

**USA Judo**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2020 Olympic Games – Tokyo, Japan**  
**Men and Women**  
**13 August 2018**  
**AMENDED August 18, 2020**

Note: Following the IOC’s announcement that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games have been rescheduled to take place July 23 – August 8, 2021, it was confirmed that these Games would still be referred to as the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Therefore, any references to the Olympic qualification system, Olympic Team, Olympic Trials and Olympic Games still reflect ‘2020’ in these selection procedures.

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

Athlete also must be a national of the United States and have a valid U.S. passport in order to compete in any Olympic Qualification competition.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC):

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

All athletes participating in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December ~~2005~~ 2006.

The Olympic Games qualification system may be found at <http://www.ijf.org/> (go to “Documents”).

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- The athlete must hold a current USA Judo black belt ranking.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with USA Judo at the time of nomination to the Olympic Games Team.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s online training.

## 1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

The events listed below earn IJF World Ranking Points. The IJF World Ranking List as of ~~May 25, 2020~~ June 28, 2021 will be used to determine direct qualification to the 2020 Olympic Team:

Continental Cups May 25, 2018 – ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021  
 Grand Prixs May 25, 2018 - ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021  
 Grand Slams May 25, 2018 - ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021  
 World Masters May 25, 2018 - ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021  
 World Championships May 25, 2018 – ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021  
 Pan American Championships May 25, 2018 – ~~May 24, 2020~~ June 28, 2021

The locations and dates of these events will be posted at <https://www.ijf.org/calendar> and [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org) as soon as they become available.

In addition, there are a few different scenarios in which an Olympic Trials may be necessary as outlined in Section 1.3. It is anticipated the trials will be held in late June or early July 2021, if necessary; final date and location information for any potential 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be announced at [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org) once the 2021 IJF event calendar is confirmed but at least 45 days prior to the start of trials.

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

### **Qualification for Continental Cups**

There is no limit on the number of competitors per country per weight category.

USA Judo’s 2018 International Tournament Criteria/Policies are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2019 ~~and~~, 2020 and 2021 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/International-Tournament-Criteria>  
<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/Competition-Opportunities>

### **Qualification for Grand Slams and Grand Prix**

There is a maximum of two competitors per country per weight category. For the organizing country there will be a maximum of four competitors per weight category.

USA Judo's 2018 Grand Slam and Grand Prix Selection Procedures are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2019 ~~and~~, 2020 and 2021 event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors>

~~<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2018-Event-Selection-Procedure-July-Dec#>~~

### **Qualification for World Masters**

The top 32\* 16 competitors per weight category from the IJF World Ranking List (~~after the last IJF point event for the year is included~~) will be invited to compete. Athletes can only be entered in the weight category for which they have been invited. The organizing country has the right to have a minimum of one (1) athlete in each category. If they do not qualify an athlete in the top 32\* 16, a domestic athlete will participate as the 33<sup>rd</sup>\* 17<sup>th</sup> athlete. The IJF selection procedures for each of the World Masters tournaments (2018- ~~2020~~ 2021, as applicable) will be posted on [www.ijf.org](http://www.ijf.org).

\* Criteria for qualifying to the World Masters has not been confirmed by the IJF at the time of publishing these amended selection procedures. It is uncertain as to whether the top-16 or top-32 competitors per weight category will be invited, and it is also unknown as to the date by which the IJF World Ranking List will be applied for determining invitations to World Masters. Once this information is confirmed, USA Judo will provide notice at [www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo).

### **Qualification for World Championships**

Each Federation may register up to nine (9) athletes in the women's divisions and nine (9) athletes in the men's divisions, with a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category. There is a maximum of one competitor per country per weight category. USA Judo's 2018 World Championship Selection Procedures are available at the link below and will be updated with the 2019 (and 2020 and 2021, as applicable) event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

2018 procedures: [www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors-Archive/2018/2018-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors-Archive/2018/2018-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods)

2019 procedures: [Athletes/Seniors-Archive/2019/2019-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors-Archive/2019/2019-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods)

2020 and 2021 procedures (if applicable and once available) will be posted here:

[www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors)

~~<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors-/2018-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods>~~

### **Qualification for Pan American Championships**

Each Federation may register up to nine (9) athletes in women's divisions~~s~~ and nine (9) athletes in men's divisions~~s~~, with a maximum of 2 athletes per category. USA Judo's 2018 Pan American Championships Selection Procedures are available at the link below and will

be updated with the 2019 ~~and~~, 2020 and 2021 (as applicable) event information as it becomes available from the IJF.

