
2024 USA JUDO JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PITTSBURGH, PA





WELCOME TO THE 2024 USA JUDO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Judo is pleased to welcome you to the USA Judo Junior National and International Junior Olympic Championships in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Competition will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and will serve as the trials for both the 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championships and

the 2024 U13 (Intermediate) and U15 (Juvenile) Pan American Championships.

Know Before You Go

Tournament Host:	SportsPITTSBURGH Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh Allegheny County
Sanctioning Organization:	USA Judo
USA Judo Tournament Contact:	719.866.4730, Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us
Online Registration:	https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/533
Live Results:	https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com/
Pointable Categories:	All regular categories (IJF-Junior, Cadet, Juvenile, Intermediate, Bantam)
Non-Pointable Categories:	All novice categories
Tournament Site:	David L. Lawrence Convention Center 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Host Hotel:	The Westin Pittsburgh 1000 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Chief Referee:	Robert Donaldson
First-Time Competitors:	Click here to view tips for athletes competing at their first national event.

Key Dates:

Thursday, June 20	Friday, June 21	Saturday, June 22	Sunday, June 23
Weigh-In: National Championships (Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet) Referees, Coaches and Technical Officials Meetings	Competition: Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Weigh-In: National Championships (Regular IJF-Junior, Juvenile and All Novice Categories)	Competition: Regular IJF-Junior, Juvenile, All Novice Categories Weigh-In: All International Categories	Competition: All International Categories

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Deadlines and Entry Fees

Deadline	1 st Category (Each)	2 nd Category (Each)	3 rd and Each Subsequent Category
Early Online Registration: May 23 (11:59 p.m. MT)	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$60.00
Regular Online Registration: June 13 (11:59 p.m. MT)	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$80.00

No Walk-Up Registrations

- All registration must be completed online. No paper registrations. International teams, please contact Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us for registration information.
- **On-line registrations will not be accepted after June 13 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 to Connor.Jenkins@usajudo.us. Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. MT.
- Entry into second or third category must be for same athlete.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable
- **Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after 11:59 p.m. MT on Thursday, June 13.**

Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday, June 19 – Saturday June 22

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Male Unofficial Scales: Room 337

Female Unofficial Scales: Room 332

7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

The Westin Pittsburgh

Male Unofficial Scales: Room 336

Female Unofficial Scales: Room 335

Thursday, June 20

10 a.m.

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Preliminary domestic categories posted for confirmation: usajudo.smoothcomp.com

Note: These will change during the Check-In / Change Period

3 – 8 p.m.

Tournament check-in / changes for all domestic competitors. International competitors also may make changes at this time.

(Check in only if there is a change in category or weight).

NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION

Official Weigh-Ins for National Regular Bantam, Intermediate & Cadet Categories

Male Official Weigh-In: Room 336 (Unofficial Scales: Room 337)

Female Official Weigh-In: Room 335 (Unofficial Scales: Room 332)

5 p.m.

Referee Meeting (Room 334)

5 p.m.

Technical Officials Meeting (Room 333)

7 p.m.

Coach Meeting (Room 333)

Approx. 9 p.m.

Brackets and mat assignments posted for National Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories at usajudo.smoothcomp.com.

Friday, June 21

6:30 a.m.

Contingency Weigh-Ins (National Regular Bantam, Intermediate & Cadet Categories)

Male Official Weigh-In: Room 336 (Unofficial Scales: Room 337)

Female Official Weigh-In: Room 335 (Unofficial Scales: Room 332)

7 a.m.

Venue doors open to the public: Exhibition Hall A

7:30 a.m.

Referees Meeting

8 a.m.

Welcome Ceremony

8:15 a.m.

Competition Begins (National Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories)

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Official Weigh-Ins for National Regular IJF-Junior, Juvenile & All Novice Categories

Male Official Weigh-In: Room 336 (Unofficial Scales: Room 337)

Female Official Weigh-In: Room 335 (Unofficial Scales: Room 332)

Saturday, June 22**David L. Lawrence Convention Center**

- 7 a.m. Venue doors open to the public: Exhibition Hall A
- 7:15 a.m. Contingency Weigh-Ins for National Regular IJF-Junior, Juvenile & All Novice Categories
Male Official Weigh-In: Room 336 (Unofficial Scales: Room 337)
Female Official Weigh-In: Room 335 (Unofficial Scales: Room 332)
- 7:30 a.m. Referee Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome Ceremony
- 8:30 a.m. Competition Begins (National Regular Juvenile, IJF-Junior and all Novice Categories)
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tournament check-in / changes for all international competitors. (Check in only if there is a change in category or weight). Hall outside of weigh-in rooms.
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Official Weigh-Ins for ALL INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES
- Approx. 5 p.m. Categories posted for confirmation at usajudo.smoothcomp.com – ALL INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES
- Approx. 7 p.m. Brackets and mat assignments posted for all International Categories at usajudo.smoothcomp.com.

