



2021 USA Judo Senior National Championship
Senior, Visually Impaired, Veterans, Brown Belt, Novice, IJF & Kata

May 15-16, 2021
Reno, Nevada

Host	USA Judo
Event Headquarter Hotel	Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa 3800 S. Virginia Street Reno, Nevada 89502
Competition Site	Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 S. Virginia Street Reno, Nevada 89502
Check In	Friday, May 14, 2021 See Schedule of Events for details
Weigh-In	See Schedule of Events
Competition Dates	Saturday, May 15, 2021 All Shiai Sunday, May 16, 2021 Kata
Tournament Director	Corinne Shigemoto 719-201-6176 corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us
Chief Referee	Gary Takemoto

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday May 14

8:00am-5:00pm	USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting/Convention Center
10:00am-5:00pm	USA Judo Subcommittee Meetings/Convention Center
9:00am-12:00pm	Event Check In/Registration all shiai categories. Kata may check in/Convention Center
9:00am-12:00pm	Weigh-In for all shiai categories except Senior and IJF shiai/Convention Center
12:15pm-1:00pm	Veteran Athletes Meeting/Convention Center
2:00pm-3:00pm	Posting of Categories for Review/Atlantis Resort
5:00pm-6:00pm	Technical Officials Meeting/Convention Center
6:00pm-7:00pm	Coach Meeting/Convention Center
6:00pm-7:00pm	Event Referee Meeting/Convention Center
7:00pm-8:00pm	Official weigh-in for all Senior and IJF Shiai categories/Convention Center
8:00pm	Draw posted/Atlantis Resort

Saturday May 15

Reno-Sparks Convention Center Hall 4

7:00am	Doors Open
8:00am	Welcome Ceremony
8:15am	Competition start for senior shiai categories.
TBD	Gold/Silver finals for senior shiai categories 1 hour after last semi-final match. Awards to be made after conclusion of all finals
TBD	All other shiai categories will start at the conclusion of the senior shiai finals. Awards will be made throughout competition for other categories approximately 30 minutes after conclusion of last match in category
10:00am-11:00am	Kata registration/check in/Convention Center

Sunday May 16

Reno-Sparks Convention Center Hall 4

8:30am	Kata judges check-in
9:30am	Kata competition start
TBD	Kata clinic immediately following awards presentation

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

REGISTRATION DATES - ENTRY FEES

Number of Categories	On Line by 4/9/21	On Line 4/10-5/7	Walk Up Registration
1,2	\$85	\$100	\$150
3,4,5	\$60	\$75	\$95
6,7,8,9,10	\$40	\$45	\$65
Open	\$50	\$60	\$70

Entry fees are per category and are nonrefundable, credits will not be issued

- Open category price above is if open is second category entered. If entered as first category, then full fees apply
- Online registrations will not be accepted after 5/7.
- Entry into additional categories must be for same athlete
- Athletes may also register during event check in as a walk up
- Entry fees are non-refundable and credits will not be issued
- Absolutely no entries will be accepted after 12:00pm ET Friday May 14 for all categories except kata. No entries accepted after 11:00am ET on Saturday May 15 for kata categories.
- Entry fee is waived for defending 2019 Senior Shiai Champion and 2020 NCJA National Champion if competing in the same weight in which won. Entry must be postmarked no later than 4/9. If entry is postmarked after 4/9, all fees above apply. Online entry is not available for defending champions requesting waiver; must be mailed in.

ONLINE ENTRIES

Your rank, date of birth and citizenship must be verified in the USA Judo database prior to being allowed access to register. For verification please email a copy of birth certificate, passport and a copy of your USA Judo, USJF or USJA rank certificate to Austin.leath@usajudo.us. Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours (8am-4pm MTN).

CHAMPIONSHIP HEADQUARTERS

Headquarter Hotel Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa
3800 S. Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89502

Rates

	Wed. 5/12	Thur. 5/13	Fri. 5/14	Sat. 5/15	Sun. 5/16
Single/Double	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$99.00

NOTE: Rates are not valid for Saturday one-night stays

Deadline April 9, 2021

For Reservations 800-723-6500 Ask for the USA Judo rate

TRANSPORTATION

Nearest airport is Reno Tahoe International Airport which is (RNO) which is approximately a 10 minute drive to the hotel. Atlantis Casino offers complimentary shuttle service between the airport and their hotel for guests staying at the Atlantis Resort. Once luggage has been claimed, call 775-824-4229 for pick up. No transportation will be provided between the Atlantis Casino and the Reno-Sparks Convention Center as it is within walking distance of each other.

