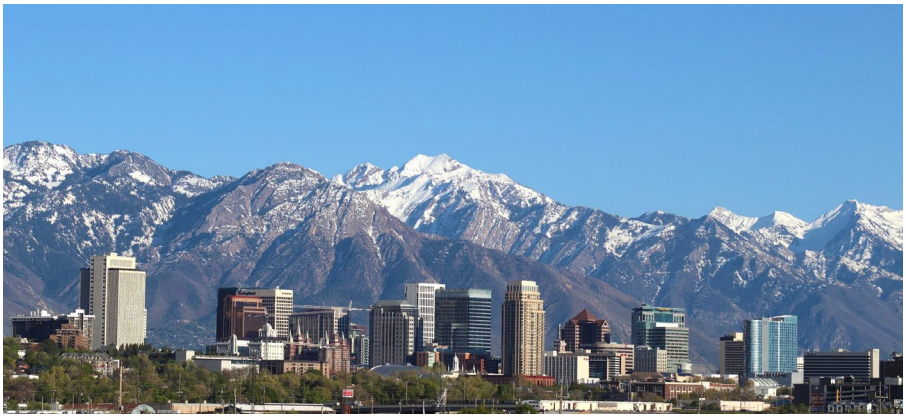

WELCOME TO THE 2027 USA JUDO YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Judo is pleased to welcome you to the Youth National Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah. Competition will take place at the Century II Convention Center and will serve as the **trials for the Junior and Cadet Pan American Championships**.

Know Before You Go

Tournament Host:	USA Judo
Sanctioning Organization:	USA Judo
Tournament Contacts:	Eric Tschudy: 719.339.0937 / eric.tschudy@usajudo.us
Online Registration:	https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/859
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:	Salt Palace Convention Center 100 W South Temple St Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Host Hotel:	Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown 215 W South Temple St Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Key Dates:	**Fri., March 19**	**Sat., March 20**	**Sun., March 21**
	Check-In Weigh-In (Regular Bantam, Intermediate, Cadet) Referees, Coaches and Technical Officials Meetings	Competition (Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet) Weigh-In (IJF-Junior, Juvenile, All Novice Categories)	Competition (IJF-Junior, Juvenile, All Novice Categories)
Chief Referee:	TBD		

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First-Time Competitors: Click here to view tips for athletes competing at their first national event.

The tournament staff reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the tournament.

Deadlines and Entry Fees

Deadline	1st and 2nd Category (Each)	3rd and Each Subsequent Category
Early Online Registration: Ends December 17 (4:0p0 p.m. MT)	$105.00	$75.00
Regular Online Registration: Ends February 11 (4:00 p.m. MT)	$125.00	$95.00
Late Online Registration: Ends March 4 (4:00 p.m. MT)	$165.00	$135.00
NEW Walk-Up Additional Category/Division Entry: (PRE-REGISTERED ATHLETES ONLY) March 19th and 20th Weigh-Ins	$300.00 (per additional category/division)	No more than two (2) additions allowed for walk-ups.

See **NOTE** about multiple categories.

No Walk-Up Registrations

- All registrations must be completed online. No paper registrations.
- **Online registration will not be accepted after March 4 at 4:00 p.m. MT.**
- Athletes' date of birth, citizenship and rank, if applicable, must be verified in the database before using the online event registration system. Send copies of the 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 the second or third category must be for the same athlete.
- **Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable**
- **Absolutely no online change requests will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. MT on Monday, March 8, 2027. All category changes following that date must be done in-person at check-in before official weigh-in.**

Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

Thursday, March 18	**Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown**
7 a.m. -10 p.m. (Thursday through Saturday)	Male Test Scales (TBD) Female Test Scales (TBD) (Test scales open through Saturday)
Friday, March 19	**Salt Palace Convention Center**
10 a.m.	Preliminary List of Athletes Posted: usajudo.smoothcomp.com
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Tournament check-in/changes for all competitors (TBD). **NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION**
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Weigh-Ins for Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories Male Official Weigh-In (TBD) Female Official Weigh-In (TBD) Male Unofficial Weigh-In (TBD) Female Unofficial Weigh-In (TBD)
3 p.m.	Technical Officials Meeting (TBD)
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Referee and Coach Meeting (Hall A/B)
6:00 p.m.	Brackets posted for regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories: usajudo.smoothcomp.com
Saturday, March 20	**Salt Palace Convention Center**
7 a.m.	Doors Open
8:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
8:30 a.m.	Competition begins (Regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Official Weigh-Ins (Regular Juvenile, IJF-Junior and all Novice Categories) Male Official Weigh-In (TBD) Female Official Weigh-In (TBD)
3 p.m.	Brackets posted for regular Juvenile, IJF-Junior and all Novice Categories: usajudo.smoothcomp.com
Sunday, March 21	**Salt Palace Convention Center**
7 a.m.	Doors Open
8 a.m.	Welcome
8:30 a.m.	Competition Starts

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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 that 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 my 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:

USA JUDO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ME FROM THE COMPETITION/ACTIVITY AND REVOKE MY CREDENTIALS.

