

San Jose Open Event Information Packet

USA Judo Sanction #00365

USA Judo Point Event

October 6-8, 2023

Tournament Site:	West Valley College - Main Gym 14000 Fruitvale Ave Saratoga, CA 95070
Category Changes:	Wednesday, October 4, 2023 All category changes for Day 1 and Day 2 must be made by 9pm PDT.
Tournament Hotel:	Element San Jose Airport Phone: 408-277-0500 Address: 1130 Wondo Way, San Jose, CA 95110
Weigh-In:	All Athletes must register prior to the event. Friday, October 6, 2023 – All Categories Day 1 athletes should weigh in Senior, Veteran, Novice, Juvenile, Cadet Day 2 athletes can weigh in Bantam, Intermediate, IJF Junior Saturday, October 7, 2023 – All Categories Sunday, October 8 2023 – Bantam, Intermediate, IJF
Competition Dates: 2-DAY EVENT	Saturday, October 7, 2023 – Senior, Veteran, Novice (All Divisions), Juvenile, Cadet Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Bantam, Intermediate, IJF Junior
Tournament Director:	Chuck Jefferson 408-605-4872
Head Referee:	Gary Takemoto – Olympic Referee

Referee Meeting: **See Schedule of Events. Tournament is an Evaluation Site.**

Coaches: **Coaches are allowed to attend the referees' meeting. All coaches must have proper credentials to coach on the floor.**

Event Schedule

2-Day Competition

All times in Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

Friday, October 6, 2023

Location: Element San Jose Airport 1130 Wondo Way, San Jose, CA 95110

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<p>Weigh-in for all categories Day 1 athletes should weigh in Senior, Veteran, Novice, Juvenile, Cadet</p> <p>Day 2 athletes can weigh in Bantam, Intermediate, IJF Junior</p>
11:30 PM (approximate time)	Draws will be posted on smoothcomp.com

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Day 1 Competition

Location: West Valley College - Main Gym 14000 Fruitvale Ave Saratoga, CA 95070

7 AM	Doors open
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Weigh-in for all categories
8:00 AM	Referees' / Coaches' Meeting (Hospitality Room)
9:00 AM	Competition begins for Senior, Veteran, Novice, Juvenile, Cadet
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Weigh-In: Bantam, Intermediate, IJF

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Day 2 Competition

Location: West Valley College - Main Gym 14000 Fruitvale Ave Saratoga, CA 95070

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Weigh-In: Bantam, Intermediate, IJF
8:30 AM	Referees' / Coaches' Meeting (Hospitality Room)
9:00 AM	Competition begins for Bantam, Intermediate, IJF

Registration - Entry Fees, Spectator Fees

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

***No Walk Up Registrations

Entry Fees

Registration Dates	One Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Early Registration: July 17 - August 19, 2023	\$85	+\$65	+\$55
Normal Registration: August 20 - September 22, 2023	\$95	+\$75	+\$65
Late Registration: September 23 - October 5, 2023	\$110	+\$90	+\$80

No entries will be accepted after 11:59 PM PDT October 5, 2023

Entry Requirements Checklist

- Official Entry Form and appropriate fees
- Copy of current USA Judo Membership or Passport for International Competitor
- Warning, Waiver, Release of Liability and Agreement to Participate
- Proof of Age: JUNIOR DIVISIONS ONLY – Copy of Birth Certificate, Passport, Driver's License
- Contestant's and Parent/Guardian's Signatures where requested on all documents.

Spectator Admission Fees - All ages 6+ years

Purchase ahead of time with registration	\$10 per day or \$15 for weekend pass
Purchase at check-in or at the door	\$15 per day or \$25 for weekend pass

Hotel Accommodations

[Element San Jose Airport](#)

Phone: 408-277-0500

Address: 1130 Wondo Way, San Jose, CA 95110

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*******Must Book by August 1, 2023*******

COPY of JUDO MEMBERSHIP (USA JUDO) must be included with registration

For International competitors, passport is required

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS

JUNIOR CATEGORIES

(IJF Junior, Cadet, Juvenile, Intermediate, Bantam)

Requirements:

1. Must have been born between 2003 and 2018.
2. No minimum rank requirement.
3. Junior categories are eligible for points towards USA Judo Junior rosters.

