



I certify that all of the above is true and I, or my athlete, am eligible to be a member of USA Judo in accordance with all USA Judo policies.

**Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If athlete is under the age of 18: **Guardian Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## USA JUDO MEMBERSHIP WAIVER

I understand and acknowledge that I am legally agreeing to the statements in the following paragraphs of this Waiver and Release of Liability agreement by affixing my signature below and that these statements are being accepted by United States Judo, Inc. dba: USA Judo (USJI) in consideration of allowing me to become a member of USJI and permitting me to participate in any USJI club activity or sanctioned event. I further acknowledge that my statement is being relied upon by USJI clubs, officials, volunteers, sponsors, administrators, and other parties who may be deemed "Released Parties."

1. I acknowledge that the sport of Judo carries with it the potential for serious injury and/or death. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to safely participate in Judo, and I attest and certify that I am or will be sufficiently fit and physically trained to participate in any event which I elect to participate in. I have no physical or medical condition which would endanger myself or others if I participate or would interfere with my ability to safely participate. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of the facility the event is being conducted in. I assume responsibility for the condition of my equipment and/or apparel for which I will be participating in.
2. On behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, and anyone else who might sue on my behalf, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE USJI, its clubs, event sponsors, staff, administrators, officials, volunteers and any and all other persons or entities involved with an event, including states, cities, towns and other governmental bodies where an event takes place and the officers, directors, employees, agents, insurers, other participants and representatives of all of the above (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, losses (economic and non-economic), and liabilities of every kind (collectively "Claims") alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, for death, personal injury, or property damage, which may arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in, or my traveling to or from any USJI sanctioned event, including 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, 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 including possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases (including, but not limited to, COVID19). I further understand that any injury or damages incurred may be the result of negligence, omission, or carelessness by the Released 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 is determined to 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 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.

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Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### USA JUDO POLICY RECOGNITION

USA Judo has adopted our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics (the Codes) to support its mission and core values with the expectation that the people who work for, with or on behalf of and who are members of USA Judo shall conduct themselves consistent with the same. 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 any USA Judo or U.S. Center for SafeSport policy or through direct action or lack of action, aids, abets or encourages another person to violate USA Judo or U.S. Center for SafeSport policy.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) and USA Judo are committed to building a sport community where Participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical, and sexual misconduct. The Center has developed the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) which is a collection of proactive prevention and training policies for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement. USA Judo has then adapted these policies for the sport of judo.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by USA Judo’s Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Safe Sport Code, Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), and all Reporting protocols found at the below links. The MAAPP includes USA Judo’s current policies on In-Program contact with minor athletes through, but not limited to, the following interactions: individual meetings and training sessions, massages and rubdowns, lodging, transportation, electronic communications, locker rooms and changing areas, and other miscellaneous items.

Code of Conduct: <https://www.usajudo.com/about-us/governance-documents>

Code of Ethics: <https://www.usajudo.com/about-us/governance-documents>

Safe Sport Handbook and Reporting Information: <https://www.usajudo.com/safe-sport>

MAAPP: <https://www.usajudo.com/safe-sport>

All USA Judo Governance Documents may be found here: <https://www.usajudo.com/about-us/governance-documents>

I understand that I or my minor athlete can withdraw consent at any time.

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Judo Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics which offer a general guide as to my conduct as a member (athlete, coach, referee, etc.), volunteer, or staff of USA Judo. I recognize that these codes do not establish a complete set of rules that prescribe every aspect of appropriate behavior.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above releases must be signed for this application to be valid.