Sunday, June 23**David L. Lawrence Convention Center**

- 7 a.m. Venue doors open to the public: Exhibition Hall A
- 7:30 a.m. Referee Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome Ceremony
- 8:30 a.m. Competition Begins (All International Categories)

NOTE: NATIONAL COMPETITION ATHLETES DO NOT NEED TO WEIGH IN FOR SECOND CATEGORY IF SAME WEIGHT. IF IN A DIFFERENT WEIGHT CATEGORY, ATHLETE DOES NEED TO REWEIGH. ALL INTERNATIONAL CATEGORY ATHLETES NEED TO REWEIGH.

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, including USA Judo's Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies.
8. I will be responsible for the sportsmanship of myself and teammates while assisting in maintaining a respectful environment for all participants.
9. I understand that the concluding decision of the officials or event director is final and will accept it with respect and grace.

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.

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. Presently, 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](#) to NOT attend the Junior Olympic Championships.

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	All Event Pass
13+	\$15.00	\$35.00
9-12	\$12.00	\$25.00
8 and Under	Free	Free

Headquarters Hotel

Headquarters: [The Westin Pittsburgh](#)
1000 Penn Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Rate: Double Queen: \$219 per night plus tax
Reservations: [Click here](#) to book online.

Deadline Date: Book by May 27, 2024 to receive discounted rates.

The Westin Pittsburgh is connected via skybridge to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and is just an 11- minute drive from the Pittsburgh Airport. Self-Parking is \$28 per night. Valet parking is \$41 per night.

Additional hotel deadline dates:

DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Downtown – June 9, 2024

DoubleTree Pittsburgh Green Tree – June 2, 2024

Holiday Inn Express Pittsburgh North Shore – June 9, 2024

Marriott Pittsburgh City Center – June 2, 2024

Omni Hotel William Penn Hotel – May 28, 2024

Wyndham Grand Collection Pittsburgh Downtown – June 9, 2024

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

Transportation

Air Transportation: The Pittsburgh International Airport (Code PIT) is located approximately 18 miles (19 minutes) from the convention center and is serviced with direct flights on American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Frontier Airlines and Allegiant Airlines.

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 membership**, 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 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 per athlete is allowed to coach matside inside the barricade during each match. Coaches who fail to comply with this rule may lose their coach wristband for the day and may be removed from the venue.

Coaches may wear their club or USA Judo warm-up suit with pants reaching down to their shoes which need to be closed-toe (sandals and flip flops are NOT permitted). Coaches may wear a short or long-sleeved t-shirt as long as it has a judo club logo or USA Judo logo on it. Please note that hoodies are NOT permitted. Otherwise, a collared shirt is required. Khaki pants are preferred, but dress jeans (no holes or markings) also are allowed. Please consider that your appearance represents you, your family, your dojo, your athletes, your athletes' families, our sport and USA Judo. All USA Judo national events will be streamed and people from around the world will be tuning in, so please look as professional as possible.

Referee Event Registration

All referees must first register on the [USA Judo Referee Information](https://www.usajudo.org/referee) website, 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 and click on Events. Select the 2024 USA Judo Junior Olympic Championships and follow prompts to register.

If you do not register or are not confirmed through the 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 in the USA Judo Junior Olympic Championships if they meet the following eligibility requirements and there is no conflict regarding weigh-in and competition schedules.

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.

National Competition: Friday and Saturday

U.S. citizens and athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's (IJF) refugee program, and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program, may compete in all categories in the national competition. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to Austin.Leath@usajudo.us.

All athletes must be current members in good standing of USA Judo in order to compete in the national competition regardless of citizenship.

International Competition: Sunday Only

- U.S. Citizens OR
- Athletes with a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) or visas OR
- Athletes with an approval letter from an IJF-recognized international federation OR
- Athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's (IJF) refugee program and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program are eligible to compete in the following categories OR
- 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 three (3) months OR
 - ✓ Proof of athlete's Parent/Guardian residency WITHIN the U.S. for at least three (3) months.

All necessary documents referenced above must be sent to Austin.Leath@usajudo.us.

All athletes must be current members in good standing of USA Judo in order to compete in the international competition, except athletes with international federation approval letters.

Rank Requirements

- Regular Categories: All ranks eligible
- Novice Categories: White, yellow or orange belts only

Point Roster criteria can be found at <https://www.usajudo.com/athletes/juniors/2024-junior-national-ranking-rosters>.

Novice Eligibility

If a novice athlete has entered and medaled* in a regular category at a USA Judo national event (Youth National Championships, Senior National Championships, Junior Olympic National and/or International Championships or Presidents Cup), the athlete is not eligible to compete in any USA Judo national event novice categories during future tournaments.