The IJF Junior Category is the same as the International Judo Federation Junior World Championships Category.

1. Athletes may enter if they are born in 2003 through 2008 only.
2. The Tournament Committee reserves 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 receive points.

All participants, regardless of category entered must be a member in good standing with USA Judo. All categories will allow non-US Citizens to compete with proof of Green Card, VISA, etc. Athletes from other countries must provide an approval letter from their IJF recognized federation.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTACH A COPY OR BRING THE DAY OF REGISTRATION:

1. **Proof of Age** (a copy of birth certificate, passport or verified proof of age on membership)
2. **Copy of USA Judo Membership Card (or Passport for International competitors)**

Weight Divisions:

EACH AGE CATEGORY IS BASED SOLELY ON THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CONTESTANT WAS BORN. THE CONTESTANT'S ACTUAL AGE ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION IS IRRELEVANT. For each category, a contestant must be born in the appropriate year as defined below. All Weights listed below 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.

Category Name Birth Years (year*)	Gender	Weight Division (Kg)							
IJF Junior 2003-2008 (2009)	M	60	66	73	81	90	100	+100	
	F	48	52	57	63	70	78	+78	
Cadet 2006-2008 (2009)	M	50	55	60	66	73	81	90	+90
	F	40	44	48	52	57	63	70	+70
Juvenile 2009-2010 (2011)	M/F	36	40	44	48	53	58	64	+64

Intermediate 2011-2012 (2013)	M/F	28	31	34	38	42	47	52	+52
Bantam 6 2013 (2014)	M/F	27	31	35	39	44	+44		
Bantam 5 2014 (2015)	M/F	25	29	33	37	41	+41		
Bantam 4 2015 (2016)	M/F	22	26	30	34	38	+38		
Bantam 3 2016 (2017)	M/F	21	25	29	+29				
Bantam 2 2017 (2018)	M/F	19	23	+23					
Bantam 1 2018	M/F	18	22	+22					

*Indicates the year of birth of the younger athlete who may choose to move into the next older age group in accordance with the rules given above.

Match Lengths:

Cadet and IJF Junior: **4 minutes**

Bantam, Intermediate, and Juvenile: **3 minutes**

JUNIOR NOVICE

The novice categories do not receive points towards USA Judo junior point rosters.

Eligibility:

1. Novice Category athletes must **NOT** have medaled in 2022 at any of the USA Judo National Novice events. (Youth Nationals, Jr. Olympics, President's Cup)
2. Novice Athletes that are on the USA Judo Elite National Roster cannot participate in the Novice Category.

Rank Requirements:

5-12 year olds: **Yellow and White ONLY**

13-17 year olds: **Orange, Yellow, White ONLY**

Age Divisions:

5-6 year olds

7-8 year olds

9-10 year olds

11-12 year olds

13-15 year olds

16-17 year olds

Weight Divisions:

Light, Medium, Heavy (may be subject to change depending on bracket size). Tournament staff will attempt to create safe weight divisions based on the range of weights in each Category.

Matches:

The tournament staff may also create brackets (round robin and modified double elimination) to maximize competitor experience with 3-4 matches per competitor.

Match Lengths:

3 minutes

Rules:

Same as those for the Championships with the following exceptions

1. **NO chokes or arm locks** allowed in the Novice divisions.
2. Shidos - first time is a warning, second time and after, it will be a shido.

VETERANS

The veteran categories do not receive points towards USA Judo point rosters.

Eligibility:

1. Age is determined by year of birth. Minimum year of birth is **1993**.
2. Athletes who are not citizens of the United States may participate by meeting one of the following conditions:
 - 2a. If a non-U.S. citizen is a permanent, legal, resident of the United States (Green Card, etc.), then that person may compete either: For the Country of which he/she is a citizen with proof of membership in that country's Judo Federation and the Country's permission to compete, OR, as a member of USA Judo, affiliated with a USA Judo registered club.
 - 2b. If a person is not a permanent resident of the United States, that person can only compete under criteria 2a. above.
3. Contestants may compete if they meet the following eligibility requirements and there is no conflict regarding weigh-in and competition schedules.
4. All participants, regardless of category entered, must be a member in good standing with USA Judo. All categories will allow non-US Citizens to compete with proof of Green Card, VISA, etc. Athletes from other countries must provide an approval letter from their IJF recognized federation.