United Airlines is USA Judo's partner for air travel. As a member of USA Judo you are eligible to receive discount flights to USA Judo sanctioned events on United Airlines. Book now by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 and receive up to 10% off the retail fare price. Use code **U027**.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION

Day	8 and under	9yrs-13 yrs	14 yrs and older
Saturday	No charge	\$5.00	\$10.00
Sunday	No charge	No Charge	No Charge

COACHES DRESS & CREDENTIALS

- All coaches must adhere to the USA Judo dress code as outlined at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Coaches/Coaches-Dress-Code>
- All coaches must register for the event through the event online entry system to receive wristbands. There is no charge for registering. Log into your USA Judo profile and click on Events to register.
- All coaches must have a coach's wrist band to enter the championship. Wrist bands will be distributed at the coaches meeting
- Coaches must have all certifications current
- USJA and USJF coach certification is accepted with current certifications

REFEREE INFORMATION

All referees must first commit to work the event using the USA Judo Referee Information System. The individuals rostered will be approved by the USA Judo Referee Commission to work the event. Once approved, you must register using the USA Judo online event registration. There is no cost to do this.

Log into your USA Judo profile and click on Events to register. Wristbands will be issued for all approved referees. Wristbands can be picked up either during the event check-in/registration process or at the referee meeting.

If you do not commit to work using the Referee Information System and then register online, you may not be allowed to participate in the event and USA Judo will not be responsible for any expenses associated with your stay/travel to the event.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes may compete in Senior Shiai, IJF Shiai, Visually Impaired Shiai, Veterans, Brown Belt, Novice and Kata Categories if they meet the eligibility requirements, submit the required documentation, pay the required fees and there is no conflict regarding weigh in and competition schedules.

- All athletes must be current USA Judo members.

- Must have been born December 31, 2006 or earlier or have obtained the appropriate Age Waiver. See <https://go.teamusa.org/2HWt8ra> for more information
- All Age Waiver applications must be sent to Jim Hrbek at judolym@aol.com by April 1, 2021.
- All ranks must be verified through USA Judo, USJA or USJF only
- U.S. Citizens and athletes with Green Cards or VISA's are eligible to compete in the following categories. Also, athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's (IJF) refugee program, and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program, may compete in the following categories. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to Corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us
 - Senior Shiai Open weight category
 - IJF Open weight category
 - Brown Belt
 - Novice
 - Veterans
 - Visually Impaired
 - Kata categories
- U.S. Citizens **OR** athletes who meet the criteria of the International Judo Federation's (IJF) refugee program and are currently approved with proof of documentation/acceptance from the IJF to participate in the refugee program are eligible to compete in the following categories. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to Corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us.
 - Senior Shiai (except open weight)
 - IJF Shiai (except open weight)
- USA Judo point roster matrix for junior athletes can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/athletes/juniors>
- USA Judo point roster matrix for senior athletes can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/athletes/seniors>

Senior Shiai Category (except Open Category)

1. Minimum rank of senior sankyu.
2. Athletes participating in the Senior Shiai divisions must not have represented another country Senior Continental Championship or higher level within the past three years from the date of the Senior Nationals.

Open Category

1. Minimum rank of senior sankyu.

IJF Categories

1. No minimum rank required.

Visually Impaired Category

1. 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.
2. Visual groups B1, B2 and B3 will compete together.
3. No minimum rank required.

