track suit (sweatsuit) with polo shirt; business casual attire, dress jeans (no holes or markings); button down shirts or polo shirts. Dress shoes, sneakers (tennis shoes).

**Forbidden apparel:** flip flops, sandals, shorts, T-shirts, hats.

## Referee Event Registration

All referees must first register on the [USA Judo Referee Information](http://USA Judo Referee Information) website, [judoreferee.com](http://judoreferee.com). Once confirmed by the Referee Committee you must then register on the event website.

Log into your USA Judo membership profile at [usajudo.sport80.com](http://usajudo.sport80.com) and click on Events. Select the 2023 USA Judo Senior National Championships and follow prompts to register.

If you do not register or are not confirmed through the [judoreferee.com](http://judoreferee.com) site, but do register on the event platform, you may not be allowed to participate in the event and USA Judo will not be responsible for any expenses associated with your travel/stay to the event.

# Eligibility

All athletes must be members in good standing of USA Judo, including individuals without citizenship who are competing in events that are not a trials. Athletes may compete if they meet the eligibility requirements, submit the required documentation, pay the required fees and there is no conflict regarding weigh in and competition schedules.

In addition, all athletes must have been born December 31, 2008 or earlier or have obtained the appropriate Age Waiver. See <https://go.teamusa.org/2HWt8ra> for more information. All Age Waiver applications must be sent to Jim Hrbek at [judolym@aol.com](mailto:judolym@aol.com) by April 15, 2023.

Per the USA Judo Athlete / Event Payment Policy, any individual who has an outstanding debt from an international trip and has not made the required payment(s) within the payment window outlined in the policy will not be eligible to compete until the payment has been made.

## Citizenship Requirements

*Senior Open, IJF-Junior Open, Veterans, Brown Belt, Novice, Kata Categories*

- U.S. citizens
- Athletes with Permanent Resident Cards (Green Cards) or visas
- Non-U.S. citizens who meet one (1) of the following criteria:
  - Proof of athlete's integration within a school or university system for at least one (1) year
  - Proof of athlete's parent/guardian residency WITHIN the U.S. for at least one (1) year
- Athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation refugee program and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program, may also compete in the categories listed above. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to [austin.leath@usajudo.us](mailto:austin.leath@usajudo.us).

*Senior Elite and IJF-Junior (All Categories Except Open), Visually Impaired*

- U.S. Citizens only, or athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's refugee program

## Additional Eligibility Requirements

Note: All ranks must be verified through USA Judo. ,

*Senior Elite Shiai Category (except Open Category)*

- Minimum rank of senior sankyu.
- Athletes participating in the Senior Elite Shiai divisions must not have represented another country Senior Continental Championship or higher level within the past three years from the date of the Senior Nationals.

*Senior Elite Open Category*

- Minimum rank of senior sankyu.

*IJF-Junior Categories*

- Born 2003-2008

- No minimum rank required.

### *Visually Impaired Category*

- Must have been classified as visually impaired at an IBSA or IPC event in the past 10 years or provide a letter from an optometrist or ophthalmologist verifying visual acuity.
- Competitors will be divided by classification and weight category. A meeting will be held on Friday, March 17 as noted in the schedule to create exhibition categories as needed. All exhibition events are not eligible for points.
- Classification: USA Judo has adopted the updated visual classifications as presented by the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) for all events which include Para-sport divisions. These classifications are as follows:
  - 1. J1-and athlete’s vision impairment must result in a visual acuity of less than or equal to LogMAR 2.6 in binocular vision.
  - 2. J2-The athlete’s vision acuity must be within a range between LogMAR 1.3 and 2.5 with binocular vision, or with a binocular visual field of 60 degrees or less in diameterqq.

For more information, please visit <https://ibsajudo.sport/about-judo/classification/>. Acuity must be confirmed by an ophthalmologist prior to competition. [Click here](#) to download the verification of visual impairment form. If this is the first time you are participating in a Para category at a USA Judo national event and need to be classified, or if you have any questions on classifications. Please contact Heidi Moore at [judoheidi@comcast.net](mailto:judoheidi@comcast.net) or 303-591-9563.

