2019 National President's Cup Judo Championships
For Seniors, Veterans, Brown Belt, Senior Novice, Visually Impaired, Junior and Junior Novice

Held under the Sanction of USA Judo (United States Judo, Inc.)

November 24, 2019

JUNIOR POINT EVENT: 1ST PLACE 2 PTS., 2ND PLACE 1 PT.

Nearest Airport:	Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW)
Tournament Headquarters:	Marriott Dallas Las Colinas 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Irving, Texas 75039
Competition Site:	Irving Convention Center
Check-in and Registration:	Friday, November 22
Weigh-in:	Friday November 22 (see schedule of events)
Competition: **Sunday** **November 24**	**All Categories**
Tournament Contact:	Corinne Shigemoto 719-201-6176 Corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us
Referees Meeting:	Friday- November 22
Assembly/ Coaches Meeting	Friday - November 22
Draw	Saturday- November 23

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday November 22	**MARRIOTT DALLAS LAS COLINAS**
9:00am - 5:00pm	USA Judo Committee Meetings Hudson Meeting Room
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Coach Meeting Planters Meeting Room
4:00pm – 8:00pm	Registration/Check-In Merchant Meeting Room
	Official Weigh In for all Athletes Male-Williams/Kit Female- San Antonio
	WEIGH IN CLOSES AT 8:00PM SHARP
	FOR ALL CATEGORIES-ONCE YOU HAVE DECLARED A WEIGHT, YOU MUST MAKE THAT WEIGHT. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO "MOVE UP/DOWN" IF YOU MISS WEIGHT. WEIGHT CATEGORY CAN BE CHANGED DURING THE REGISTRATION/CHECK IN PROCESS, PRIOR TO GETTING ON OFFICIAL SCALE
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Technical Officials Meeting Hudson Meeting Room
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Referee Meeting Planters Meeting Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm	USA Judo Assembly Planters Meeting Room

Saturday November 23	**IRVING CONVENTION CENTER**
10:00am – 1:00pm	Preliminary lists of athletes posted for review/correction
1:00pm	Meeting for Veteran, VI, Brown Belt & Novice Categories Irving Convention Center – Meeting room 1 & 2
4:00pm	Draw

Sunday November 24	**Irving Convention Center**
8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
8:15 a.m.	Competition starts
	Awards will be presented periodically throughout the competition as divisions are completed.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding this event.

REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEES, TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Due Date	1st & 2nd category each	3rd, 4th & 5th category each	Open category Only*
Online by 10/24/19	$85.00	$55.00	$50.00
Online 10/25/19 - 11/14/19	$100.00	$70.00	$60.00
Walk Up Registration	$150.00	$100.00	$90.00

- ***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 mail in registration.
- 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 corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us. Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm MT.
- Entry into additional categories must be for the same athlete
- Athletes may also register during Tournament Check in. You will be considered a "walk up" at that time.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and nontransferable
- Absolutely no entries will be accepted after 8:00pm Friday November 22.
- Entry fee is waived for defending Champion in Senior (point) Category if competing in same weight in which won. Email corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us for waiver information. Entries must be received by the national office by 10/24/19 to receive complimentary entry.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEE

Adult (13 and up):	One day $12.00
9-12 years:	One day $8.00
Children 8 & under	Free

- Olympians will be granted free admission and floor passes to the event.
- Current USA JUDO Life Members will receive free admission (spectator seating only).
- Circle of 100 Members will receive free admission (spectator seating only).

CHAMPIONSHIP HEADQUARTERS

The host hotel will be the Marriott Dallas Las Colinas 223 West Las Colinas Blvd. Irving, TX 75039. The rates are $112.00, plus tax. Reservations must be made by **October 31, 2019.** Call 800-264-1178 or 972-831-0000 for reservations (ask for the USA Judo rate).

TRANSPORTATION

Ground Transportation: Ground transportation will not be provided as the venue and Marriott Hotel are within walking distance. No other ground transportation will be provided.

Air Transportation: The nearest airport – Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) – is located approximately 15

minutes from the host hotel. Transportation is not provided. Don't forget to book your flight for discount tickets at United.com for USA Judo members.

United Airlines is the premier travel provider for USA Judo. Enjoy a discount on domestic fares provided to USA Judo. Attendees may book their ticket on the United Olympic family website at www.united.com/usoc and receive a 5% discount, or by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1.800.841.0460 to receive a 10% discount. Contact USA Judo for the travel discount code.

COACH DRESS CODE

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

Acceptable apparel: national or club team track suit (sweatsuit) with polo shirt; business casual attire, dress jeans (no holes or markings); button down shirts or polo shirts. Dress shoes, sneakers (tennis shoes)

Forbidden apparel: flip flops, sandals, shorts, tee-shirts, hats, head coverings.

Coaches must be current USA Judo Certified, USJF Certified or USJA Certified Coaches to receive coaching credentials at this event.

ELIGIBILITY

Contestants may compete if they meet the following eligibility requirements and there is no conflict regarding weigh-in and competition schedules.