Veterans Category

1. Age is determined by year of birth. Minimum year of birth is 1991.

Age from	Age to	YOB from	YOB to	Female	Male
30	34	1991	1987	F1	M1
35	39	1986	1982	F2	M2
40	44	1981	1977	F3	M3
45	49	1976	1972	F4	M4
50	54	1971	1967	F5	M5
55	59	1966	1962	F6	M6
60	64	1961	1957	F7	M7
65	69	1956	1952	F8	M8
70	74	1951	1947	F9	M9
75	79	1946	1942	F10	M10
80	+	1941		F11	M11

2. Athletes who are not citizens of the United States may participate by meeting one of the following conditions:

If a non-U.S. citizen is a permanent, legal, resident of the United States (green card, etc.), then that person may compete either: For the Country of which he/she is a citizen with proof of membership in that country's Judo Federation and the Country's permission to compete, OR,

As a member of USA Judo, affiliated with a USA Judo registered club. If a person is not a permanent resident of the United States, that person can only compete under criteria 2a, above.

3. Minimum rank of senior sankyu.

Brown Belt Category

1. No dan ranks allowed (all other belts allowed).

Novice Category:

1. Only ranks other than black or brown belts.

Kata Category

1. Competition is open to any U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the USA (green card, white card, etc.), full time student residing in the USA or person holding a long-term work visa in the USA.
2. Foreign athletes who are not United States citizens, not residing in the U.S., must compete for the country of which they are a citizen, and must present a letter from their country's federation stating that they are a member in good standing and have the Federation's permission to compete. This letter must be included with your application or presented at Registration/Check-in.
3. For foreign, non-resident teams composed of non-U.S. citizens, both Uke and Tori must be citizens of the same country. Foreign athletes residing in the U.S. do not need to be from the same country.
4. There will be three Kata categories: Same Gender Male (both partners must be male); Same Gender Female (both partners must be female); and Mixed Gender (one partner must be male, the other

must be female.) For further details, please refer to the kata section under Rules, elsewhere in this package.

5. Proof of citizenship/permanent residency must be presented to USA Judo.
6. Passports are mandatory for all citizens of countries other than the United States.

Kata Championships will be conducted in accordance with the current procedures of USA Judo. Entry rules are as follows:

- A. There are five events in each category: Nage-no-kata, Kime-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, and Goshin-jutsu.
- B. A contestant may enter only one Kata event once i.e. cannot enter the same Kata Event with a different partner.
- C. To qualify for the All-Around award in each Category, the same Kata team contestants must enter and compete in any three kata's, within the same Category. The role of Uke and Tori may vary but the contestants must be the same.

WEIGHT DIVISIONS FOR ALL SHIAI CATEGORIES

Male: 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, +100kg, open

Female: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, +78kg, open

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.

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 allowed at weigh-in.** Once an athlete's official weight is recorded, no changes will be accepted.

CLUB AFFILIATION

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

WEIGH IN

1. A calibrated practice scale will be available prior to, and during, the weigh-in periods.
2. Contestants may check weight as many times as desired prior to the official weigh-in on the official scale.
3. No athlete will be allowed on the Official Scale during Official Weigh-in for the purpose of checking weight.
4. A contestant is given only one chance on the official scale during official weigh-in.
5. Open division contestants do not need to weigh in.
6. No refunds or credits for missed weights.
7. Athletes will not be moved to a higher/lower weight category if declared weight is missed.

IDENTIFICATION

Senior, IJF, and VI categories athletes must show a government issued ID at weigh in.

EVENT CREDENTIALS

Event credentials will be distributed during the weigh in process or during registration for walk up athletes.

JUDO GI/UNDERGARMENTS/CHANGING

For all categories except kata, regardless of age, blue and white gi requirement is mandatory. IJF approved labeled gi's are not required but must meet fit requirements. Back patches are not required. White judo gi only for kata categories is allowed.

Appropriate undergarments must be worn by all athletes. Female athletes shall wear under the jacket either, a plain white or off-white tee-shirt, with short sleeves, long enough to be worn inside the trousers, or a plain white or off-white leotard with short sleeves. The white Tee-shirt should be round necked. No marking can be visible when the judogi is done up.

Athlete's needing to change clothes/judo gi should do so in a restroom, locker room or other area specifically designated for changing.