### *Veterans Category*

1. Minimum rank of senior sankyu.
2. Age is determined by year of birth. Minimum year of birth is 1993.

Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Female	Male
30	34	1993	1989	F1	M1
35	39	1988	1984	F2	M2
40	44	1983	1979	F3	M3
45	49	1978	1974	F4	M4
50	54	1973	1969	F5	M5
55	59	1968	1964	F6	M6
60	64	1963	1959	F7	M7
65	69	1958	1954	F8	M8
70	74	1953	1949	F9	M9
75	79	1948	1944	F10	M10
80	+	1943		F11	M11

### *Brown Belt Category*

1. No dan ranks allowed (all other belts allowed).

### *Novice Category*

1. Only ranks other than black or brown belts.

### *Kata Category*

1. Open to all ranks.
2. Athletes competing in U33 category must be born 1990 or later.
3. Additional details regarding the kata competition can be found in the Kata Categories section of this entry packet.

## Shiai Weight Divisions

Female: 48 kg, 52 kg, 57 kg, 63 kg, 70 kg, 78 kg, +78 kg

Male: 60 kg, 66 kg, 73 kg, 81 kg, 90 kg, 100 kg, +100 kg

The tournament staff and officials reserve the right to make changes in the highest and lowest weight classes in all age divisions as necessary for safety purposes. When such adjustments are made, only the highest weight sub-category will be pointable.

## Kata Categories

Kata National Championships will be conducted in accordance with the current procedures of USA Judo. The IJF criteria will be applied with the exception of an IJF-label judo gi and back patch are not necessary for a correct judo gi.

For the first time, the 2023 Kata National Championships will include the following categories: Open, Intermediate and U33 (athletes born 1990 or later). The Intermediate category is targeted at developing teams. Teams who have competed at the international level are not eligible for the Intermediate category in that kata (division).

Each division within each category will be a combined division irrespective of gender. Example: For the division of Nage-no-kata in the category of U33, the division will include all kata teams irrespective of gender (that is, male, female and mixed teams will compete together).

Divisions in each category (Open, Intermediate and U33) are as follows:

Open	Intermediate	U33
Nage-no-kata	Nage-no-kata	Nage-no-kata
Katame-no-kata	Katame-no-kata	Katame-no-kata
Ju-no-kata	Ju-no-kata	Ju-no-kata
Kime-no-kata	Kime-no-kata	
Goshin Jutsu	Goshin Jutsu	

An athlete may only enter each division once. Examples: An athlete may not enter Open Nage-no-kata with two different partners. An athlete may enter Open Nage-no-kata and Intermediate Nage-no-kata with two different partners, if the skill level is appropriate.

All-around awards will be given to male, female and mixed teams. To qualify for an All-Around award, the same kata team athletes must enter and compete in at least three katas. The role of uke and tori may vary but the athletes must be the same.

Teams in the Open and U33 categories will have first consideration for USA teams for the IJF Kata World Championships and PJC Pan American Kata Championships in the U23 and Open categories. Note: Athletes seeking to compete in international competition must meet that event's criteria, including age eligibility criteria.

## Weigh In

A calibrated practice scale will be available prior to, and during, the weigh-in periods. However, in no case will contestants be allowed on the Official Scale during Official Weigh-in for the purpose of checking weight.

Athletes may check weight as many times as desired prior to the official weigh-in on the official scale. An athlete is given only one chance on the official scale during official weigh-in. Open division contestants do not need to weigh in. **At weigh in, athletes competing in Senior Elite, IJF-Junior and Visually Impaired categories must present a government issued photo ID.** Photo ID not required for all other categories.

**Naked weigh in is not allowed for any age/weight category.** To compensate, 0.1kg will be allowed. For example, in the 44kg category the limit will be 44.1kg. This is a clothing allowance only and the 0.1kg will only be added to the true weight.

Athletes who neglected to change their weight during the check in process and missed weight during official weigh in, may enter an additional category by registering (and paying) for the new category as a walk-up registration.

**IMPORTANT:** All athletes must make their declared weight as registered unless a change is made during the check in/registration process prior to getting on the official scale. Athletes may change their weight category during check in/registration. Failure to make declared weight will result in the athlete not competing in that category. Athlete will not be automatically moved to next weight category. Once official weight is recorded, no changes to weight category will be accepted.