Rank Requirements:

Minimum rank of senior sankyu.

Age Divisions:

Division Female/Male	Age at end of 2023	Year Of Birth
F1/M1	30-34	1989-1993
F2/M2	35-39	1984-1988
F3/M3	40-44	1979-1983
F4/M4	45-49	1974-1978
F5/M5	50-54	1969-1973
F6/M6	55-59	1964-1968
F7*/M7*	60-64	1959-1963
F8*/M8*	65-69	1954-1958
F9*/M9*	70+	1953 and earlier

***No Shime Waza for these divisions**

Match Rules:**Seeding**

- There will be NO SEEDING in the Veterans category.

Elimination Systems

- Round Robin for divisions of 5 or fewer; Modified Double Elimination for all others.

Match Lengths

- M1/F1 through M6/F6 will be three (3) minutes and unlimited golden score.
- M7/F7 and up will be two and a half (2.5) minutes and one-minute golden score.

VETERAN NOVICE**Eligibility:**

3. Novice Category athletes must **NOT** have medaled in 2022 at any of the USA Judo National Novice events.
4. Novice Athletes that are on the USA Judo Elite National Roster cannot participate in the Novice Category.

Rank Requirements:

Below BROWN BELT

Age Divisions:

Same as Veteran Divisions

Weight Divisions:

Light, Medium, Heavy (may be subject to change depending on bracket size). Tournament staff will attempt to create safe weight divisions based on the range of weights in each Category.

Matches:

The tournament staff may also create brackets (round robin and modified double elimination) to maximize competitor experience with 3-4 matches per competitor.

Rules:

Same as those for the Veteran Divisions with the following exceptions

- 1. **NO chokes or arm locks** allowed in the Novice divisions.
- 2. Shidos - first time is a warning, second time and after, it will be a shido.

SENIOR DIVISIONS

Eligibility and Rank Requirements:

- 1. Must have been born 2008 or earlier.
- 2. Minimum rank of senior sankyu.

Weight Divisions:

Senior Weight Divisions (kg)

FEMALE	44	48	52	57	63	70	78	78+
MALE	55	60	66	73	81	90	100	100+

Declaration of Weight:

Senior athletes must make a preliminary declaration of weight on their entry form or at Registration/Check-in. However, the athlete’s measured weight at weigh-in will determine the competition division. Naked weigh-in is no longer allowed for any category. To compensate, there will be a 0.1 kg allowance.

Weigh-in:

At OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID/Passport.

Elimination Systems:

Round Robin for divisions of 5 or fewer; Modified Double Elimination for all others.

Match Lengths:

4 minutes

USA Judo National Ranking Points:

For USA Athletes in the Senior Championship category, points on the USA Judo national rosters will be awarded in accordance with the current USA Judo point system. To receive points on the USA Judo Roster you must be a member of USA Judo prior to the event. Criteria can be found at [https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes Senior Seeding](https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes%20Senior%20Seeding):

In the Senior Championship category, USA athletes will be seeded based on the current USA Judo Senior National Rosters according to the current USA Judo seeding procedures.

USA JUDO Level 5 Point Tournament

1st place: 3 points

2nd place: 2 points

3rd place: 1 point

Match Scheduling Conflicts: Seniors may compete in Veterans (if age/rank qualified) but both categories compete on the same day. Tournament staff will attempt to schedule the divisions as far apart as possible to avoid conflicts, but this is not guaranteed. The standard “no show” protocol will apply if an athlete fails to appear because they are competing in another division at the same time.

SENIOR NOVICE CATEGORIES

1. Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
2. Must have been born 2008 or earlier.
3. The novice categories do not receive points towards USA Judo Junior or Senior point rosters.

Weight Divisions: Light, Medium, Heavy (may be subject to change depending on bracket size). Tournament staff will attempt to create safe weight divisions based on the range of weights in each category.

Matches: The tournament staff may also create brackets (round robin and modified double elimination) to maximize competitor experience with 3-4 matches per competitor.

Rules: Same as those for the Senior Category with the exception that there will be **NO chokes or arm locks allowed in the Novice divisions.**

Tournament Rules

Competition Method: see definitions for each division type below

2 person Divisions: Best of 3

3 person Divisions: Double Round Robin

4-5 person Divisions: True Round Robin

6-7 person Divisions: True Double Elimination

8+ person Divisions: Modified Double Elimination

Division Definitions:

Best of 3 The player to win 2 matches will be the winner. The other player will be 2nd place.

