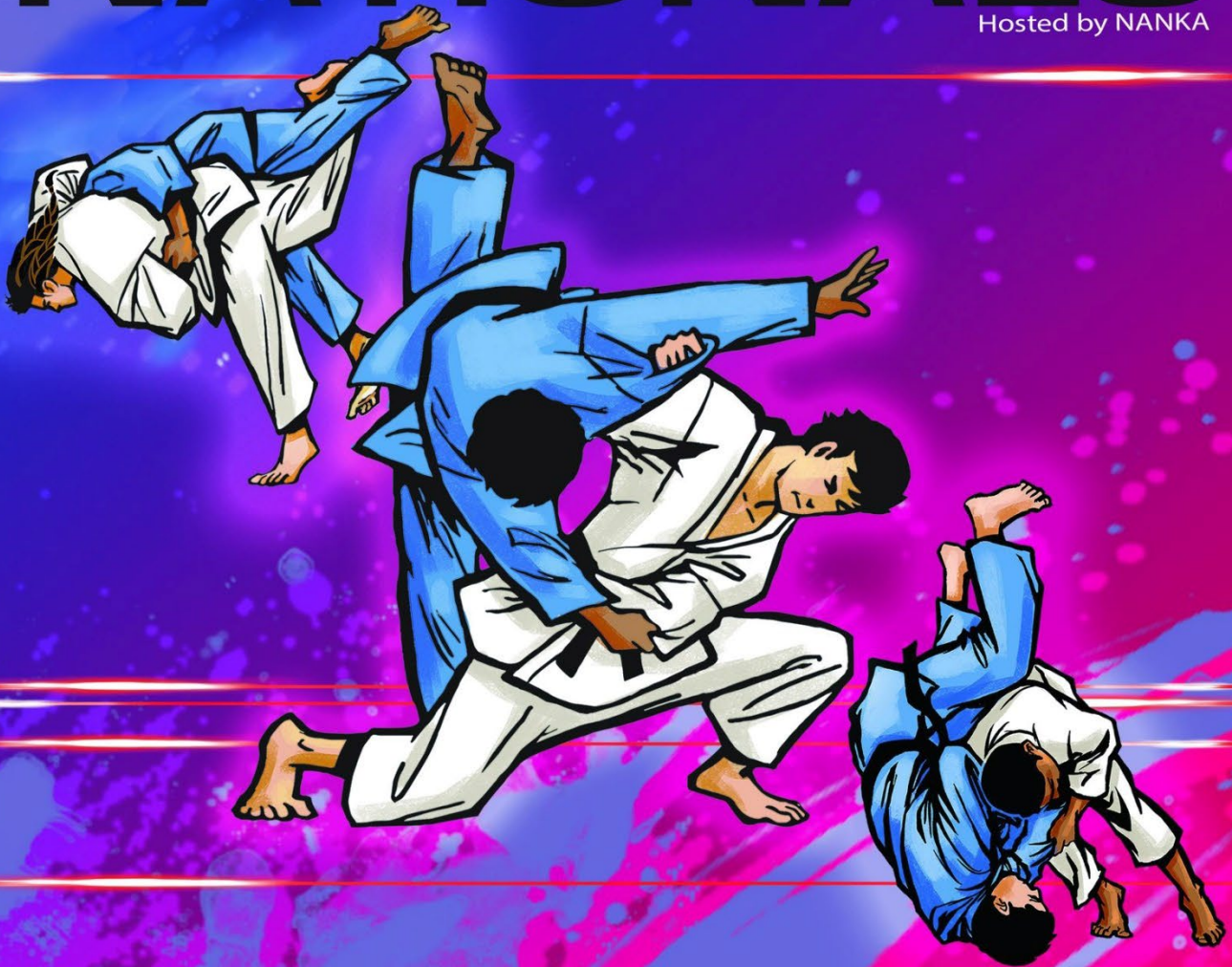


2023 GRASSROOTS JUDO™

# WINTER NATIONALS®

Hosted by NANKA



# TOURNAMENT

Friday thru Sunday December 8th-10th, 2023

Venue: Felix Event Center Azusa Pacific University

Address : Azusa, California 91702 For more details go to: [www.judowinternationals.com](http://www.judowinternationals.com)

