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# 2024 PRESIDENT'S CUP

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IRVING, TEXAS





# WELCOME TO THE 2024 USA JUDO PRESIDENT'S CUP



USA Judo is pleased to welcome you to the USA Judo President's Cup Judo which will be held for the 11th straight year in Irving, Texas. Competition will take place at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas for both the President's Cup which will take place on Sunday, Nov. 24 and the Dallas Open which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23. This year, we are pleased to announce the President's Cup also will welcome competitors from around the world to one of USA Judo's premier events.

## Know Before You Go

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<b>Live Results:</b>	<a href="https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com">usajudo.smoothcomp.com</a>
<b>Pointable Categories:</b>	Senior, Junior, Veterans, Visually Impaired
<b>Non-Pointable Categories:</b>	Senior Novice, Junior Novice, Brown Belt
<b>Tournament Site:</b>	Irving Convention Center 500 West Las Colinas Blvd. Irving, TX 75039
<b>Host Hotel:</b>	<a href="https://www.marriott.com/dallas-las-colinas">Marriott Dallas Las Colinas</a> 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Irving, Texas 75039
<b>Chief Referee:</b>	Robert "Bobby" Donaldson
<b>Competition Areas:</b>	10 mats – 6 standard size (8x8) and 4 youth size (6x6)
<b>First-Time Competitors</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> to view tips for athletes competing at their first national event.



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## Deadlines and Entry Fees

Deadline	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Category (Each)	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Category (Each)	Open Category Only*
Early Entry: Oct. 17, 2024	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$55.00
Regular Entry: Nov. 14, 2024	\$110.00	\$80.00	\$70.00

### No Walk-Up Registrations

- \*Open division price above is if open is second division entered. If entered as first division, then full fees apply.
- All registration must be completed online. No paper registrations.
- On-line registrations will not be accepted after November 14, 2024.
- 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 a copy of athlete's birth certificate/passport and rank certificate to [connor.jenkins@usajudo.us](mailto:connor.jenkins@usajudo.us). Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. MT.
- Entry fee discounts must be for the same athlete.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Absolutely no changes will be accepted after 8 p.m. CT Friday November 22.

#### **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** and a decision may need to be made by the competitor as to the match in which they compete, thereby forfeiting one of the two matches. 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.

# Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

## Thursday, Nov. 21

8 a.m.

## Marriott Dallas Las Colinas

Male Test Scales (Frisco)  
Female Test Scales (San Antonio)  
(Test scales open through Saturday)

## Friday, Nov. 22

8 a.m.

## Marriott Dallas Las Colinas

Preliminary List of Athletes Posted: [usajudo.smoothcomp.com](http://usajudo.smoothcomp.com)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

USA Judo Board Meeting (Beaumont)

1 p.m.

Rank & Certification Committee (TBD)

2 p.m.

Coaches Education Committee (TBD)

12 – 8 p.m.

Official Weigh-In for all Categories\*  
Male Official Weigh-In (Brown/Britain)  
Female Official Weigh-In (Hudson)

4 – 5 p.m.

Check-In / Modifications

5 – 6 p.m.

Referee Meeting (Planters)

6 – 7 p.m.

Coach Meeting (Merchant)

7 – 8 p.m.

National Assembly & Group Member Director Election  
(Merchant)

## Saturday, Nov. 23

10 a.m. – Noon

## Irving Convention Center

Notification of Errors & Edits (head table at venue)

Noon

Meeting for Vets, Brown Belt, Novice and Visually Impaired  
Categories (Green Room by head table)

3 – 5 p.m.

Official Weigh-Ins (**Green Rooms at venue**)

6:30 p.m. (Approx.)

Competition Brackets Finalized

## Sunday, Nov. 24

8 a.m.

## Irving Convention Center

Welcome

8:20 a.m.

