



## **USA Judo Member Interaction – International Policy**

### **Purpose**

This policy governs all USA Judo member interaction with international judo organizations, including the International Judo Federation (IJF), the Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC), and individual international judo federations.

### **Authority**

The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) has certified USA Judo as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of judo in the United States. Pursuant to this certification, USA Judo has exclusive authority to govern the sport domestically within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement. This also means that USA Judo has the authority to address all international relations exclusively.

As it pertains to international issues this authority includes, but is not limited to:

- Sanctioning members and clubs for participation in international competitions
- Serving as the official liaison between USA Judo members/clubs and international judo organizations

### **Member and Club Responsibilities**

All USA Judo members and clubs must contact USA Judo and route all international-related matters through USA Judo.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Hosting or participating in international events
- Designation as a training site
- Participation in international competition
- Verification of recognition of rank
- International athlete participation in a USA Judo sanctioned activity
- Any formal or informal representation of USA Judo

All inquiries and communications must be directed through USA Judo. Questions should be sent to:  
**[corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us](mailto:corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us)**

### **Compliance and Enforcement**

Failure to comply with this policy may constitute a violation of USA Judo policies and may jeopardize a member's or club's USA Judo membership status. Violations may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable USA Judo rules and procedures.