## 2023 Winter Nationals

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<b>Chief Referee:</b>	Gary Takemoto – 2016 Rio Olympic Referee
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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://judowinternationals.com">http://judowinternationals.com</a>
<b>Online Registration:</b>	<a href="https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/en/event/12478">https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/en/event/12478</a>
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	Tuesday December 5, 2023 11:59 pm PST
<b>Category Change Deadline:</b>	Wednesday December 6, 2023 11:59 pm PST
<b>Brackets Posted:</b>	Thursday December 7, 2023 11:59 pm PST
<b>Review Deadline</b>	Friday December 8, 2023 4:00 pm PST
<b>Competition Date:</b>	Saturday December 9, 2023 and Sunday December 10, 2023
<b>Points Categories:</b>	Senior-Junior-Veterans
<b>Non-Point Categories:</b>	Junior Novice-Senior Novice-Veteran Novice
<b>Weigh In:</b>	All Athletes must be registered prior to the event. See Schedule of Event for Details.  Friday. December 8, 2023 Weigh in for Senior-Veteran-All Novice-Juvenile-Cadet  Saturday. December 9, 2023 Weigh in for all categories  Sunday, December 10, 2023 Weigh in for Bantam-Intermediate-IJF
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	Saturday, December 9, 2023 Senior, Veteran, Novice (All Divisions) Juvenile, Cadet  Sunday, December 10, 2023 Bantam, Intermediate, IJF
<b>Tournament Site:</b>	<a href="#">Azusa Pacific University</a> <b>Felix Events Center</b> 701 E Foothill Blvd, Azusa, CA 91702
<b>Official Hotel:</b>	Hotel Huntington 1200 E Huntington Dr, Duarte, CA 91010 <a href="tel:6265317199">(626) 531-7199</a>

## Deadlines and Entry Fees

Deadline	1 <sup>st</sup> Category	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Category
Early Shiai Entry: September 30, 2023	\$85.00	\$65.00
Regular Shiai Entry: November 30, 2023	\$100.00	\$80.00
Late Shiai Entry: December 5, 2023	\$120.00	\$100.00
Early Kata Entry: September 30, 2023	\$60.00	\$30.00
Regular Kata Entry: November 30, 2023	\$80.00	\$50.00
Late Kata Entry: December 5, 2023	\$100.00	\$70.00

Registration for this tournament will be online using Smoothcomp. The registration cut-off date and time is 11:59pm, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. Brackets will be posted on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Any adjustment to the brackets must be requested and approved by 4:00pm, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. To request a bracket change email [judowinternationals@gmail.com](mailto:judowinternationals@gmail.com). No bracket changes will be permitted after this deadline. No modifications will be made to the brackets once finalized. All registrations must be complete and paid for prior to the deadline to qualify for the stated fee.

All registrations must be completed online using Smoothcomp prior to the Registration closure date and time. Under no circumstances will any registrations be accepted after the advertised cut-off time and date.

To register and pay for this event go to the Judo Winter Nationals website (see links below) and use the Link. This will take you to the Smoothcomp portal where you can create an account, sign in and register for the Winter Nationals Tournament.

<https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/en/event/12478>

**Entry fee discounts must be for the same athlete.  
Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.  
Absolutely no changes will be accepted after 4:00 pm Friday  
December 8, 2023.**

# Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

## Friday, December 8

### Felix Events Center

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Referee and Coaches Clinic

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Official Weigh-In (Senior-Veteran-Novice-Juvenile-Cadet Should Weigh-In (Day 2 Athletes can Weigh-In)

## Friday, December 8

### Valley Judo Institute

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Official Weigh-In (Senior-Veteran-Novice-Juvenile-Cadet Should Weigh-In (Day 2 Athletes can Weigh-In)

## Saturday, December 9

### Felix Events Center

7:00 am

Doors Open

7:00 am to 8:30 am

Official Weigh-In (Senior, Veteran, Novice, Juvenile, Cadet)