PRELIMINARY POSTINGS OF ATHLETES

1. Preliminary brackets will be posted at the Atlantis Casino Resort on Friday 5/15/14 from 2:00pm-3:00pm PT.
2. During this time you will have a chance to review and make a correction if you find an error to a change that was made during the check in process. Change forms will be provided.
3. **IMPORTANT:** This period is for corrections /confirmations only of changes made during the check in/registration time period. **NO NEW CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
4. At 3:00 pm PT all changes will need to be completed. No change forms will be accepted after 3:00 PT pm.
5. After corrections are made, the final draw will be performed, mats assigned, fight sheets generated and all posted online at www.usjudo.us.
6. Failure to make corrections during the preliminary posting will result in the athlete not competing in the championship.
7. Draws will be conducted using USA Judo approved software.
8. See Rules and Method of Competition for all seeding information. With the exception of seeding, the draw will be random.
9. If two or more athletes fail to make weight or report to weigh in's in the same category, the division may be redrawn.
10. Once the draw is complete, there will be no changes except to redraw as in the case above.

RULES AND METHOD OF COMPETITION

1. Points will be awarded in Senior, IJF, Veteran and Visually Impaired categories only as outlined in the respective criteria. Criteria can be found at www.usjudo.org.
2. Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation. The exception to the IJF rules will be the usage of the competition methods for Veterans, IJF and categories and the match time for Veterans.

3. Athletes may only enter one weight per eligible category with the exception of Open weight, if applicable.
4. Shime-waza is allowed for all shiai categories.
5. Kansetsu-waza is allowed for all categories except novice category.

Match Lengths

Senior, IJF, Visually Impaired, Brown Belt and Novice Categories:

- Male 4 minutes
- Female 4 minutes
- No golden score time limit

Veteran Categories:

- M1/F1-M6/F6 3 minutes with 2 minutes' golden score
- M7/F7-M10/F10 2 minutes with 1-minute golden score

COMPETITION METHODS

Senior, VI, Brown Belt, Novice and Veterans categories:

- A. Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: Knockout System with Double Repechage (sometimes 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. For example, 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.

IJF category:

- B. Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: 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.

All Categories:

1. Categories having five (5) Competitors or less: Round Robin Pool (every competitor competes against every other competitor). 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 of 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 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.

SEEDING

Senior only: The top eight athletes in attendance will be seeded in accordance with their listing on the National Roster maintained by USA Judo, provided 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.

IJF only: The top four athletes will be seeded in each division. If seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes will move up in seeding.

Seeded athletes will be separated as far as possible in their sections of the draw and will receive byes if available. A higher seeded athlete will always receive a bye before a lower seeded athlete.

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 event Doctor. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete may not continue.

MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY (MAAPP)

USA Judo defines “regular contact with minors” as meaningful or direct contact or oversight with minors that would be considered frequent, repeated or consistent. By way of example, an adult who will often assist with coaching/leading classes including minors would be considered “regular contact” with minors and is required to complete the SafeSport Online Training/Certification Course. An adult who may “drop in” to coach and/or practice with minors on occasion would not be considered frequent, repeated or consistent and would not need to complete the SafeSport Online Training/Certification Course. 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, 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 www.usjudo.org.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze (two bronze) medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for all categories except IJF categories, where one bronze will be awarded.

Veterans Categories: Male and Female Most Outstanding
Male and Female Most Inspirational

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.).

TEAM AWARDS

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

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

- 1st place 5 points
- 2nd place 3 points
- 3rd place 1 point

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

- 1st place 7.5 points
- 2nd place 4.5 points
- 3rd place 1.5 points

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2021 Senior National Championships.

Criteria:

1. Club affiliation will be club listed with athlete's entry in event (as confirmed in their USA Judo profile).
2. Athletes who change club affiliation at event then change back after the event has finished will not be counted
3. No club will be allowed to register at the event.
4. Trophies will be presented to the top three teams after competition. If club is not present, award can be picked up at future USA Judo national event or shipped to club at their expense.

USA JUDO TEAM AWARD

1. Totals will be comprised from the 2021 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics and Presidents Cup Championships.
2. The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2022 Youth Nationals.

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 IJF, USOPC, 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. The Drug Reference Hotline is 719-785-2000 #2. You can send correspondence and inquiries to: United States Anti-Doping Agency; 5555 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or visit USADA's website: <http://www.usantidoping.org/>