### **NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT WEIGH IN.**

#### **Contingency Weigh-In:**

Contingency morning weigh-in (CMW) will be implemented at this event, with prior approval, for those individuals who are not able to make the weigh-in session the day prior for whatever unforeseen circumstance or situation beyond their control. Details of the new CMW policy are as follows:

- The CMW session is to be used only for those who experience extenuating circumstances beyond their control that prevent them from attending the weigh-in session the day before the event.
- Any individual(s) experiencing a situation beyond their control that would prevent them from attending the weigh-in MUST contact Vaughn Anderson at [Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us](mailto:Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us) explaining the reason for missing the weigh-ins scheduled the day before the event. Any individual who does NOT inform USA Judo of his/her need for the contingency weigh-in the day before will NOT be allowed to weigh-in during the CMW session. Deadline for requests is no longer than two hours after the published conclusion of weigh-ins the day before the event.
- Contingency Morning Weigh-in Procedures:
  - The CMW Session at the 2023 Senior National Championships will be conducted from 7 – 7:30 a.m. on the day of competition at The Podium.
  - If an individual fails to complete the CMW, he or she will forfeit their opportunity to compete without refund of registration nor reimbursement of any additional costs.
  - Should an individual show to the CMW session who has NOT contacted Vaughn Anderson by the deadline listed above and subsequently were not placed on the CMW list of participants, that individual will NOT be able to weigh-in and will forfeit their right to compete and any refund.
  - Individuals who receive approval for a contingency weigh-in will be placed in the draw when the draws are run and published the night before competition. If a CMW participant does not make weight, he or she will be removed from the draw and the brackets will not be redrawn.
  - Non-official scales will be available for individuals to check their weight both the night before weigh-ins and in the morning of the competition (subject to safety of people and property).
  - CMW weigh-ins will be provided for both men and women.

- CMW participants who do not make weight will NOT be allowed to move up a weight category and will be eliminated from the competitions without refund or reimbursement of any competition-related expenses.

## Check In

Check in only if you have a change to your weight or category. If there are no changes to be made, please proceed directly to weigh-in. **No changes will be accepted or made at weigh-in.**

## Exhibition Matches

Exhibition matches may be offered for those athletes who are uncontested in their true age/weight category. Only those athletes who are uncontested may request an exhibition match. All efforts will be made to find one or two athletes within appropriate age/weight willing to participate. No points or medals will be awarded for exhibition matches. Request for exhibition matches must be made to the event director no later than 10 a.m. on the day that their uncontested category was scheduled. Blue and white gis still will be required.

## Club Affiliation

Only current USA Judo clubs in good standing, at the time of registration, will be associated with the athlete's entry. Non-USA Judo clubs will not be affiliated with a registered athlete. Club affiliation is not required to compete in this tournament.

## Credentials

Athletes will be issued their credentials during the weigh-in process.

## Confirmation of Categories / Draw

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be available at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com>. Athletes/coaches/representatives for the athlete are required to check the list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category/weight.

- Any corrections should be reported immediately to staff no later than 8 p.m. on Friday, March 17. All corrections must be emailed to [Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us](mailto:Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us) or submitted in person onsite. **PHONE CALLS OR TEXTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- A correction form will be provided to record the correction. Corrections WILL NOT be accepted after the one hour posting time has expired.
- Corrections will be processed, then the draw will be run. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com>.
- **IMPORTANT:** This period is for corrections / confirmations of changes made during the check-in/registration time period. **NO OTHER CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

A representative for each athlete must review the posted preliminary list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category. Failure to confirm or make corrections during the Confirmation of Categories period may result in the athlete NOT COMPETING IN THIS TOURNAMENT. All draws will be conducted using USA Judo approved software. See Rules and Method of Competition for all seeding information. With the exception of seeding, the draw will be random. Once the draw is complete, there will be no changes except if two or more athletes fail to make weight or report to weigh-ins in the same category, the division may be redrawn.

## Rules and Method of Competition

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for this tournament. The exception to the IJF rules will be the usage of the competition methods for Veterans and IJF-Junior and categories and the match time for Veterans.

1. Points on the USA Judo National Roster will be awarded in Senior, Veteran, Visually Impaired and IJF-Junior categories only as outlined in the respective criteria. Criteria can be found at [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org).
2. Athletes may only enter one weight per eligible category with the exception of Open weight, if applicable.
3. Shime-waza is allowed for all shiai categories except novice category and veteran categories for athletes in the 60 and older age groups.
4. Kansetsu-waza is allowed for all categories except novice category.