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

Senior Category athletes must be U.S. Citizens. All other categories will allow non US Citizens to compete with proof of Green Card, VISA, etc. Athletes from other countries must provide an approval letter from their IJF recognized federation.

Senior Category:

1. Must have been born December 31, 2004 or earlier.
2. Minimum rank of senior sankyu

Visually Impaired Category: Participants in the visually impaired competition must be:

1. Must have been born December 31, 2004 or earlier.

2. 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.

Classifications of visual impairment:

Class B1
No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.

Class B2
From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.

Class B3
From visual acuity above 20/600 and up to visual acuity of 20/200 and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees and more than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.

*Visual groups B1, B2 and B3 will compete together.

Senior Open Category:
1. Must have been born December 31, 2004 or earlier.
2. Minimum rank of senior sankyu

Veterans Category:
1. Must have been born in 1989 or earlier
2. Minimum rank of senior sankyu

Brown Belt Category:
1. 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 the brown belt category.
2. Must have verified/proof of rank through USA Judo, USJF or USJA

Senior Novice Category:
1. Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
2. Must have been born December 31, 2004 or earlier.
3. The novice divisions are not pointable divisions towards USA Judo junior or senior point rosters.

Junior Categories:
1. Must have been born between 1999 and 2014 inclusively.
2. No minimum rank requirement.
3. Junior categories are pointable towards USA Judo junior rosters.

Junior Novice Categories:
1. Must have been born between 1999 and 2011 inclusively.
   White, yellow and orange belts only. Ranks must be verified in the USA Judo database.
2. Junior Novice categories are NOT pointable divisions towards USA Judo junior point roster.

POINTS WILL ONLY BE AWARDED IN THOSE DIVISIONS FOR ATHLETES THAT MEET THE CRITERIA AS OUTLINED IN THE SENIOR, MASTER, VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND JUNIOR CLASSIFICATION POINT SYSTEM LISTED AT WWW.USJUDO.ORG

JUNIOR AGE CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT applies to all Regular Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3, Intermediate and Juvenile athletes who are in the last year of eligibility in their current age bracket. It does not apply to novice junior categories. It applies to ALL Junior point events (except novice junior categories) that are held from July 1 to December 31 of each year: Any Junior athlete, who is in the last year of eligibility to compete in his/her current age bracket, may CHOOSE to enter USA Judo point events in the next age bracket. The athlete will need to choose ONE age bracket for each point event in the second half of each applicable year.

The athlete who chooses to compete in the higher age bracket may begin to accumulate points at the new age beginning July 1 of each year, BUT he/she will not be able to use those points until January 1 of the year that actually ages them into the new division. The athlete will NOT be able to compete in his/her "old" age bracket and the "new" one at the same event.

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. The following age/weight categories will be in use **for this year's event (2019):**

CATEGORIES ARE BASED ON SOLELY ON YEAR OF BIRTH

REGULAR JUNIOR CATEGORIES:

Bantam 1 (Born 2013-2014): **Female and Male:** 23, +23 kg	**JUVENILE (Born 2005-2007):** **Female and Male:** 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2011-2013): **Female and Male:** 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg	**CADET (Born 2002-2005):** **Female:** 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg **Male:** 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2009-2011) **Female:** 27, 32, 37,+37 kg **Male:** 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg	**IJF-Junior (Born 1999-2004):** **Female:** 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open **Male:** 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open
INTERMEDIATE (Born 2007-2009): **Female and Male:** 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg	

NOVICE JUNIOR CATEGORIES:

Bantam 3 (Born 2009-2010) **Female:** 27, 32, 37,+37 kg **Male:** 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg	**CADET (Born 2002-2004):** **Female:** 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg **Male:** 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
INTERMEDIATE (Born 2007-2008): **Female and Male:** 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg	**IJF-Junior (Born 1999-2004):** **Female:** 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open **Male:** 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open
JUVENILE (Born 2005-2006): **Female and Male:** 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg	

Regular Juvenile athletes who have obtained appropriate Age Waiver may also enter the IJF Jr divisions (see http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Juniors/USA-Judo-Age-Waiver-Information. Waiver applications MUST reach Jim Hrbek via email (judolym@aol.com) by October 27.

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 1989.

Age From	Age To	YOB From	YOB To	Female	Male
30	34	1989	1985	F1	M1
35	39	1984	1980	F2	M2
40	44	1979	1975	F3	M3
45	49	1974	1970	F4	M4
50	54	1969	1965	F5	M5
55	59	1964	1960	F6	M6
60	64	1959	1955	F7	M7
65	69	1954	1950	F8	M8
70	74	1949	1945	F9	M9
75	79	1944	1940	F10	M10
80	+	1939		F11	M11

CHECK IN

Only check in if you have a change to your weight or category. Please proceed directly to weigh-in if you have no changes. No changes will be accepted or made at weigh-in.

CREDENTIALS

Pre-registered athletes can pickup their credentials during the weigh in process. All others at registration.