Double Round Robin Each person fights everyone else twice. The winner will be the person with the most wins. If wins are tied, the person with the most points will win. If both are tied, whichever person won their head-to-head match.

True Round Robin Each person fights everyone else once.

True Double Elimination Winners' and Losers' brackets will be used. Everyone will have 2 losses except for 1st place. The winner of the Losers' bracket still has an opportunity to win 1st place.

Modified Double Elimination Winners' and Losers' brackets will be used. Everyone will have 2 losses except for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The winner of the Losers' bracket will win 3rd place. The 1st place winner will have no losses.

RULES for Juniors, Seniors, Veterans: The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the 2023 San Jose Open Tournament. These rules include, but are not limited to draw, weigh-in, length of contests, and competition procedures. Rules that are specific to the various categories are so indicated; otherwise, the rule applies to all categories.

Additional rules for JUNIORS, SENIORS and VETERANS (including NOVICE) may be listed in those sections of the entry package.

- **Determination of Weight Category:** JUNIOR and SENIOR athletes are asked to make a preliminary declaration of weight on the entry form or at check-in/registration. However, the athlete's actual weight at weigh-in will determine their weight division, i.e. the athletes do not have to "make" their declared weight. Naked weigh-in is no longer allowed for any category. To compensate, there will be a 0.1 kg allowance. For example, in the 66kg category, the limit will be 66.1 kg. This is a clothing allowance only and the 0.1 kg will only be added to the true weight.
- **Shime-waza rule:** Shime-waza (choking) allowed in Juvenile, Cadet, IJF Junior, Senior and Veterans categories only. Choking is NOT ALLOWED in All Novice and Veterans F/M-7 through F/M-9+ Championship divisions.
- **Kansetsu-waza rule:** Kansetsu-waza (arm locks) allowed in Cadet, IJF Junior, Senior and Veterans categories only. Arm locks are NOT ALLOWED in Novice divisions.

- **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 (Board-approved October 22, 1998.)
- **Match lengths:**
 - Bantam, Intermediate, and Juvenile: 3 minutes
 - Cadet and IJF Junior: 4 minutes
 - Seniors: 4 minutes
 - Veterans F/M1-6: 3 minutes
 - Veterans F/M 7+ 2.5 minutes
- **Judo-gi requirements:** IJF judogi Requirements regarding sizing will be enforced for ALL CATEGORIES at this event. Athletes, coaches and parents should study these requirements at the following link:
<http://www.teamusa.org/USAJudo/Athletes/International-Federation>.

Appropriate undergarments must be worn by all athletes. Female athletes shall 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. Athlete's needing to change clothes/judo gi should do so in a restroom, locker room or other area specifically designated for changing. Male athletes cannot wear a shirt under the gi.

- **Judo gi color:** In the Cadet, IJF Junior, Senior, and Veteran categories, the blue and white judo gi requirement is mandatory. In all other categories we encourage the wearing of a blue judogi by the "blue" side competitor. However, Bantam-1 thru Juvenile can both wear white judogi's. IJF labeled approved gi's are not required, but gi's must meet IJF sizing requirements. Under no circumstances shall both competitors be allowed to compete in blue gis, nor will the blue and white competitors be allowed to switch positions. The gi jacket and pants must be the same color; no mixing of colors. In all matches where both competitors are wearing white gis, both competitors will remove their grade belts and wear a blue or white belt to identify the contestant's designated color for the match. COMPETITORS AND THEIR COACHES IN BANTAM-1 through BANTAM-6, INTERMEDIATE & JUVENILE CATEGORIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN BLUE AND WHITE BELTS FOR THIS COMPETITION. THIS RULE WILL INSURE THAT THE BELTS FIT PROPERLY. PLEASE MARK YOUR BELTS WITH YOUR NAME OR CLUB.
- **MAAPP Policy:** The Center for SafeSport has developed the Minor Athlete Abuse 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 Safe Sport Program (teamusa.org).

EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL ATTENDEES

(To include 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, I may be subject to the following disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the below in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by organization/event director
2. Immediate removal from event for the duration of the event
3. Removal of coach credentials for the duration of the event
4. Suspension of USA Judo membership, coach certification credentials, or official certification credentials. 5. 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.

TEAM AWARDS

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

Regular Categories

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

Novice Categories

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

EXHIBITION MATCHES WILL NOT RECEIVE TEAM POINTS
ATHLETES WHO DO NOT COMPETE WILL NOT RECEIVE TEAM POINTS

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2023 San Jose Open

Criteria:

1. Athletes must declare their USA Judo club no later than 12:00pm EST on September 7, 2023.
2. Athletes must be affiliated with the club during the previous 30 days to the event registration close. If previously unaffiliated, they may affiliate with a club within 30 days of the event registration close.

Trophies will be presented to the top three teams after competition.

NOTE: IF A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB (ATHLETE, COACH, OFFICIAL, SPECTATOR, PARENT, ATTENDEE) IS REMOVED FROM THE VENUE FOR VIOLATION OF EVENT CODE, YOUR CLUB WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM AWARD FOR THIS EVENT.

WARNING!**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from, 2023 San Jose Open Judo Tournament and/or related events and activities of the United States Judo, Inc., Judo United, CJ Judo, and West Valley College, Local Organizing Committee, Tournament Directors, Tournament Organizers I hereby:

1. Acknowledge that I am familiar with the sport of Judo and understand the rules governing the sport of Judo.
2. Agree that, prior to participating, I will inspect the mats, equipment, facilities, competition pools or divisions, and the elimination or scoring system to be used, and if I believe anything is unsafe or beyond my capability, I will immediately advise my coach, supervisor, and/or a tournament official of such conditions and refuse to participate.
3. Acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in a contact sport that might result in serious injury, including traumatic brain injury, permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses due not only to my own actions, inactions or negligence, but also to the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of the sport of Judo, or conditions of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, I acknowledge that there may be other risks not known to file or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
4. Knowing the risks involved in the sport of Judo, I assume all such risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
5. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue United States Judo, Inc., and 2023 San Jose Judo Tournament together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees or volunteers of the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, guardians, supervisors and coaches, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, lessors, and lessees of premises used in conducting the event, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including traumatic brain injury, permanent disability and death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WARNING, WAIVER, AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND KNOWING THIS, SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE KNOWING THE RISKS AND CONDITIONS INVOLVED AND DO SO ENTIRELY OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW.

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)
This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release, as provided above, of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from their negligence, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have instructed the minor participant as to the above warnings and conditions and their ramifications.

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

USA Judo Membership Information



USA Judo's "Your Choice" Participation/Membership Plan

In support of its sanctioned events and event organizers, USA Judo has created several options for American Judokas to participate in USA Judo sanctioned events. With the recent expiration of the American Judo Alliance Agreement, USA Judo is now offering the following participation/membership options for individuals wanting to compete in the 31 existing 2023 USA Judo sanctioned events and any additional new USA Judo sanctioned events occurring from March 21, 2023 until December 31, 2023.

- No Insurance Participation Waiver** – current JA/JF-only members will be allowed to participate in any 2023 USA Judo sanctioned event, not including events being managed by the USA Judo national office (Senior Nationals, Jr. Olympics, UFC Fight Week Tournament, President's Cup). Anyone competing at a USA Judo Point event who wants to earn points and be placed on the USA Judo Roster must be an annual USA Judo member. Each JA/JF-only member must complete and sign an individual participation waiver for each individual event, acknowledging that they will not receive any USA Judo insurance benefits, including but not limited to secondary participant accident insurance and general liability coverages. This waiver will be sent by the USA Judo office to all remaining and future 2023 sanctioned events to either upload into their Smoothcomp event platform (if using Smoothcomp), or print hard copies to be completed by all participants and submitted to the USA Judo National Office immediately following the conclusion of the event.
- Pro-rated membership** for JA/JF-only members or USA Judo Members who have not had an active USA Judo Membership within the last five years. This prorated membership is only valid from the date of purchase thru December 31, 2023.