Competition Starts

\*Athletes may choose to weigh in during **EITHER** the Friday evening or Saturday afternoon weigh-in blocks. Once you have declared a weight, you must make that weight. Weight categories can be changed during the check-in process prior to stepping on the official scale. Athletes who weigh in on Friday and miss weight will not be allowed to weigh again on Saturday.

Awards will be presented as categories are completed.

***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 first will be given to the individual.
- If the 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 will trigger the immediate elimination from the Team Award consideration for that specific event.

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 will be immediately eliminated from the Team Award consideration (all loss of points) for that specific event.

**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 Protocols

USA Judo will be following the jurisdictional COVID-19 guidelines provided by the local/state health department and/or appropriate government entities (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>). As such, neither COVID testing or COVID vaccinations will be required for the President's Cup. However, please feel free to wear a mask, social distance and use hand sanitizer/wipes during the activities in Irving.

USA Judo asks any individuals who have a fever and/or are experiencing [COVID-like symptoms](#) to NOT attend the President's Cup.

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
13+	\$15.00
9-12	\$10.00
8 and Under	Free

Those with an active "Supporting" membership type with USA Judo can enter for free. Please show your membership card or give your name at the ticket table.

## Headquarters Hotel

**Headquarters:** Marriott Dallas Las Colinas  
223 West Las Colinas Blvd.  
Irving, TX 75039

Rate: \$159 per night plus tax

Book by October 19, 2024 to receive discounted rates.

**Additional hotels are available at discounted rates of \$129 - \$159 per night plus tax.**

**Reservations:** [Click here](#) to book online

**Deadline Dates:** Marriott Dallas Las Colinas (HQ) - October 19, 2024.  
Comfort Inn & Suites Irving Las Colinas DFW – November 6, 2024  
Holiday Inn Irving-Las Colinas – October 26, 2024  
Hyatt Place Dallas Las Colinas – November 12, 2024  
Holiday Inn Express Irving Conv Ctr – November 12, 2024  
Hampton Inn Dallas/Irving Las Colinas – November 13, 2024

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



## Transportation

**Air Transportation:** The nearest airport – Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) – is located approximately 15 minutes from the host hotel. Transportation is not provided from airport to hotel.

**Ground transportation:** No ground transportation will be provided. The Irving Convention Center is approximately a 10-minute walk from the Marriott Dallas Los Colinas.

## 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 <https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/events> 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 is allowed to coach matside inside the barricade during each match. Coaches must follow IJF coaching rules. Coaches who fail to comply this this rule may lose their coach wristband for the day and may be removed from the venue.

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 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.judoreferree.com) website, [judoreferree.com](https://www.judoreferree.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](https://usajudo.sport80.com) and click on Events. Select the 2023 President's Cup and follow prompts to register.

If you do not register or are not confirmed through the [judoreferree.com](https://www.judoreferree.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

Athletes may compete in the President's Cup if they meet the following eligibility requirements and there is no conflict regarding weigh-in and competition schedules.

All competitors, regardless of category entered must be a member in good standing with USA Judo. 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.

All categories will be open to both U.S. citizens as well as non-citizens. Athletes who are residents of the United States must provide proof of residency such as a Green Card, VISA, etc. Athletes representing other countries must provide an approval letter from their home Federation.. Non-U.S. citizens will not be eligible for points on the USA Judo National Roster. Athletes that meet IJF Refugee Status will be eligible for points on the USA Judo National Roster.

## Senior Category:

- Born 2009 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Senior Categories are eligible for points on [USA Judo national rosters](#)

## Visually Impaired Category:

- Born 2009 or earlier
- No minimum rank required
- Visually Impaired Categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters
- Must have been classified as visually impaired at an IBSA or IPC event in the past 10 years or provide a letter from an optometrist or ophthalmologist verifying visual acuity.
- Competitors will be divided by classification and weight category. A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 as noted in the schedule to create exhibition categories as needed. All exhibition events are not eligible for points.
- Classification: USA Judo has adopted the updated visual classifications as presented by the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) for all events which include Para-sport divisions. These classifications are as follows:
  - J1-and athlete's vision impairment must result in a visual acuity of less than or equal to LogMAR 2.6 in binocular vision.
  - J2-The athlete's vision acuity must be within a range between LogMAR 1.3 and 2.5 with binocular vision, or with a binocular visual field of 60 degrees or less in diameter.

