



MAT BURN



PLANO, TEXAS



GO!
SHI!
SAN!
NI!
ICHI!

さあ行こう! レベルアップ!
SĀIKŌ! REBERUAPPU!

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 -- Let's Go! Level Up!
The Countdown to the
55th Annual Dallas invitational

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The Countdown to The 55th Annual Dallas Invitational Tournament

“Hmm? But?” Okay, it’s not in five days, but, wow! In less than 20 days Eastside Dojo will host the Dallas Invitational! If you didn’t already know, let me tell you - you definitely don’t want to miss it. This is one of the longest running tournaments in the US. It was started by Vince Tamura almost six decades ago and is now being hosted by none other than Eastside Dojo. It draws judoka of all skill levels from around the metroplex, state, and country.

If you listen closely, you can hear all of the buzz about it. This is primetime for not only the competitors to level up in their skills, but also for the masterminds behind Eastside and its tournaments to level up regarding how they develop and operate this tournament. That means there’s a lot of training going on, including:

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Employees
- Referees
- Volunteers

Can’t wait to see you there. If you’re interested in competing or helping out in any way, please don’t hesitate. Contact Eastside Dojo right away!

THE MAN WITH THE PLAN

EASTSIDE DOJO HEAD COACH

SENSEI RUSS HOGAN

By RP Taylor

Eastside Dojo's Head Coach Russ Hogan is not only one of the men with the plan, he is also the one pulling it all together. With the help of Ken Patteson and Ken Scialo, Russ Hogan has become the public face for the ever increasing popular dojo. This year, even with the pandemic and its effects still looming, Eastside has more members than they ever have before. Woo-hoo!

During a visit with Coach Russ, as he is called by his beloved judoka, he shared a little bit of history and how he became Sensei Russ Hogan with Mat Burn.

Mat Burn (MB): How did you first get started in Judo?

Russ Hogan (RH): I chose it as an elective as a student at Richland College in 1992. During that time I also took it off and on from Vince Tamura, who was Ken Patteson's first sensei. This is where Ken and I met. Then I took a break from 1996 - 2006. During that time I got married, had a son (Mitch), and unfortunately went through a divorce. Being a father was a big motivating factor for me to come back to judo. In 2006, when Mitch was five I wanted to get him involved in the sport. So, I joined Ken Scialo's club, Dallas Judo.

"I knew I couldn't tell my son to do anything that I wasn't willing to do myself."

MB: When did you begin working full time at Eastside?



RH: 2015. I started coaching in 2009 at Dallas Judo. In 2013, when Eastside Dojo was founded I continued as a coach. Then in 2015, I left my job at a workman's comp insurance company and became full time. For me, it was so much better than reporting data and setting rates in a cubicle all day.

MB: Why do you love judo?

RH: I love that there is always something new to learn. One can never know all there is to know about the sport. I also enjoy the physicality of the training and competitions. Oh, and another important thing about judo is the community and the connection between kindred spirits. The people you train with become a part of your life, and you become friends with the people you see regularly at the competitions.

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Recently, coach Russ took a group to compete in the 2021 Go Shibata Annual Memorial Tournament in College Station, Texas hosted by the Texas A&M Judo Team.

Texas A&M Judo Team's 2021 Go Shibata Annual Memorial Tournament

EASTSIDER PICTURES
& RESULTS





Results



Kyle Ambriz
Ronin Austin
Romi Morales
Anmol Muricananikal
Veda Nair
Diego Padilla



Leo Ashurov
Tom Braverman
Linda Dervisoglu
Anora Khamraev
Jacy Liecheski
Romi Morales
Adrian Morales
Hieuy Nguyen
David Paes
Marcus Parks
Hanna Tong



Tyler Blocker
Adrian Morales

CONGRATULATIONS TO
COACH RUSS HOGAN &
ALL OF THE COMPETITORS
WHO TRAVELED TO
AGGIELAND!





ESD Results



**Linda Dervisoglu
Anora Khamraev
Juliana LeFort
Maxine Lisot
Veda Nair
Bennie Provenzano
ZINCK Abby**



**Krishna Dunn
Kayleigh Escudero
Jacy Liecsheski
Victoria Paes
May Tran**



**Nora Connelly
Arya Dunn
Maxine Lisot
Victoria Paes
Bennie Provenzano
Hannah Tong**



55TH ANNUAL
DALLAS

INVITATIONAL JUDO TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2021

\$21,000.00 PRIZE FUND FOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS

\$1000.00 FIRST PLACE
\$300.00 SECOND PLACE
\$200.00 THIRD PLACE

online registration at :
<http://www.judocomp.com>

Competition Site:
Irving Convention Center, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

Host Hotel:
Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, 972-831-0000 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039.
Book your hotel by October 31st to take advantage of special room rates. 1-800- 264-1178,
ask for the Judo rate of \$112.00.

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