Spectator Admission Fees

Those with a current 'Life' or 'Supporting' USA Judo membership type may receive free admission by emailing Connor.Jenkins@usajudo.us

Age	One Day	Two Day
13+	$25.00	$40.00
8-12	$15.00	$25.00
7 and under	Free	Free

Tournament Hotels

Headquarters: Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown
215 W South Temple St
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Rate: USA Judo discounted rate:

Double Queen: $189.00 per night, plus tax:

Book Here

Deadline Date: Book by March 5, 2027, to receive the discounted rate.

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

Transportation

Air Transportation: The nearest airport – Salt Lake City International Airport (Code SLC) – is located approximately 12 minutes from the host hotel.

Ground Transportation: Information on public transportation around Salt Lake City can be found here.

Coach Information

In order to coach mat-side, all coaches must have a coaching credential for the tournament.

Coaches must hold a current USA Judo coaching membership, including a current background screen and concussion and SafeSport training, to receive coaching credentials at this event. Credentials will be issued at the coaches' meeting. Attendance at the meeting is **mandatory** for all coaches. 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 pre-registering. Log in to your USA Judo profile and click on Events to register. New: ** Walk-up registrations will incur a $20.00 charge **

New: Credentials will only be issued at the coaches' meeting.

NOTE: Only one coach is allowed to coach mat-side 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. **Coaching outside the barricade is not allowed.**

IJF Junior and Cadet categories will follow IJF coaching rules. No coaching during active competition, only during Mate.

Coaches may not approach referees during competition unless invited by referees. During a break, coaches may approach referees.

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

Coaches may wear their club or USA Judo warm-up suits 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 if 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) are also 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 website, judoreferee.com. Once confirmed by the Referee Committee, you must then register on the event website.

Log in to your USA Judo membership profile at usajudo.sport80.com and click on Events. Select the 2027 USA Judo Youth National 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 trials or do not have international federation approval, as outlined below. Athletes may compete in the USA Judo Youth National 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 to USA Judo 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.

Regular Bantam, Intermediate, Juvenile and IJF-Junior Open Weight Categories and All Novice Categories

- U.S. citizens
- Athletes with a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) or any U.S. non-tourist visa
- Non-U.S. citizens who have submitted international passport and date of birth documentation AND are USA Judo Members in good standing with the organization.
- International non-USA Judo members must submit an invitation letter from their home federation to Corinne.Shigemoto@usajudo.us.
- Athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation refugee program and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program, may also compete in the categories listed above. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to connor.jenkins@usajudo.us

IJF-Junior and Cadet Regular Categories

- U.S. Citizens only and have not represented another country internationally in the last 3 years, or athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's refugee.

Rank Requirements

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

Point Roster criteria can be found on the Junior National Ranking Roster page.

Novice Eligibility

New rule: Athletes are only eligible to compete in novice categories for one calendar year, which would include the first event in which they competed as a novice. If an athlete has previously medaled in a Regular category, they are not eligible to compete in the Novice category.

Example:

If an athlete competed in any novice division at the March 2026 Youth Nationals, they are eligible for novice status at the 2027 Youth Nationals, but this will be the last event for which they are eligible for novice status.

If an athlete competed as a novice at any other USA Judo National event in 2026, they are eligible to compete in novice divisions until after the corresponding event occurs the next year.

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 Pan Am Championships Trials

Eligibility and selection criteria for the 2027 Junior and Cadet Pan American Championships Team can be found here: Junior Selection Procedures | USA Judo,

Junior and Cadet Team Selection Criteria will be published soon

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 Cadet athletes, only one weight division is allowed within the Cadet category. For IJF-Junior athletes, the open weight division can be a second entry. For regular bantam, intermediate and juvenile categories, see below:

Regular bantam, intermediate and juvenile categories: Athletes must select their true age/weight category as their first entry. They may also select as a "bonus" category(s) one weight up in their true age category and/or move up one age category in their true weight. See NOTE on multiple categories.

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 (2027):

CATEGORIES ARE BASED SOLELY ON YEAR OF BIRTH

Regular Categories	
Bantam 1 (Born 2022): Female and Male: 18, 22, +22 kg	**Bantam 6 (Born 2017)**: Female and Male: 27, 31, 35, 39, 44, +44 kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2021): Female and Male: 19, 23, +23 kg	**Intermediate (U13) (Born 2015-2016)**: Female: 28*, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, +63 kg Male: 30*, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, +73 kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2020): Female and Male: 21, 25, 29, +29 kg	**Juvenile (U15) (Born 2013-2014)**: Female: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 35*, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, +81 kg
Bantam 4 (Born 2019): Female and Male: 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, +38 kg	**Cadet (Born 2010-2012)**: Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
Bantam 5 (Born 2018): Female and Male: 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, +41 kg	**IJF-Junior (Born 2007-2012)**: Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open

* Athletes in these weight divisions will not be eligible to compete in international competitions

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.