### Match Lengths

*Senior, IJF-Junior, Visually Impaired, Brown Belt and Novice Categories*

- Male: 4 minutes
- Female: 4 minutes
- No Golden Score time limit

*Veteran Categories*

- M1 / F1-M6 / F6: 3 minute time limit, plus 2 minutes Golden Score
- M7/F7-M10/F10: 2 minute time limit, plus 1 minute Golden Score

### Competition Method:

*Senior, VI Categories*

Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: Knockout System with Double Repechage (sometimes referred to as Crossover Repechage). Athletes are divided into two pools, A and B which are further subdivided into A1, A2, B1, B2. Determination of 1st and 2nd place: The "Knockout" (single elimination) system is then used to produce two finalists, one from pool A, the other from pool B, who will compete for 1st and 2nd place. Determination of 3rd – 5th place: All contestants who were defeated by the winners of pools A1, A2, B1, and B2 (semi-finalists) will take part in the repechage of their respective pools in the order in which they were defeated. For example, for pool A1, the loser from Round 1 will meet the loser from Round 2; the winner of that match will meet the loser from Round 3, etc. The winner of repechage pool A1 will meet the winner of repechage pool A2; similarly, for B1 and B2. The winner of the repechage pool A will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool B. The winner of repechage pool B will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool A. The winners (2) are placed 3rd, the losers (2) are placed 5th.

Categories having five (5) Competitors or less: Round Robin Pool (every competitor competes against every other competitor). The order of finish is determined by number of wins, then, if tied, by total points. If tied in

wins and points, the winner of the head-to-head competition between the two who are still tied determines the winner. If three or more are still tied in wins and points for any place (first, second, or third), those contestants involved must contest again to determine the order of finish. Points are given to the winner only and shall be based on the highest single score of the winner, after factoring out scores that cancel out each other. Point values are Ippon= 10, Waza-ari= 1, win by shido=0. If a contestant withdraws from a division prior to beginning of his or her final match, the results of all that person's previous matches shall be discarded.

#### Round Robin Clarification:

- If Athlete A pulls out before finishing competition against other athletes in the category and does not go out onto the mat, all points won or lost associated with Athlete A are removed. No medal is awarded to Athlete A
- If Athlete A cannot finish competing but goes out onto the mat (field of play), then Athlete B wins and is awarded ippon points. Athlete A receives 0 points.
- If Athlete A, who did not finish competing but went out onto the mat, they are eligible to medal.

#### *IJF-Junior, Brown Belt, Novice, Veteran Categories*

True Double Elimination System with winner's and loser's brackets will be used. The winner of the loser's bracket will compete against the winner of the winner's bracket for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The first one of these two contestants to have two (2) losses will be placed second; the other will be placed first. The loser of the loser's bracket will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. For categories of two and under contestants, round robin will be the method of competition.

#### **Seeding**

Senior Only: The top four athletes on the USA Judo Senior National Roster, who are in attendance, will be seeded, provided that they are ranked at A through D levels as follows: A (or B) side: #1 and #4 in one half, #2 and #3 in the other half. A higher seeded athlete will always receive a bye before a lower seeded athlete.

Athletes having the same state affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible. Seeded athletes lose their State/Club affiliation for purposes of the draw, i.e., two athletes from the same state or club may meet in the first round if one is a seeded athlete.

IJF-Junior only: The top four athletes will be seeded in each division. If seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes will move up in seeding.

Seeded athletes will be separated as far as possible in their sections of the draw and will receive byes if available. A higher seeded athlete will always receive a bye before a lower seeded athlete.

#### **Injury Rule**

Decisions regarding on mat injuries, are to be resolved in accordance with IJF rules; such decisions occurring off the mat or not covered by the IJF rules, are to be made by the coach, the athlete, and appropriate medical staff. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete may not continue (Board-approved October 22, 1998)

#### **Multiple Category Entries**

For those athletes who elect to compete in multiple categories, efforts will be made to separate the competition times, but this cannot be guaranteed and a decision may need to be made by the competitor as to the match in which they compete, thereby forfeiting one of the two matches. If categories are competing at the same time, the athlete must move from one category (on mat) to their waiting category with no rest time. If a competitor has matches immediately after one another, they must move to the waiting mat and begin competition immediately with no 10-minute rest.