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors> ~~<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Athletes/Seniors/2018-Senior-Team-Selection-Methods>~~

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

The qualification slot will go directly to ~~the an~~ athlete in each weight category, not a nation, if he/she is within the top 18 based on the IJF World Ranking List as of ~~May 25, 2020~~ June 28, 2021. There will be a maximum of one athlete per weight category per country. If there is more than one athlete in the top 18 in a weight category, then the process described below under “Qualification to Olympic Games” will be followed.

The maximum team size is 14 athletes, one representing each weight category. The 14 weight categories are: Men’s 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, and 100+kg; Women’s 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, and 78+kg.

#### Mixed Team Event:

USA Judo will enter a mixed team as long as athletes qualify in each of the required mixed team event weight categories. The mixed teams will/can only be formed from athletes qualified for individual events. The divisions for the mixed team event are as follows:

- Women: -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
- Men: -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg

USA Judo must qualify an athlete in each of the above divisions by ~~May 25, 2020~~ June 28, 2021 in order to compete in the mixed team event.

More qualification information on the mixed team event is provided here:

[https://www.ijf.org/wrl\\_olympic\\_teams](https://www.ijf.org/wrl_olympic_teams)

#### **Qualification to Olympic Games**

The athletes are identified by following the IJF World Ranking List as of ~~May 25, 2020~~ June 28, 2021 from top to bottom until 18 different countries in each weight category are represented for men and 18 for women.

The following scenarios outline whether or not a 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be necessary. It is anticipated that trials will be held in late June or early July 2021, if necessary. Final date and location information for any potential 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be announced on January 1, 2020 at [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org) once the 2021 IJF event calendar is confirmed but at least 45 days prior to the start of trials.

NOTE: The revised IJF qualification system technically will allow the IJF to schedule events that earn IJF World Ranking Points (i.e., qualification tournaments) as late as June 28, 2021, at which time they are required to publish the World Ranking List of June 28, 2021 that will determine the allocation of Olympic quotas. USA Judo intends to schedule the trials to occur

after the last IJF qualification tournament to ensure all World Rankings are final before any necessary trials are conducted. Athletes are encouraged to monitor the IJF World Ranking List to gauge the likelihood of whether a trials will be necessary for their weight category, according to the following scenarios.

Scenario #1 – No trials necessary:

- If the USA has one athlete ranked in the top-18 for men or top-18 for women, as of June 28, 2021, then this athlete is directly qualified for the 2020 Olympic Games Team.

Scenario #2 – Trials needed:

- If the USA has two athletes ranked in the top 18, as of June 28, 2021, in the same weight category, a 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo (date and location, TBA) will be held. If the higher IJF ranked athlete wins the first match, he/she shall be the athlete selected in that weight category of competition. If the higher IJF ranked athlete loses, then the athletes shall engage in a best-of-three fight-off. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that weight category of competition.

Scenario #3 – Trials needed:

- If the USA has three or more athletes ranked in the top 18 as of June 28, 2021 in the same weight division, then a single elimination 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be held (date and location, TBA). The athletes will be seeded according to the current seeding chart (see below).
  - If the first seeded athlete (i.e., top-ranked U.S. athlete within the top 18) wins the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo he/she shall be the athlete selected in that weight category of competition to the 2020 Olympic Games Team. The athlete who takes second place at the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo shall be the replacement athlete for that weight category.
  - If the highest seeded athlete loses his/her first match, he/she will face the athlete who advanced furthest within that weight category the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will continue with the winner of the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo and the first seeded athlete engaging in a best-of-three fight-off that same day. The winner of that fight-off shall be the athlete selected for that weight category to the 2020 Olympic Games Team; the athlete who lost the fight-off shall be the replacement athlete for that weight category (see 4.1). After determining the Olympic team member and his/her replacement athlete, if there is more than one athlete left in the weight category, then those remaining athletes will have one more fight to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> place athlete (2<sup>nd</sup> replacement athlete) and 4<sup>th</sup> place athlete (3<sup>rd</sup> replacement athlete).

~~Scenario #4 – Trials needed (to determine replacement athlete):~~

- ~~• If the USA has three or more athletes ranked in the top 18 in the same weight category, then the athlete winning the trials (as outlined in Scenario #3 above) would be directly qualified, and the remaining athletes ranked in the top 18 will compete in a separate trials event (date and location, TBA) to determine who will be identified as a replacement athlete, if the need were to arise.~~
  - ~~○ In the case of two remaining athletes: If the higher IJF ranked athlete wins the first match, he/she shall be the identified replacement athlete for that weight category. If the higher IJF ranked athlete loses, then the athletes shall engage in a best-of-three fight-off. The winner of that fight-off shall be the identified replacement athlete for that weight category.~~



fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, USA Judo has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Judo may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Judo:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Judo's CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Judo, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Judo's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Judo Bylaws Article 14 and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Judo Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

~~<https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct>~~  
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>  
~~[www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition](http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition)~~

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, [as well as the Policies and Procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Judo's SafeSport Handbook](#), as applicable.

### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- For Scenario #1 above as well as any Continental qualifier, the IJF will reallocate the slot to the next highest ranked athlete from the IJF World Ranking List of 25 May 2020 June 28, 2021 from an NOC who has not already qualified in that weight category.
- For Scenario #2 above, the replacement athlete will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo in that weight category.
- For Scenario #3 above, the replacement athlete will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo in that weight category. If both athletes withdraw or are removed from nomination, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher at the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be the replacement in that weight category. If all three athletes withdraw or are removed from the nomination, the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher at the 2020 Olympic Trials – Judo will be the replacement in that weight category.
- ~~For Scenario #4 above, the replacement athlete will be the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher at the trials event in that weight category. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher at the trials event withdraws or is removed from nomination, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the trials event will be the replacement in that weight category.~~

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If the Local Organizing Committee allows replacements after the Entries by Name are submitted, athletes will be selected based on the criteria outlined in Section 4.1.1 or as determined in accordance with the IJF Olympic Qualification system.

## 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Judo will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

## 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Judo Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Judo in the following locations:

- 7.1. USA Judo Web site: [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

- 7.2. Other: N/A

## 8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

~~June 5, 2020~~

USA Judo will provide a short list by May 15, 2021.

Final nominations may be submitted as late as July 3, 2021 for any weight category that falls into a scenario calling for trials (see 1.3.). Otherwise, final nominations will be submitted on or before June 4, 2021.

## 9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to any mandatory training.

## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

High Performance Committee:

Jim Hrbek - High Performance Committee Chair

Pat Burris - Coaches Education Committee Chair

Eddie Liddie - High Performance Director

Chris McDonald - Coach Representative

Jason Morris - Coach Representative

Jhonny Prado - Coach Representative

Mike Swain - Coach Representative

Leo White - Coach Representative

Dr. S. Swirsky – Non-Voting Medic Advisor

Ben Goodrich- Athlete Rep

Nick Kossor- Athlete Rep

Christal Ransom- Athlete Rep

## 12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Judo Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/About-Us/Governance/USA-Judo-Bylaws> (Article 14)

### 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IJF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IJF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Judo. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

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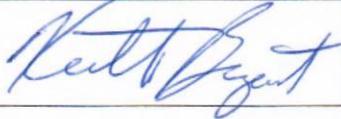
### 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Judo may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, ~~Kacie Wallace~~, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org) ~~kacie.wallace@usoc.org~~
- [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org) ~~http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman~~

### 15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by IJF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Judo.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Judo President or CEO/Executive Director	Keith Bryant		8/27/20
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ed Liddie		8/25/20
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Nick Kossor		8/30/20

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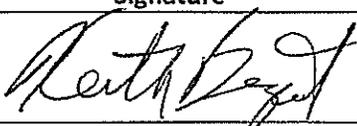
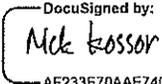
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**INTRODUCTION**

**2021 2020 ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Representing USA Judo as an elite athlete in the 2021 2020 International/National Season is an honor and distinction few achieve. I understand that United States Judo, Inc. (USA Judo) manages the 2021 2020 International/National Season and it is in that context that, as a participant in the 2021 2020 International/National Season, I make the pledge set forth below to USA Judo. I and USA Judo acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing before being denied the opportunity to participate or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I pledge to honor and uphold the spirit and intent of this Code of Conduct (Code), which offers a general guide to my conduct as a participant representing my sport, my coaches, my club, USA Judo and the United States of America.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions as written is a condition of my participation in the 2021 2020 International/National Season.

THIS CODE MUST BE COMPLETED IN AN UNALTERED FORM IN ALL APPLICABLE PLACES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.

**AGREEMENT**

As an athlete participant, I recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior and hereby promise and agree that I:

- Have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of other USA Judo officials and athletes to attain maximum peak performance;
- Will not knowingly be involved or situated where illegal drugs or other behavior-altering drugs are present;
- Will conform to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws, including, but not limited to laws governing possession and use of drugs, alcohol and providing drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- Will abide by all applicable written rules, regulations, codes, protocols and deadlines that may be established for competitions, camps, clinics, exhibitions, appearances or other events, programs and activities in which I am to participate, including those of USA Judo, the IJF, the USOPC, the IOC, and any organizer of an event in which I participate. I understand that my failure to meet requested deadlines and provide information requested by USA Judo in a timely manner may create unnecessary added expenses and put my participation in an event, program or activity at risk.
- Am eligible to participate under USA Judo and IJF rules;
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect members of my team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse and will appropriately report any form of abuse per USA Judo SafeSport Policies (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/safe-sport-program>);
- Will follow all team rules, including by way of example, on-time attendance at events, practices, team meetings, travel, accommodations, curfews (if applicable), official ceremonies, public relations assignments;