Novice Categories *(For pre-planning purposes only, categories may be determined as light, middle and heavy)*	
Bantam 1 (Born 2021-2022): Female and Male: 23, +23 kg	**Juvenile (U15) (Born 2013-2014)**: Female: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 35*, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, +81 kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2019-2020): Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg	**Cadet (Born 2010-2012)**: Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2017-2018): Female: 27, 32, 37, +37 kg Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42 kg	**IJF-Junior (Born 2007-2012)**: Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg
Intermediate (U13) (Born 2015-2016): Female: 28*, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, +63 kg Male: 30*, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, +73 kg	

* Athletes in these weight divisions will not be eligible to compete in international competitions

The IJF-Junior Category is the same as the International Judo Federation Junior World Championships Category. Athletes may enter if they were born in 2007 through 2012 only.

Athletes who are competing on Saturday AND Sunday may weigh in once on Friday. If an athlete is competing only in a Sunday division, they must weigh in on Saturday. No exceptions.

The tournament staff 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 be pointable.

Weigh In

A calibrated practice scale will be available before 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 before the official weigh-in on the official scale. Athletes have only one chance on the official scale during the official weigh-in. Open division contestants do not need to weigh in. **At weigh-in, 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.

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 before getting on the official scale. Athletes may change their weight category during check in/registration. Failure to make the declared weight will result in the athlete not competing in that category. Athletes will not be automatically moved to the next weight category. Once official weight is recorded, no changes to weight category will be accepted.

NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT WEIGH-IN.

Check In

Check in only if you have a change to your weight/category, or if adding additional categories/divisions (max 2). 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 the 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 will still 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.

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 no later than 7 p.m. MT on Friday, March 19.
- All corrections must be emailed to Eric.Tschudy@usajudo.us or submitted in person on-site. **PHONE CALLS OR TEXTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.
- Corrections will be processed, then brackets will be adjusted relative to seeding (categories where applicable), open spots, and state/club/last name separation where possible. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted at https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com.
- 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 USA Judo-approved software. See Rules and Method of Competition for all seeding information. Except for seeding, the draw will be

random. Once the draw is complete, there will be no changes.

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 the purpose of assisting athletes to their mats with the correct gi color 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 screening 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 Credential Application

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

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 Youth National 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 three or fewer 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 did not finish competing but went out onto the mat, they are eligible to medal.

Seeding: There will be no seeding except for the Regular IJF-Junior and Cadet categories. The top four athletes will be seeded in each division. If a seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes WILL move up in seeding. Players with the same state affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible.

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 https://www.usajudo.com/2026-junior-national-ranking-rosters#USA_Judo_Junior_Point_Event_Matrix.

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). If a participant whose true weight and age are in the Intermediate (U13) category and decides to move up to the Juvenile (U15) category, his/her parent or guardian acknowledges that chokes are allowed at the Juvenile (U15) 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 athletes who elect to compete in multiple categories, efforts will be made to separate the competition times, but this cannot be guaranteed. If the athletes' categories are competing at the same time, the coach/athlete must inform the supervisor at both mats for EACH match that they will be competing in multiple categories at the same time. A mat will not be able to hold matches for more than three (3) matches to accommodate the athletes' multiple categories. The athlete must move from one category (on the mat) to their waiting category with no rest time. If the athlete cannot arrive at the 'waiting' match within three (3) matches, a decision must be made by the competitor/coach as to the match in which they compete, thereby forfeiting one of the two matches. 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. Female athletes shall wear under the jacket either a plain white or off-white T-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 T-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.

Awards

Individual Awards:

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

Shoes will not be allowed on the awards stage/podium.

Team Awards

Athletes will be awarded points for all categories at the Youth Nationals 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 2026 Youth National 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 March 19.

Youth Nationals Champion Banners suitable for hanging in the host club will be presented in person at the following USA Judo President's Cup Championships.

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 or the annual team award.

USA Judo Team Annual Award

Totals will be comprised of the 2027 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics, and President's Cup.

The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2028 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. **No flags/banners/signs on the awards podium are allowed.**

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 spirt of the moral code of judo, USA Judo requires adult members to self-certify whether 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 visit usada.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.

You can send correspondence and inquiries to: United States Anti-Doping Agency; 555 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or visit USADA's website at https://www.usada.org/.