**MISSED WEIGHTS CANNOT COMPETE!**

8:00 am to 8:30 am

Referee Meeting

9:00 am

Opening Ceremony

9:30 am

Tournament Starts (Senior-Veteran-Novice-Juvenile-Cadet)

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Official Weigh-In (Bantam, Intermediate, IJF)

## Sunday, December 10

### Felix Events Center

7:00 am

Doors Open

7:00 am to 8:30 am

Official Weigh-In (Bantam, Intermediate, IJF)

**MISSED WEIGHTS CANNOT COMPETE!**

7:30 am

Referee Meeting

8:30 am

Tournament Starts (Bantam-Intermediate-IJF)

Athletes may choose to weigh in during EITHER the Friday, Saturday, or Sunday weigh-in blocks. Once you have declared a weight, you must make that weight. Weight categories can be changed during the check-in process prior to stepping on the official scale. Athletes who weigh in on Friday and miss weight will not be allowed to weigh again on Saturday or Sunday. Athletes competing in multiple divisions at the same weight category will only need to weigh in once.

**The Tournament Committee reserves 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. The concluding decision of the officials or event director is final.
9. Accept the decision of the officials or event director with respect and grace.
10. 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 an infraction occurs after the verbal warning a “yellow card” will be given to the head coach/individual as notice of the first official warning.
- If an infraction occurs after the “yellow card” is distributed, a “red card” will be given to the head coach/individual which will trigger the immediate elimination from the Team Award consideration for that specific event.

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 coach certification credentials, or official certification credentials.
4. If an individual is removed from an event for failure to conform to the above CODE, their respective club will be immediately eliminated from the Team Award consideration (all loss of points) for that specific event.

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

## COVID Protocols

Nanka will be following the jurisdictional COVID-19 guidelines provided by the local/state health department and/or appropriate government entities. As such, neither COVID testing or COVID vaccinations will be required for the Winter Nationals. However, please feel free to wear a mask, social distance, and use hand sanitizer/wipes during the activities.

Nanka asks any individuals who have a fever and/or are experiencing Covid-like symptoms to NOT attend the Winter 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
4+	\$15.00
Under 3	Free

## Official Hotel

Hotel Huntington  
1200 E Huntington Dr  
Duarte, CA 91010  
[\(626\) 531-7199](tel:6265317199)

## Transportation

### **Air Transportation:**

Los Angeles International Airport 42 Miles  
Hollywood Burbank Airport 30 Miles  
Ontario Airport 23 Miles

**Ground transportation:** No ground transportation will be provided from Airports.

## Coach Information

In order to coach at the 2023 Winter Nationals, all coaches must register for the event through the event's online registration portal at <https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/12758> to receive credentials. There is no charge for registering.

Coaches must hold a current USA Judo, USJF or USJA coaching certification. Coaches must also have a current background screening, concussion, and SafeSport training to receive coaching credentials at this event. All coaches must present a photo ID to receive their coaches' credential for the event.

**NOTE:** Only one person is allowed to coach from designated mat side area during each match. Coaches who fail to comply with this rule may lose their coach's credentials for the day and may be removed from the venue.

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

Coaches are required to follow and comply with the [Nanka Coaches Code of Conduct](#).

**Acceptable apparel:** national or club team track suit (sweatsuit); 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, hats, etc.

## Referee Information

All referees must first register on the [USA Judo Referee Information](#) website, judoreferee.com.

The 2023 Winter Nationals will be a Referee Evaluation and Testing Site.

Care systems will be in use. The referee on the tatami has a radio communication system that is connected to the Mat Supervisor who is reviewing all scores and penalties on the Care System.

Full Referee Uniform (Black Blazer, White Shirt, Tie, Grey Pants and Black Socks) are required. No exceptions. Referees, please bring your radios.

## Eligibility

All competitors must provide proof of valid and current membership of the USA Judo, USJF, or USJA in order to compete. Please upload a photograph of your USA Judo, USJF, or USJA membership card when prompted during the registration process. Any competitor who does not provide proof of membership will not be allowed to compete.