## Judo Gi / Undergarments / Changing

For all categories, regardless of age, blue and white gi requirement is mandatory. IJF approved labeled gis are not required but fit must meet IJF standards. Back patches are not required.

Appropriate undergarments must be worn by all athletes. Female athletes shall wear under the jacket either, a plain white or off-white T-shirt, with short sleeves, long enough to be worn inside the trousers, or a plain white or off-white leotard with short sleeves. The white T-shirt should be round necked. No marking can be visible when the judogi is done up. Athletes needing to change clothes/judo gi should do so in a restroom, locker room or other area specifically designated for changing.

## Awards

### Individual Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for all divisions. Note: True double events will be awarded one bronze. Double repechage events will be awarded two bronzes.

All senior shiai medals will be awarded following the evening finals.

Athletes must wear either a clean full white judo gi or full team sweats on the awards podium. No additional items may be taken/worn on the podium (flags, hats, pictures, flowers, stuffed animals, etc.).

### Team Awards

Athletes will be awarded points for all categories at the Senior Nationals based on the event as follows:

#### 1. Regular and Brown Belt Categories

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place 750 points
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place 450 points
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place 150 points

#### 2. Novice Categories

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place 300 points
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place 200 points
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place 100 points

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2023 Senior National Championships.

All teams must hold a current USA Judo club membership. Athletes must declare their USA Judo club no later than 7 p.m. Pacific Time on March 17.

Champion Banners suitable for hanging in the host club will be mailed to the top three teams after the competition, or if preferred, presented in person at following USA Judo national event.

**Note: If a member of your club (athlete, coach, official, spectator, parent or attendee) is removed from the venue for violation of the event code of conduct, your club may become ineligible for the team award for this event or the annual team award.**

### USA Judo Team Annual Award

Totals will be comprised from the 2023 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics, and President's Cup. The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2024 Youth Nationals.

## Banners / Signs / Advertisements in Veue

USA Judo restricts the display of banners, flags, advertisements and other related signage in the competition venue without prior approval. Should such items be displayed, owners will be asked by event organizers to take down and/or remove the signage.

## Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)

The Center for SafeSport has developed the Minor Athlete Prevention Policies (MAAPP) which USA Judo has adapted to our own sport. The MAAPP is a collection of proactive and training policies comprised of two parts; Education & Training Policy that requires training for certain Adult Participants and the Required Prevention Policies, focused on limiting one-on-one interactions between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes to prevent abuse. The full MAAPP policy and the reporting mechanism for SafeSport infractions can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/MAAPP>.

USA Judo defines “regular contact with minors” as: “Ongoing interactions during a 12-month period wherein an Adult Participant is in a role of direct and active engagement with any Minor Athlete(s). In the spirit of the moral code of judo, USA Judo requires adult members to self-certify whether or not they considered having “regular contact” with minors based on the aforementioned description. If an adult member is unsure whether or not they have “regular contact” with minors, USA Judo encourages those individuals (and their clubs) to err on the side of caution and complete the SafeSport Training and Certification. USA Judo, in cooperation with USA Judo Clubs and all LAOs, has the right to randomly review and assess members who may have regular contact with minors and require compliance if/when considered necessary by USA Judo Leadership.

The USA Judo SafeSport Handbook can be found at <https://docs.usajudo.net/SafeSport/2023/USA%20Judo%20Safe%20Sport%20Handbook.pdf>.

## Notice of Possible Testing for Banned Substances

Senior and Visually Impaired Shiai Only:

Athletes may be drug tested at any time and are subject to and agree to abide by the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing, its Annexes, and the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policies, and that any dispute related to the foregoing will be resolved exclusively in arbitration pursuant to the USADA Protocol. Before taking any medications, check the prohibited status at GlobalDRO.com. Also, be sure to download the Supplement 411 app or visit Supplement411.org to learn how to recognize and reduce the risks related to supplement use. If you have any anti-doping questions, please don't hesitate to call Athlete Express at (866) 601-2632.

You can send correspondence and inquiries to: United States Anti-Doping Agency; 555 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or visit USADA's website at <http://www.usantidoping.org/>