For more information, please visit <https://ibsajudo.sport/about-judo/classification/>. Acuity must be confirmed by an ophthalmologist prior to competition. [Click here](#) to download the verification of visual impairment form. If this is the first time you are participating in a Para category at a USA Judo national event and need to be classified, or if you have any questions on classifications. Please contact Heidi Moore at [judoheidi@comcast.net](mailto:judoheidi@comcast.net) or 303-591-9563.

## Veterans Category:

- Born 1994 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Veteran categories are eligible for points on [USA Judo national rosters](#)

**Brown Belt Category:**

- Born 2010 or earlier
- No dan ranks allowed. Waiver must be signed by USA Judo Certified Coach (minimum rank of shodan) for any non-brown belt to compete in this category
- Must have verified/proof of rank through USA Judo, USJF or USJA
- Brown Belt categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**Senior Novice Category:**

- Born 2009 or earlier
- Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
- Senior Novice categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**Junior Categories:**

- Born 2004-2019 (inclusively)
- No minimum rank requirement
- Junior categories are eligible for points on [USA Judo national rosters](#)

**Junior Novice Categories:**

- Born 2004-2019 (inclusively)
- White, yellow, and orange belts only. Ranks must be verified in the USA Judo database.
- Junior Novice categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

NOTE: Points will only be awarded in those categories for athletes that meet the criteria as outlined in the respective point classification systems found at [www.usajudo.com/athletes/national-ranking-rosters](http://www.usajudo.com/athletes/national-ranking-rosters).

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Point Roster criteria can be found at [www.usajudo.com/athletes/national-ranking-rosters](http://www.usajudo.com/athletes/national-ranking-rosters).
2. Rank requirements for both National and International junior categories:
  - Regular categories: All ranks eligible.
  - Novice Categories: White, yellow or orange belts only.
3. If a novice athlete has entered and medaled\*\* in a regular category at a USA Judo national event, the athlete is not eligible to compete in any USA Judo national event novice categories during future tournaments.

**Examples:**

1. If an athlete entered and medaled in a regular category at the 2023 President's Cup, the athlete will not be eligible to enter novice category in 2024 and beyond in a USA Judo national event.
2. 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.
3. 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.**

# Age Categories and Weight Divisions

## Junior 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 all **regular junior categories only**:

Athletes must select their true age/weight category as their first entry. They may also select as a “bonus” category 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 19kg (true age/weight)
- Second category is Bantam 2 female 23kg
- Third category is Bantam 3 female 21kg

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

For all **novice categories only**, athlete ages and weights will be reviewed and possibly combined after official weigh-in closes to increase the number of competitors in a bracket while maintaining safe competition considering ages and weights.

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.

## **CATEGORIES ARE BASED ON SOLELY ON YEAR OF BIRTH**

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

### REGULAR JUNIOR CATEGORIES

#### **Bantam 1 (Born 2019):**

Female and Male: 18, 22, +22 kg

#### **Bantam 2 (Born 2018):**

Female and Male: 19, 23, +23kg

#### **Bantam 3 (Born 2017):**

Female and Male: 21, 25, 29, +29kg

#### **Bantam 4 (Born 2016):**

Female and Male: 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, +38 kg

#### **Bantam 5 (Born 2015):**

Female and Male: 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 41+kg

#### **Bantam 6 (Born 2014):**

Female and Male: 27, 31, 35, 39, 44, 44+kg

#### **Intermediate (Born 2012-2013):**

Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

#### **Juvenile (Born 2010-2011):**

Female and Male:  
36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 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

#### **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 JUNIOR CATEGORIES**

### **Bantam 1 (Born 2018-2019):**

Female and Male: 23, +23 kg

### **Bantam 2 (Born 2016-2017):**

Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg

### **Bantam 3 (Born 2014-2015):**

Female: 27, 32, 37, +37 kg

Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg

### **Intermediate (Born 2012-2013):**

Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

### **Juvenile (Born 2010-2011):**

Female and Male:

36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 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

### **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

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes in the highest and lowest weight classes in all age divisions. When such adjustments are made, only the highest weight sub-category will be pointable and each person must be advised that he or she may elect to fight in the pointable division.