There will be competitive Judo categories for Shiai and Kata.

All categories will be open to both U.S. citizens as well as non-citizens. Athletes representing other countries must provide an approval letter and/or a current membership card from their IJF-recognized federation. Non-U.S. citizens will not be eligible for points on the USA Judo National Roster.

### **Junior Categories:**

- Born 2003-2018 (inclusively)
- No minimum rank requirement
- Junior categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.

### **Junior Novice Categories:**

- Born 2003-2018 (inclusively)
- White, yellow, and orange belts only. Ranks must be verified in the USA Judo database.
- Junior Novice categories are ineligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.

### **Senior Category:**

- Born 2006 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Senior Categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.

### **Senior Novice Category:**

- Born 2006 or earlier
- Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
- Senior Novice categories are ineligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.

### **Veterans Category:**

- Born 1993 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Veteran categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.

### **Veterans Novice Category:**

- Born 1993 or earlier
- Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
- Veteran Novice categories are ineligible for points on USA Judo national rosters.



## Miscellaneous:

1. Rank requirements for both National and International junior categories:
  - Regular categories: All ranks eligible.
  - Novice Categories: White, yellow, or orange belts only.
2. If a novice athlete has entered and medaled\* in a regular category the previous year in any USA Judo national event, the athlete is not eligible to compete in any USA Judo national event novice category the following year.

\*If an athlete medaled in a regular category without winning a match, he or she is still allowed to compete in the novice division.

### Examples:

- If athlete entered and medaled in a regular category in 2021 at any USA Judo national event, he or she will not be eligible to enter novice category in 2022 and beyond in a USA Judo national event.
- If a novice athlete entered a regular category in March 2022 at a USA Judo national event and medaled, the athlete is still eligible for novice categories at USA Judo national events for the remainder of 2022. The athlete would not be eligible for the novice category in any USA Judo national event beginning in 2023.
- Uncontested categories are exempt.

## Age Categories and Weight Divisions

Please note that each category is based on the year in which the contestant was born. All weights are in kilograms. For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Example: Bantam 1, 28 kg – over 23 kg and up to and including 28 kg.

For all **novice categories only**, athlete ages and weights will be reviewed and possibly combined after official weigh-in closes to increase the number of competitors in a bracket while maintaining safe competition considering ages and weights.

For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Example: Bantam 1, 28 kg – over 23 kg and up to and including 28 kg.

## CATEGORIES ARE BASED ON SOLELY ON YEAR OF BIRTH

The following age/weight categories will be in use for this year's event (2023):

### NOVICE Junior Categories

**Bantam 1 (Born 2017-2018):**

Female and Male: 23, +23 kg

**Bantam 2 (Born 2015-2016):**

Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg

**Bantam 3 (Born 2013-2014):**

Female: 27, 32, 37, +37 kg

Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg

**Intermediate (Born 2011-2012):**

Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

**Juvenile (Born 2009-2010):**

Female and Male:

36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg

**Cadet (Born 2006-2008):**

Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg

Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg

**IJF-Junior (Born 2003-2008):**

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

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

### REGULAR JUNIOR CATEGORIES

**Bantam 1 (Born 2018):**

Female and Male: 18, 22, +22 kg

**Bantam 2 (Born 2017):**

Female and Male: 19, 23, +23kg

**Bantam 3 (Born 2016):**

Female and Male: 21, 25, 29, +29kg

**Bantam 4 (Born 2015):**

Female and Male: 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, +38 kg

**Bantam 5 (Born 2014):**

Female and Male: 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 41+kg

**Bantam 6 (Born 2013):**

Female and Male: 27, 31, 35, 39, 44, 44+kg

**Intermediate (Born 2011-2012):**

Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

**Juvenile (Born 2009-2010):**

Female and Male:

36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg

**Cadet (Born 2006-2008):**

Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg

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

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

**The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes in the highest and lowest weight classes in all age divisions. When such adjustments are made, only the highest weight sub-category will be eligible for points and each person must be advised that he or she may elect to fight in the points division.**