Examples:

- If a novice athlete entered and medaled in a regular category at the 2024 Youth Nationals, the athlete is **NOT eligible** for novice categories at future USA Judo national events, including the 2024 Junior Olympic Championships.
- Uncontested categories are exempt.

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

Any club whose athlete violates the above novice eligibility policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, the withholding of coaching credentials for future national events.

Junior and Cadet World Championships Trials

Eligibility and selection criteria for the 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championship Teams can be found at <https://www.usajudo.com/athletes/juniors/selection-procedures>

The 2024 Junior World Championships will be held from October 2 – October 5, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The 2024 Cadet World Championships will be held from August 28 – August 31, in Lima, Peru.

How the 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championship Teams are Named

- A total of 10 male and 10 female athletes will represent USA Judo at the 2024 Cadet World Championships.
- A total of 9 male and 9 female athletes will represent USA Judo at the 2024 IJF Junior World Championships.
- The Cadet and IJF Junior Gold Medalists in each division from the 2024 USA Judo Junior Olympic National Championships will be offered the direct qualifier spot in their division.
- The silver medalists in each division will become the first alternates.
- The third-place athletes in each division will become the second alternates.
- The fourth-place athletes in each division will become the third alternates.
- The teams (Cadet and IJF Junior Worlds) will each also include two male and two female wild cards for both the Cadet and IJF-Junior ages (4 wild cards for the Cadet World team and 4 wild cards for the Junior World team), if applicable. These wild cards will be the two male and two female athletes not directly named to the team via direct qualification with the most points on both the USA Judo National Cadet and IJF Junior rosters as of end of day June 22, 2024. It is not possible to combine points from multiple divisions. In no case can any country have more than two athletes in one division.
- To qualify as a wild card athlete, it is not mandatory to compete at the 2024 USA Judo Junior Olympics National Championships.
- The wild card members cannot be in the same division.
- If the PJC or IJF changes the number of athletes that can participate in these tournaments, then USA Judo reserves the right to adjust the criteria.

U13 and U15 Pan American Championships Trials

The 2024 U13 and U15 Pan American Championships will be held from November 30 – December 1, in Havana, Cuba.

Eligibility and selection criteria for the 2024 U13 and U15 Pan American Championship Teams can be found at <https://www.usajudo.com/athletes/juniors/selection-procedures>

How the 2024 U13 and U15 Pan American Championship Teams are Named

- A maximum of four athletes per age and weight category will represent USA Judo at the 2024 Pan American U13 and U15 Championships.
- A fourth position on the Pan Am U13 and U15 Teams in each weight category will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete not named to the team via direct qualification on the USA Judo National Roster in the Intermediate (U13) and Juvenile (U15) categories that is current as of end of day June 22, 2024. In order to be eligible for this position, the athlete must hold at least ten (10) points on the roster as of end of day June 22, 2024.
- Should any of the four athletes selected above decline their positions, alternate athletes will be selected from those holding ten (10) or more points on the USA Judo National Roster that is current as of end of day June 22, 2024 in the order of their position on the roster.
- Athletes will only be allowed to compete in the weight division in which they qualified for via direct qualification or via the national ranking roster.

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.

Only one weight category is allowed with the exception of IJF-Junior where open weight can be a second entry or as outlined below for regular bantam categories.

Regular bantam categories: Athletes must select their true age/weight category as their first entry. They may also select as a “bonus” category(ies) one weight up in their true age category and/or move up one age category in their true weight.

For example:

- First category is Bantam 2 female 19 kg (true age/weight)
- Second category is Bantam 2 female 23 kg
- Third category is Bantam 3 female 21 kg

The above would be considered entry into three categories & three entry fees must be paid as outlined in the fee matrix above.

The following age/weight categories will be in use for this year’s event (2024):

CATEGORIES ARE BASED SOLELY ON YEAR OF BIRTH

Regular Categories	
Bantam 1 (Born 2019): Female and Male: 18, 22, +22 kg	Bantam 6 (Born 2014): Female and Male: 27, 31, 35, 39, 44, +44 kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2018): Female and Male: 19, 23, +23 kg	Intermediate (Born 2012-2013): Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52 kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2017): Female and Male: 21, 25, 29, +29 kg	Juvenile (Born 2010-2011): Female and Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg
Bantam 4 (Born 2016): Female and Male: 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, +38 kg	Cadet (Born 2007-2009): Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
Bantam 5 (Born 2015): Female and Male: 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, +41 kg	IJF-Junior (Born 2004-2009): Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open

Novice Categories <i>(For pre-planning purposes only, categories may be determined light, middle and heavy)</i>	
Bantam 1 (Born 2018-2019): Female and Male: 23, +23 kg	Juvenile (Born 2010-2011): Female and Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2016-2017): Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg	Cadet (Born 2007-2009): Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2014-2015): Female: 27, 32, 37, +37 kg Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42 kg	IJF-Junior (Born 2004-2009): Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg
Intermediate (Born 2012-2013): Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52 kg	

The IJF-Junior Category is the same as the International Judo Federation Junior World Championships Category. Athletes may enter if they are born in 2004 through 2009 only.