Month of purchase	Prorated Amount	Month of purchase	Prorated Amount
July	\$50	October	\$25
August	\$42	November	\$17
September	\$33	December	\$8

- Trial membership*** - \$25
 *Trial Memberships are good one time for 30 days from date of application for new, first-time USA Judo members only. The trial membership fee will be applied to an annual membership fee if applicant elects to join USA Judo as a full member at the end of the 30-day trial. USA Judo roster points are only awarded to those with annual USA Judo memberships. Trial Memberships are only available by paper or PDF form which can be obtained by contacting Austin Leath at austin.leath@usajudo.us.
- First time youth membership**** (16 & under) - \$60
- Annual USA Judo membership**** - \$100
 ** Both annual and first-time youth memberships are valid for one (1) year from date of application. Please call or e-mail questions to 719-866-4730 or usajudo@usajudo.us



Member Benefits

Being an annual member of USA Judo provides many rewards and benefits. As a member of the National Governing Body for the Olympic & Paralympic sport of Judo, each member receives:

- Amateur standing and eligibility protection in all tournaments/events sanctioned by USA Judo in the United States
- Eligibility to participate in USA Judo National Championships and sanctioned events throughout the United States
- Eligibility to receive points and be featured on USA Judo's National Roster
- Secondary participant accident medical insurance for any injury occurring at sanctioned events or club practices up to \$25,000
- Access to on-line training videos provided by the American Judo System, an all-inclusive system of learning, teaching, & developing one's own style of judo designed by US Olympic Judo Medalists, Jimmy Pedro and Travis Stevens (a \$300 value)
- Opportunity to represent the United States at international competitions
- Eligibility to pursue USA Judo Coach Certification and club membership
- Eligibility to receive rank promotions through USA Judo
- Eligibility to attend instructor, coach and club management courses through the IJF Academy
- Access to US Center for SafeSport seminars and background screens for coaching certifications
- An electronic newsletter for members only
- Exclusive discounts on products and services through USA Judo's sponsors

but not limited to any Claims for theft, damage to any equipment, negligence, partial or permanent disability, Claims relating to providing or failure to provide first aid, medical care, medical treatment, or medical decisions (at an event site or elsewhere), and any Claims for medical or hospital expenses.

3. I acknowledge and ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS associated with participation in Judo. I acknowledge that the sport of Judo may be dangerous and I understand that I will be participating in any Event at my own risk, **without insurance coverages provided by USA Judo**, and that **I am responsible for the risk of participation in an Event and that I am waiving and releasing my legal right to sue for any injury or damages arising out of or resulting from my participation in an Event. I further understand that any injury or damages incurred may be the result of negligence, omission or carelessness by the Release Parties.**

4. I FURTHER COVENANT AND AGREE NOT TO SUE any of the Released Parties for any of the Claims that I have waived, released or discharged herein. I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties from any and all expenses incurred, Claims made or liabilities assessed against them, including but not limited to attorney's fees and litigation expenses, arising out of or resulting from, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, my breach or failure to abide by any part of this Waiver and Release Agreement, my breach or failure to abide by any of USJI's Rules, and my actions or inactions which cause injury or damage to any other person.

5. I agree and give permission to be filmed and photographed under conditions approved and authorized by USA Judo, to include the use of my name, biographical information, public appearances, interviews, photographs, portrait and motion pictures and television recordings of my judo performance/participation and grant to USA Judo and Organizers the right to record and make use of the same, and to authorize others to do so in promoting the competition and the success of the judo team on which I compete, to promote the image of USA Judo, its sponsors and advertisers, and the sport of amateur judo, and to fund the activities of the USA Judo.

6. The parent or legal guardian who signs the Waiver and Release Agreement on behalf of a Minor hereby acknowledges that he or she has the legal capacity and authority to act on behalf of the Minor and to legally bind the Minor to the Waiver and Release Agreement. The parent or legal guardian who signs and agrees to the Waiver and Release Agreement agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the Released Parties for any expenses incurred, Claims made, or liabilities assessed against them, as a result of any injury, death, or insufficiency of legal capacity or authority to act on behalf of the Minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release Agreement.

7. If any provision of this Waiver and Release Agreement shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Waiver and Release Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

8. I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that that I (or the Minor's parent and/or legal guardian) have given up substantial rights by agreeing to the terms of this Waiver and Release, and have agreed to its terms freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

(if participant under 18 year of age)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of individual or parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY ATJA, USJA AND USJF MEMBERS ONLY – USA JUDO MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT & DON'T NEED TO SIGN AGAIN.