### **WEIGHT DIVISIONS FOR SENIOR, SENIOR NOVICE, VETERAN, VETERAN NOVICE CATEGORIES**

Male	60kg	66kg	73kg	81kg	90kg	100kg	+100kg
Female	48kg	52kg	57kg	63kg	70kg	78kg	+78kg

## **VETERAN AGE CATEGORIES**

Category 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

## **KATA COMPETITION**

### **Youth Kata Division (12 years and under)**

The following three Katas are to be contested (teams can be male, female or mixed gender)

- Nage-No-Kata (First three sets, te-waza, koshi-waza and ashi-waza)
- Katame-No-Kata (osaekomi waza only)
- Ju-No Kata (First two sets)

### **Youth Kata Division (13 years to 16)**

The following three Katas are to be contested (teams can be male, female or mixed gender)

- Nage-No-Kata (All five sets)
- Katame-No-Kata (osaekomi waza and shime waza)
- Ju-No Kata (All three sets)

### **Adult Kata Divisions (17 years and older)**

The following three Katas are to be contested (teams can be male, female or mixed gender)

- Nage-No-Kata (All five sets)
- Katame-No-Kata (All five sets)
- Ju-No Kata (All three sets)

## 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 their 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 the official weigh-in. **At weigh in, Senior Elite, IJF and Cadet categories must present a government issued photo ID.** Photo ID is 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.

**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 AFTER 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.

## Confirmation of Categories / Draw

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be available at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/en/event/12478> 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 noon on Friday, Dec. 9 2023 4:00pm. All corrections must be emailed to [judowinternationals@gmail.com](mailto:judowinternationals@gmail.com). **PHONE CALLS OR TEXTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Corrections will be processed, then the draw will be re-run. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/en/event/12478>
- **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 Smoothcomp. See Rules and Method of Competition for all the information.

## Rules and Method of Competition

All matches will be conducted using the current IJF Contest Rules with the following modifications:

**Current IJF medical rules to be used for all divisions, with the exception of the Boys and Girls Divisions which will use Pre-2003 medical rules.**

This tournament is open to all contestants who are registered members in good standing with the United States Judo, Inc. (USA Judo), United States Judo Federation (USJF), or United States Judo Association (USJA). All contestants must provide a current and valid USA Judo, USJF, or USJA membership registration card as proof of insurance at the time of registration. contestants who do not provide this proof will not be allowed to compete.

**Injury Rule:** Decisions as to whether an athlete may continue if injured while on the mat, 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 the Team Doctor. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete may not continue.

Any competitor who suffers a concussion (as determined by the medical staff) and /or who loses consciousness from head impact will not be allowed to continue competing in the tournament that day in any division. If a competitor suffers such an injury, they are strongly advised to obtain a medical release from their personal physician before returning to train and compete in Judo.

Players who are choked out to **unconsciousness** are NOT allowed to continue to compete in the tournament.

**The contest area shall be 8x8 meters with 4-meter safety area between competition areas and 3-meter outside border.**

## **Competition Method for All Categories – Six (6) or more athletes**

The Modified Double Elimination System for all categories with 6 or more athletes.

## **Competition Method for ALL categories with Five (5) or less athletes:**

Categories having five (5) Competitors or less: Round Robin Pool. 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), the fastest ippon time for the athletes determines the outcome.

Osaekomi during golden score will be allowed to continue until time expires.

Rest periods between matches in cases of consecutive matches will be equal to the match time.

IJF Coaching Rules will be adhered to during Senior Elite Divisions, IJF Junior Divisions and IJF Cadet Divisions. Coaching will only be allowed during mate.

### **SAFETY PERIMETER STATEMENT:**

Purposes of participant, spectator and official safety, the space adjacent to the mats can only be accessed by in progress competitors and their registered coach. All other competitors and spectators must remain in the spectator stands.