CLUB AFFILIATION

Only current USA Judo clubs, at the time of registration, will be listed with athletes' event registration. Non-USA Judo clubs WILL NOT be affiliated with a registered athlete. Club affiliation is not required to compete in these championships.

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. Contestants may check weight as many times as desired prior to the official weigh-in on the official scale. A contestant 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.

NOTE: Athletes must declare a weight and make that weight during official weigh in. Weight category can be changed during the check in/registration process. Failure to make declared weight will eliminate the athlete from competition, with the exception of Open weight category if applicable. Athlete WILL NOT be moved to another weight category if declared weight category is missed.

CONFIRMATION OF CATEGORIES/DRAW

*** MANDATORY***

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be posted at the Irving Convention Center on Saturday November 23 at approximately 10:00am CT. Athletes/coaches/representative for the athlete is required to check the list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category/weight.

- Any corrections should be reported immediately to staff but no later than 1:00pm CT. A change form will be provided to record the correction. Changes/corrections WILL NOT be accepted after (1:00pm CT).

- Corrections will be processed then the draw will be run. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted online at www.usjudo.org.

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 changes/corrections during the Confirmation of Categories period may result in the athlete NOT COMPETING IN THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS. 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.

If two or more athletes fail to make weight or report to weigh-ins in the same category, the division may be redrawn.

RULES AND METHOD OF COMPETITION

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the USA JUDO National Presidents Cup Championships.

Injury Rule: The following rule was approved by the Board of Directors of USA Judo on October 22, 1998: 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.

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, who did not finish competing but went out onto the mat, they are eligible to medal.

Competition Method for Regular and Novice Junior Categories:

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 five and under contestants, round robin will be the method of competition. Only one bronze medal will be awarded.

Competition Method for Seniors, Brown Belt, Veterans and Visually Impaired categories:

1. 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. Osaekomi during golden score will be allowed to continue until time expires.
2. Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: Knockout System with Double Repechage (some-times referred to as Crossover Repechage). Players are divided into two pools, A and B which are further subdivided into A1, A2, B1, B2. Determination of 1st and 2nd place: The "Knockout" (single elimination) system is then used to produce two finalists, one from pool A, the other from pool B, who will compete for 1st and 2nd place. Determination of 3rd – 5th place: All contestants who were defeated by the winners of pools A1, A2, B1, and B2 (semi-finalists) will take part in the repechage of their respective pools in the order in which they were defeated. i.e., for pool A1, the loser from Round 1 will meet the loser from Round 2; the winner of that match will meet the loser from Round 3, etc. The winner of repechage pool A1 will meet the winner of repechage pool A2; similarly for B1 and B2. The winner of the repechage pool A will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool B. The winner of repechage pool B will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool A. The winners (2) are placed 3rd, the losers (2) are placed 5th.

Seeding: Senior Shiai only: The top eight 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 #8 in one half, #5 and #4 in the other half. B (or A) side: #2 and #7 in one half; and #6 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 (Group B) 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 Novice Shiai Rules:

Match Length: Four minutes/no golden score limit

Visually Impaired:

The Visually Impaired Championships 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 Category:

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 Veterans competitors. 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:

Category/ Year of Birth	Shime-waza (chokes) Allowed	Kansetsu-waza (arm bars) Allowed
Novice Only Year of Birth 2006 and earlier	YES	NO
ALL athletes born after 2006 (includes all Intermediate or younger divisions)	NO	NO
Cadet & Older (2004 Year of Birth or earlier)	YES	YES

TEAM AWARDS

Teams will be awarded points for the following:

1. Regular Categories
   a. 1st place – 5 points
   b. 2nd place - 3 points
   c. 3rd place – 1 point
2. Novice Categories
   a. 1st place - 3 points
   b. 2nd place – 2 points
   c. 3rd place – 1 point

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2019 National Presidents Cup Championships.

Criteria:

1. Athletes must declare their USA Judo club by the end of registration.
2. No club will be allowed to register at the event.
3. Trophies will be presented to the top three teams after competition.

USA JUDO TEAM CUP

1. Totals will be comprised from the 2019 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics and Presidents Cup Championships.
2. The cup will be engraved with the winning team's name.
3. The Cup will be presented to the winning team at the 2020 Youth Nationals.

JUDO GI

For all categories, regardless of age, blue and white gi requirement is mandatory. IJF approved labeled gi's are not required. Back patches are not required.

AWARDS

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.).

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE TESTING FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES

Senior and Visually Impaired Shiai only: Testing, in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures of the International Judo Federation, U.S. Olympic Committee, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), may be conducted to determine whether an athlete is utilizing a substance forbidden by the International Olympic Committee. As an athlete, before taking any medication or supplement, it is your responsibility to find out if any substance in the product is prohibited or restricted. You may call the Drug Reference Hotline at 1.800.233.0393. If you prefer, you can send your correspondence and inquiries to: United States Anti-Doping Agency; 5555 Tech Center Dr, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Other useful information can be found by visiting USADA's website: www.usada.org.