- Understand that requests made by USA Judo for appearances, clinics and/or other public relations assignments are necessary for the growth and promotion of my sport and me personally and are part of being an ambassador for my sport and my country;
- Am subject to the ability of an athlete to use personal performance gear as defined by the USOPC for competition purposes, I am aware that USA Judo sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for participating delegation members, and I will wear designated USA Judo apparel when requested to do so at all team functions, including, but not limited to, dining in public and traveling between the hotel and venue, and I will not conceal or cover-up any USA Judo sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or any other identifying marks appearing on USA Judo apparel;
- Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographers(s) and network(s) of USA Judo under conditions authorized by USA Judo, and give event organizers and USA Judo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; however, in no event may USA Judo or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product or service by me, individually, without my written permission;
- Will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Judo apparel or equipment or the use of USA Judo logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Judo (which consent shall not be reasonably withheld);
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Judo and the United States, and will conduct myself in a manner that will not in any way bring disrespect, discredit, or dishonor to either myself, my teammates, USA Judo or the United States. I understand that this includes comments and photos on social media; and
- Will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic & Paralympic Movement.

I further acknowledge, understand and agree that the following shall be considered violations of the USA Judo Code of Conduct:

- Discrimination in violation of any section of the USA Judo Rules and Regulations, or in violation of Section 220522(a) (9) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act which requires that USA Judo must provide: “an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin”;
- Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) an felony, (ii) an offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct;
- Any sexual conduct or advance directed towards an athlete by another athlete, coach, official, trainer, or other person;
- Violation of any of the anti-doping provisions set forth by USA Judo, United States Olympic Committee (USOPC), the International Judo Federation (IJF), the World Anti- Doping Agency (WADA), or the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA);
- The sale, distribution or possession of illegal drugs or the illegal sale, distribution or possession of any substance listed on the WADA, or USADA recognized list of prohibited substances;
- The distribution or administration of any illegal or controlled substance either orally or by injection, of any substances listed on the WADA, or USADA recognized list of prohibited substances;
- The administration of any substances by injection, whether legal or illegal, unless it is done so by a licensed, medical professional for the purposes of health maintenance or due to illness;
- The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by another athlete, coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of judo, is in a position of authority over that athlete;
- The providing of alcohol to an athlete by another athlete, coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the state/country where the alcohol is provided;
- The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18;
- Physical abuse of others;

- Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Judo-related activity;
- Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Judo sanctioned competition;
- Failure of any member who is a party to or witnesses of any violation(s) contained in the above-stated USA Judo Code of Conduct to report the specific violation to USA Judo immediately.

**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN:**

I may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman at 719-866-5000 or via email at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org) [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org) for further information regarding my rights under this Code that are not answered by USA Judo.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE:**

In consideration of my participation during the ~~2021~~ 2020 International/National Season under the auspices of USA Judo, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability and death, and while particular rules of the sport, equipment, and discipline may reduce this risk, this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk of damage to or loss of property.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risk, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others.

I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation.

I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless and promise not to sue USA Judo and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, or sponsors (all referred to as "releasees"), with respect to any and all such injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, except that which is the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of the releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I understand disciplinary action in accordance with applicable disciplinary procedures of USA Judo.

I am subject to procedures as may be applicable, dismissal from the team and/or as a participant in any event in which I am participating, and for which I am responsible for any repayment to USA Judo of any and all expenses incurred on my behalf.

I may be suspended from future events and/or USA Judo activities.

I may be denied funding or eligibility for monetary support.

I may be asked to issue written or verbal apologies.

I understand such other sanctions as deemed appropriate and necessary.

I understand that any alleged violations of the USA Judo Code of Conduct must be reported to the Chief Executive Officer of USA Judo, or to the Chair of the Ethics & Grievance Committee.

**SIGNATURES:**

**I have read this Code of Conduct. I fully understand and accept my responsibilities as a “athlete” member participating in the 2021 2020 International/National Season. I understand that by providing my electronic signature below, I agree to comply with the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction, procedures and releases stated above. I further understand and agree that my electronic signature is my legal and binding signature.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Name (Printed) Date of Signature

**PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE  
(Participants under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Signature Relationship to Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Name (Printed) Date of Signature

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION  
(For Participants under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, participating in the sport of Judo during the 2021 2020 International/National Season, give my consent to USA Judo and its medical representatives to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above mentioned participant for injury or illness that could arise during activities during the 2021 2020 International/National Season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Signature Relationship to Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Name (Printed) Date of Signature

I further authorize the release of any medical information necessary to process a claim for accident/medical payment insurance for an illness or injury incurred while my son/daughter is participating in the 2021 2020 International/National Season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Signature Relationship to Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Name (Printed) Date of Signature