## **Junior Categories (Regular and Novice):**

Match Lengths:

- All Bantam 3 minutes/2 minutes golden score (Referee Decision)
- Intermediate & Juvenile 3 minutes/no golden score limit
- Cadet & IJF (Full IJF Rules) 4 minutes/no golden score limit

## **Senior Brown-Black Belt Categories 17 years and over:**

Match Lengths 4 minutes/no golden score limit

## **Senior Novice Categories 17 years and older that have not reached brown belt:**

Match time 3 minutes/no golden score limit

### **Veterans BROWN and BLACK belt Divisions:**

The Veterans category will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation with the exception of match length:

Match Lengths:

- M/F1-M6/F6: Three minute with two-minute golden score
- M7/F7 & above: Two minute with one-minute golden score

### **Veterans Novice:**

The Veterans category will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation with the exception of match length:

Match Lengths:

- M/F1-M6/F6: Three minute with two-minute golden score
- M7/F7 & above: Two minute with one-minute golden score

### **Shime-waza and Kansetsu-waza**

- Shime-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular Juvenile, Cadet, IJF, Senior Elite, Senior novice, Veterans and Veterans Novice categories
- Kansetsu-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular Cadet, IJF, Senior Elite and Veterans categories

**Athletes must be a member of USA Judo prior to the conclusion of the event to receive points for placement on the USA Judo roster.**

**The Nanka Tournament Team reserves the right to make any necessary changes in the best interest of the sport and the competitors. Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the tournament committee.**

## **Tournament Weigh-In and Check-In**

Competitors will have the option of weighing in at the designated Satellite Weigh-In location on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> as well as at the venue on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> evening.

The Satellite Weigh-In location will be posted on the event website. [www.judowinternationals.com](http://www.judowinternationals.com)

For those Athletes unable to weigh in at Satellite Location or at the Venue on Friday December 8, will be allowed to weigh in on the day of your competition from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. Please check Smoothcomp for your mats and match times and make sure if you have to weigh in on the day of your competition you are at the Venue at least 2 hours before your match begins. Any competitor failing to weigh in during the designated times will be disqualified with no refund. Any competitor who does not make their division weight limit will also be disqualified. No changes to the bracket will be made after the brackets have been finalized 5:00pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

Tournament officials reserve the right to perform random weight checks. Smoothcomp provides dynamic information on all matches. Contestants should review their brackets and times throughout the day. Competitors can stay up to date with the progress of their mat on screens provided or on their own phones.

## Judo Gi / Undergarments / Changing

IJF Red Label 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 must wear under the jacket either, a plain white or off-white tee-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 Tee-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.

Senior Brown and Black and IJF Juniors are required to wear white or blue Judo Gi per IJF Rules.

For other divisions White Judogi is Mandatory. Contestants must bring their own blue and white belts. Blue Judogi is optional for blue side only.

Belts will not be provided.

## Awards

**Awards will be presented as categories are completed.**

### **Individual Awards:**

Gold, silver and bronze (one bronze) medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for all divisions.

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.).

### **USA Judo Roster Points**

<b>Junior Roster</b>	<b>Senior Roster</b>	<b>Veteran Roster</b>	<b>Novice Roster</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 5 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 2 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 2 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 0 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 1 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 1 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 0 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 2 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 0 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 0 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 0 Points



## **Team Awards**

Athletes will be awarded points for **all categories** based on the event as follows:

1st place	5 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	1 point

### Novice Categories

1 <sup>st</sup> place	3 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	1 point

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2023 Winter Nationals.

### Criteria:

- Club affiliation will be listed with athlete's entry in event (as confirmed in their Smoothcomp profile).
- No club will be allowed to register at the event.
- Banners will be presented to the top three teams after the competition. If Club is not present, award can be picked up at future event.

### Vendor Booths:

Vendor Booths Available  
Contact Scott Momii  
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## **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (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 [Click for MAAPP Policy](#). USA Judo defines "regular contact with minors" as meaningful or direct contact or oversight with minors that would be considered frequent, repeated or consistent. By way of example, an adult who will often assist with coaching/leading classes including minors would be considered "regular contact" with minors and is required to complete the SafeSport Online Training/Certification Course. An adult who may "drop in" to coach and/or practice with minors on occasion would not be considered frequent, repeated or consistent and would not need to complete the SafeSport Online Training/Certification Course. 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, 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.