

# Worcester Judo Tournament

Worcester Judo Tournament is the perfect place for any judoka looking to gain experience in a competitive yet friendly tournament atmosphere. Our developmental club tournament series offers as many matches as possible, so you can get the most out of your experience. Our goal is to provide a fun and positive tournament experience.

## TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

**Date:** 11/11/23

**Venue:** Worcester Martial Arts Academy

**Address:** 333 Shrewsbury Street; Worcester, MA 01604

**Format:** Modified Double Elimination or Round Robin for 3 or Less;

**Age Standards:** Age 4 and Up

- Competitors and coaches will need to present a valid USA Judo, USJA, USJF or ATJA membership

**Everyone is Welcome!**

## COST

- Regular Pricing: \$35

## THERE IS NO WALK-UP

### Arrive Time:

In order to accommodate everyone comfortably, we ask that you arrive only 30 minutes prior to your scheduled start time.

- 9:00 am (Adults)
- 10:00 am (Ages 4-8)
- 11:30 am (Ages 9-12)
- 1:00 pm (Ages 13-16)

Doors will open at 8:30am and the tournament will start promptly at 9:00am. Please note there is **NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT.**

## Division

We will do our best to keep junior athletes grouped by age, weight, and rank All ages 4-6 years old will be grouped into divisions of up to 4, and all will receive a medal.

*The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the divisions/entries to best serve the participants.*

## RULES

Below is a list of rules that are being modified from the IJF Rule Set.

The event guarantees athletes at least 2 matches or their entry fee will be refunded.

Tournament directors have the right to modify any IJF Rule they deem necessary during the event.

These events are designed to give the best possible experience for the athlete. Coaches and referees should work together to create a positive experience for athletes.

The focus of these events is the development and the emphasis is on positive judo (Throws, Pins, Armlocks, Chokes).

- Refs for kids (U13) matches should be at least a brown belt in judo. Refs for ages 13+ should be at least a black belt in judo.
- 1 Ref per mat area. No Care system is used at the events.

## **MATCH TIMES**

- Divisions Under 13 Years Old have 3 mins running time.
- Divisions 13 and over are 4 mins running time.
- Athletes are encouraged to get up quickly and continue.
- **Golden Score**
- All U13 Years Old - 2 minutes // If nobody scores at the end of the Golden Score, the referee decides the winner
- All over U13 Years Old - Unlimited

## **COACHING**

Coaching is encouraged at all times during the matches.

What does it mean to coach your athlete:

- All comments from the coach should be geared towards helping your athlete perform a judo technique.
- As long as coaches are being a positive influence over the athlete, they will be encouraged to continue coaching.

## **PENALTIES**

U13 Divisions:

Shido's will be handed out for minor infractions for learning purposes

- Referees will warn judoka about infractions and instruct them not to do so in the future.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for the same infraction, they will lose the match.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for different infractions, the match will continue.

13+ Divisions:

- Referees will use their discretion to give penalties for stalling
- Stalling can include - Running out of bounds, defensive posture, or any action deemed to prevent their opponent from positive judo.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for the same infraction, they will lose the match.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for different infractions, the match will continue.

## **UNIFORMS**

All competitors must wear a properly fitting gi.

Participants May Wear...

- Any color (white, blue, black)
- Any patches/embroidery can be worn as long as it does not hinder opponents ability to grab judo gi

**MAAAP Policy:** 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.usajudo.com/events/event-sanctioning#MAAPP\\_Policy](https://www.usajudo.com/events/event-sanctioning#MAAPP_Policy).