As a participant in this USA Judo sanctioned event, you must also read and provide your signature agreeing to abide by USA Judo's Code of Conduct as follows:

In order to assist all members and to better serve the interests of those who participate in judo, USA Judo has adopted this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct (the "Code") is intended to provide standards of ethical conduct that can be applied by United States Judo to its members, volunteers, and staff. The Code is intended to provide general principles to cover most situations encountered. The primary goal is the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups involved in USA Judo sanctioned events, clinics, or camps. The code provides a common set of values, but it is the individual's responsibility to aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct and performance.

USA Judo grants the privilege of membership; therefore, any member or prospective member of USA Judo may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Judo if such manner violates the provisions of the USA Judo Code of Conduct, or through direct action or lack of action, aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Judo Code of Conduct.

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Judo Code of Conduct (the "code"), which offers a general guide to my conduct as a member (athlete, coach, referee, etc.), volunteer, or staff of USA Judo. I recognize that this code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.

As a member, volunteer, or staff of USA Judo I agree I will:

1. Refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates, colleagues, or coworkers to attain peak performance
2. Respect the property of others whether personal or public
3. Accept appropriate responsibility for my behavior
4. Act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, USA Judo, and the United States
5. Respect members of my team, other teams, spectators, officials, volunteers, staff, and engage in no form of verbal, physical, or sexual, harassment or abuse

6. I, a prospective or current member/licensee/participant of USA Judo or USA Judo event agree to abide by and be bound by the applicable USA Judo Bylaws, Code of Conduct, competition rules and the SafeSport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport as they may be amended from time to time. I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the U. S. Center for SafeSport and agree that any sanctions imposed by the Center extend to my participation in all USA Judo events or activities and may be posted publicly and include information regarding the misconduct involved. The USA Judo SafeSport Handbook can be found at www.usjudo.org.

7. 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, as 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 www.usjudo.org.

8. I understand and agree that the International Judo Federation Anti-Doping Rules and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by the IJF, USADA and the USOPC apply to me and that it is my responsibility to comply with those rules. I agree to submit to drug testing at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules would make me subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that I may have committed a doping violation, I agree to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the IJF and /or my national federation, if applicable or referred by USADA.

9. Act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct

10. Follow my individual sport rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance of meetings or functions, and such other rules as may be in force during the time I am representing USA Judo, provided these rules have been distributed to me in advance in written or electronic form

11. Not engage in discrimination based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status, or any basis proscribed by law

12. Remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country, USA Judo and the Olympic movement

13. Not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors

14. Not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation

15. Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Judo under conditions authorized by USA Judo and give event organizers and USA Judo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during, and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Judo or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.

16. Understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any reason I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses.

17. Not use or authorize the use of photographs, films, videos of myself in my USA Judo apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Judo logos for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Judo

18. Respect and protect human civil rights, and should not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

19. Guard against personal, financial, social, organizational, or political factors that might lead to misuse of influence. 20. Not make public statements about USA Judo that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent

21. Have an obligation to be familiar with the Code of Conduct. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of the code of conduct is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct

22. Not file or encourage the filing of ethics complaints that are frivolous and are intended to harm the respondent rather than to protect the public.

23. The following are considered, but not limited to violations of the Code of Conduct:

24. Discrimination in violation of any section of the USA Judo Rules and Regulations, or in violation of section 220522(a)(9) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

25. Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct

26. Any sexual contact or advance directed towards a USA Judo member, volunteer, or staff member.

27. Violation of any of the anti-doping provisions set forth by USA Judo, United States Olympic Committee (USOPC), or the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)

28. The sale, distribution or possession of illegal drugs or the illegal sale, distribution or possession of any substance listed on the USOPC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances.

29. The distribution or administration of any illegal or controlled substance either orally or by injection, of any substance listed on the USOPC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances.

30. The administration of any substance by injection, whether legal or illegal, unless it is done so by a licensed medical professional for the purpose of health maintenance or due to illness.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that that I (or the Minor's parent and/or legal guardian) have given up substantial rights by agreeing to the terms of this

Code of Conduct, and have agreed to its terms freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

**Both of the above releases must be signed for a
JA/JF-only member to participate in noted USA Judo
event.**