## **Veteran Age Categories**

Category is determined by year of birth. Minimum year of birth is 1993.

Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Female	Male
30	34	1994	1990	F1	M1
35	39	1989	1985	F2	M2
40	44	1984	1980	F3	M3
45	49	1979	1975	F4	M4
50	54	1974	1970	F5	M5
55	59	1969	1965	F6	M6
60	64	1964	1960	F7	M7
65	69	1959	1955	F8	M8
70	74	1954	1950	F9	M9
75	79	1949	1945	F10	M10
80	+	1944		F11	M11

## **Brown Belt Categories**

No dan ranks allowed (all other belts allowed). Waiver must be signed by USA Judo Certified Coach (minimum rank of shodan) for any non-brown belt to compete in this category.

## **Senior Novice Categories**

Only ranks other than black or brown belts and not listed on a national elite roster.

## **Weight Divisions for Senior, Brown Belt, Novice, Veteran and Visually Impaired Categories**

### **Senior, Brown Belt, Novice and Veterans:**

Male: 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, +100kg,  
Open\*

Female: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg,  
+78kg, Open\*

### **Visually Impaired:**

#### **J1, J2**

Male: 60kg, 73kg, 90kg, +90kg  
Female: 48kg, 57kg, 70kg, +70kg

For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Example: 66 kg – over 60kg kg and up to and including 66.0 kg.

Only one weight per category is allowed with the exception of categories offering Open weight. Open weight can be selected as second weight within the category.

The Tournament Committee may also make changes as necessary in the interest of the safety of the athletes and overall administration of the tournament.

## 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, Senior Elite, IJF 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.**

## 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

Depending on amount of registrants and time, 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. Request 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

Pre-registered athletes can pick up their credentials during the weigh-in process. All others at check-in.

## Confirmation of Categories / Draw

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be available at <https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com>. 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 noon on Saturday, Nov. 23. All corrections must be emailed to [Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us](mailto:Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us) or submitted in person onsite. **PHONE CALLS OR TEXTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- A correction form will be provided to record the correction. Corrections WILL NOT be accepted after the one hour posting time has expired.
- Corrections will be processed, then the draw will be run. 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. 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 eight 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.



## Competition Areas

There will be a total of 10 competition areas in use. 6 standard mats will be used for older/advanced athletes with an 8-meter competition surface. 4 smaller mats will be used for younger/beginner athletes with a 6-meter competition surface.

## Rules and Method of Competition

The President's Cup will be conducted in accordance with the 2020 Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the USA Judo President's Cup.

**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.

**Injury Rule:** Decisions as to whether an athlete may continue if injured while on the mat, 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 the Team Doctor. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete may not continue.

### **Competition Method for all Junior Categories – Three (3) or more athletes**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The first one of these two contestants to have two losses will be placed second; the other will be placed first. The loser of the loser's bracket will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only one bronze medal will be awarded.

### **Competition Method for Brown Belt, Senior Novice, and Veterans Categories – Three (3) or more athletes**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The first one of these two contestants to have two losses will be placed second; the other will be placed first. The loser of the loser's bracket will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only one bronze medal will be awarded.

### **Competition Method for all Seniors and VI Categories – Six (6) or more athletes:**

Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: Modified Double-Elimination with two (2) bronze medals. Players begin in the winner's bracket, but once they lose, they move to the loser's bracket, where they have the opportunity to make it to the bronze medal fights. There will be two bronze medalists. Players are guaranteed at least two matches.

