Eastside Dojo Plano, Tx









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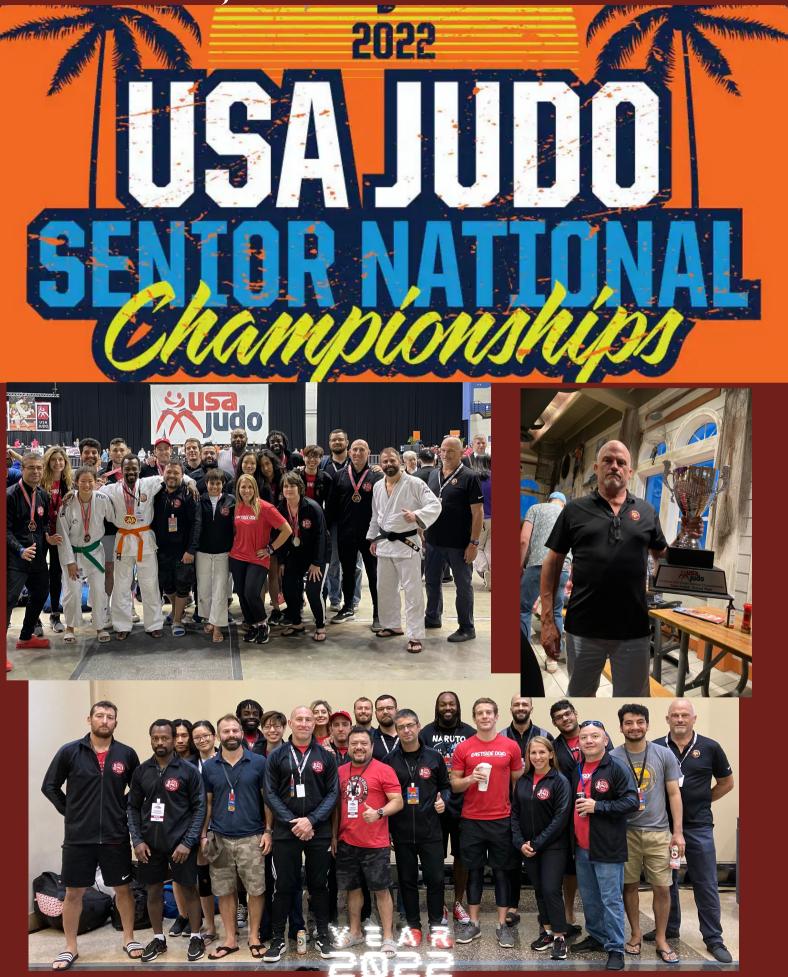
Watashinoie Ni Yōkoso

Welcome to My House...

"Welcome to my house...we can't even slow down...," were the famous lyrics to the song with the same title by Flo Rida. Now this seems to be the theme of the state of Florida. At least it seems to be true as it relates to USA Judo and national judo tournaments.

The sunshine state is home to the Judo US Open in June, and the USA Senior National Championships were held there on the third weekend of May. Eastside's head coach, Russ Hogan, lead a group of competitors to the tournament, and they brought back some impressive hardware.

Eastside Dojo Wins 2nd Place Team Award



NTX SPRING SLAM JUDO TOURNAMENT

JUDC

Last month, the NTX Training Center was packed as Eastside Dojo hosted the annual North Texas Spring Slam Judo Tournament in Plano. There were some hiccups with the PA system, probably because it hadn't been used since the Dallas Invitational in December. But true to the principles of judo, the judoka and their coaches pulled it off until the PA system was fully operational. Once the competition began, judokas as young as five years old took to the mats to showcase their skills.



Pan African Judo Club Sensei Shabazz

BY RP TAYLOR

"Pan African Judo Club?" Yes, the Pan African Judo Club. At the recently held North Texas Slam tournament hosted by Eastside Dojo, the PAJC really showed up and took home some impressive hardware. Mat Burn had a chance to visit with Alameen Shabazz, Head Coach for the PAJC.

When asked about his inspiration to do what he does, he was very passionate as he talked about his desire to help his community and his love for martial arts. His admiration for marital arts began at an early age, but it wasn't until 1999 when he walked into a judo studio in Ruston, Louisiana, that his true love for the sport blossomed. Interestingly, Shabazz had never heard of and knew nothing about judo until that day. We can say that was "ground zero" for the Pan African Judo movement.

Today, Shabazz is a shodan black belt and full time Juvenile Justice Officer for Dallas County. The rest of his time is dedicated to serving the PAJC as their sensei.





International Judokas

PART 3 OF A 3 PART SERIES

WILLEM VAN ZYL

South African

- Born in America
- Raised in South Africa
- Returned to the states in 2015 for his career after receiving his MS in Mechanical Engineering and settled in New York
- Relocated to North Texas in February 2022
- 30 years old
- Married w/2 children
- Brown Belt

• Has been studying Judo since the age of 4, and has competed competitively most of his life.



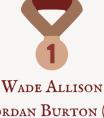
If there is effort, there is always accomplishment.



EASTSIDERS

AT THE

USA Judo Senior National Championships



WADE ALLISON Jordan Burton (2) Romina Celeste Bruno Goletto Dekoda Watson Justin Wood



Ty Blocker Kayleigh Escudero (2) Austin McNeileberhart (2) Julian Ramirez Dekoda Watson



Russell Hogan Sean Muriithi Stephanie Ni Antonio De Paes Zack Patteson (2) Julian Ramirez May Tran









NTX SLAM '22













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The 6th Annual Nagase Cup Judo Championships SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, 2022 At: NTX Training Center





NATIONAL EVENTS



U.S. OPEN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS Ft. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA JULY 28 - 31, 2022

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