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.

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, IJF-Junior and Cadet 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 due to unforeseen circumstances or

situations 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 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 2024 Junior Olympic Championships will be conducted from 7:00 – 7:15 a.m. on the day of competition at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.
 - 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 on 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. Requests 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.

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be available at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com> on June 20, 2024 at approximately 10 a.m.

Confirmation of Categories / Draw

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 but no later than end of weigh-ins on the day prior to the athlete competing. ONLY an email to Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us or face to face interaction with a staff member will be accepted. **NO TEXTS OR PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** A correction form will be provided to record the correction. Corrections WILL NOT be accepted after the end of weigh-ins on the day prior to the athlete competing.
- Corrections will be processed then the brackets will be created. Brackets will be posted online at usajudo.smoothcomp.com.
- **IMPORTANT:** This period is for corrections /confirmations only, 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.

Manager Credentials

Club team manager credentials/wristbands will be considered for USA Judo certified clubs with 8 or more athletes competing on the same day. These credentials are for purposes of assisting athletes to their mats with the correct gi color on only. Coaching, taking photos, etc., will not be allowed. If there are no athletes on deck or in the hole, the club manager should not be inside the competition barricade. These club managers must hold current SafeSport certification and have an up-to-date background screen through USA Judo. The number of club manager credentials/wristbands will be based on the number of athletes a club has competing and issued at the discretion of USA Judo. These may be picked up at the Coach Credentialing table.

[Manager Credentials Application](#)

USA Judo holds the right to deny a credential if the listed requirements are not met.

Updated May 1, 2024

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 the USA Judo Junior Olympic Championships.

Competition Method: The standard (“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 1st and 2nd 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 3rd. For categories of two and under contestants, round robin will be the method of competition.

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.

Seeding: There will be no seeding except for the IJF-Junior and Cadet categories. The top four athletes will be seeded in each division. If seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes WILL move up in seeding.

Points: Juniors winning medals in the regular IJF-Junior, Juvenile, Cadet, Intermediate, and all Bantam divisions will be awarded points as outlined in the USA Judo Junior Event Point Matrix found at www.usajudo.com.

All athletes must compete in their true age/weight category.

Shime-waza rule: Allowed in regular Juvenile, Cadet, and IJF-Junior categories only.

Kansetsu-waza rule: Allowed in regular Cadet, and regular IJF-Junior only.

It is standard procedure in the United States that contestants competing in Junior divisions up to and including 12 years of age are not allowed to use Shime-waza (chokes) or Kansetsu-waza (arm locks). Cadet age categories (15 yrs. to 17 yrs.) contestants competing are allowed to use Kansetsu-waza. If a participant whose true weight and age is in the Intermediate category and decides to move up to the Juvenile category, he/she will need a waiver/authorization from a parent or guardian to acknowledge that chokes are allowed at the Juvenile level.

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)

Match lengths:

- Bantam (3 minutes / 2-minute golden score)
- Intermediate and Juvenile (3 minutes / no golden score limit)
- Cadet and IJF-Junior (4 minutes / no golden score limit)

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. A decision may need to be made by the competitor as to the match in which they compete, thereby forfeiting the applicable match(es). Please note that, in this scenario, if an athlete withdraws from an event or is unable to compete, the athlete's registration fee for the event will not be refunded. 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. A short-sleeved white t-shirt that is round-necked (no mock turtleneck or v-neck) may be worn under a gi for all genders and categories except in trials events or categories that qualify points which may result in competing internationally. IJF rules will be applied in these categories only allowing white, round-necked t-shirts to be worn by female competitors under their judogi as referenced in the IJF Sport Organizational Rules.

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 (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.).

Team Awards

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

1. Regular Categories
 - a. 1st place 500 points
 - b. 2nd place 300 points
 - c. 3rd place 100 points
2. Novice Categories
 - a. 1st place 300 points
 - b. 2nd place 200 points
 - c. 3rd place 100 points

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2024 Junior Olympic Championships.

All teams must hold a current USA Judo club membership. Athletes must declare their USA Judo club no later than 7 p.m. CT on June 21.

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 the 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 and/or the annual team award.

USA Judo Team Annual Award

Totals will be comprised from the 2024 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics, and President's Cup.

The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2025 Youth Nationals.

Banners / Signs / Advertisements in Venue

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 or remove the signage.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)

The U.S. 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/safe-sport>.

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://www.usajudo.com/safe-sport>

Notice of Possible Testing for Banned Substances

I understand and agree that I may be drug tested at any time, that I am subject to and will 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.