### **Competition Method for all Seniors and VI Categories with Five (5) or less athletes:**

Categories having five (5) Competitors or less: Round Robin Pool. The order of finish is determined by number of wins, then, if tied, by total points. If tied in wins and points, the winner of the head-to-head competition between the two who are still tied determines the winner. If three or more are still tied in wins and points for any place (first, second, or third), those contestants involved must contest again to determine the order of finish. Points are given to the winner only and shall be based on the highest single score of the winner, after factoring out scores that cancel out each other. Point values are Ippon= 10, Waza-ari= 1, win by shido = 0. If a contestant withdraws from a division prior to beginning his or her final match, the results of all that person's previous matches shall be discarded.

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 due to an injury 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 due to an injury, but went out onto the mat, they are eligible to medal.

### **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** and a decision may need to be made by the competitor as to the match in which they compete, thereby forfeiting one of the two matches. 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.

**Seeding:** Senior Shiai only: The top four athletes on the USA Judo Senior National Roster, who are in attendance, will be seeded, provided that they are ranked at A through D levels as follows: A (or B) side: #1 and #4 in one half, #2 and #3 in the other half. A higher seeded athlete will always receive a bye before a lower seeded athlete.

Athletes having the same state affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible. Seeded athletes lose their State/Club affiliation for purposes of the draw, i.e., two athletes from the same state or club may meet in the first round if one is a seeded athlete.

### **Senior, Brown Belt and Senior Novice:**

Match Length: Four minutes/no golden score limit

### **Visually Impaired:**

The Visually Impaired competition will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Blind Sports Association.

Match Length: Four minutes/no golden score limit

### **Veterans:**

The Veterans category will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation with the exception of match length:

Match Lengths:

- M/F1-M6/F6: Three minute with two-minute golden score
- M7/F7 & above: Two minute with one-minute golden score

Veterans may compete in only one weight division. Actual weight will be used to determine category.

A meeting will be held Saturday at the venue for all veteran competitors (Green Room close to head table). At this time uncontested divisions may be combined with others. Points/medals will only be awarded for actual/true categories. All competitors must be present for a division to be combined.

### **Junior Categories (Regular and Novice):**

Match Lengths:

- All Bantam 3 minutes/2 minutes golden score
- Intermediate & Juvenile 3 minutes/no golden score limit
- Cadet & IJF 4 minutes/no golden score limit

**Shime-waza and Kansetsu-waza**

- Shime-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular juvenile, cadet, IJF, senior elite, brown belt, veterans (ages 30 – 60) and VI categories
- Kansetsu-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular cadet, IJF, senior elite, brown belt, veterans (all ages) and VI categories

**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.

## Judo Gi / Undergarments / Changing

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.).

### National Competition Team Awards:

Athletes will be awarded points for **all categories** based on the event as follows:

Youth Nationals, Junior Olympics, and junior regular categories at the President's Cup:

1st place	500 points
2nd place	300 points
3rd place	100 points

Novice Categories

1 <sup>st</sup> place	300 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	200 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	100 points

Senior Nationals and senior/veterans/VI regular categories at President's Cup:

1st place	750 points
2nd place	450 points
3rd place	150 points

Novice Categories

1 <sup>st</sup> place	300 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	200 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	100 point

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2024 President's Cup.

#### Criteria:

- Club affiliation will be club listed with athlete's entry in event (as confirmed in their USA Judo profile).
- Athletes who change club affiliation at event then change back after the event has finished will not be counted

- All teams must hold a current USA Judo club membership. Athletes must declare their USA Judo club no later than 7 p.m. Pacific Time on November 22, 2024.
- 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.

#### **USA Judo Team 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.

## **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (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**

Senior and Visually Impaired Shiai Only:

Athletes may be drug tested at any time and are subject to and agree to 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](http://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.

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 <http://www.usantidoping.org/>