



2021 USA JUDO Youth National Championships

April 24-25, 2021

Cadet and IJF Pan American Team Trials

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

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Hosted by:	Utah Sports Commission Visit Salt Lake
Tournament Headquarters Hotel	Hilton Hotel 255 South West Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
Competition Site:	Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center
Check-in	Friday, April 23: See schedule of events for details
Weigh In	See Schedule of Events
Competition Date:	Saturday, April 24: regular Bantam, Cadet and Intermediate Sunday, April 25: regular Juvenile, IJF, and all novice categories
Tournament Director:	Contact the National Office for questions at 719.866.4730
Chief Referee	TBD

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER

Friday, April 23

- 8:00am – 12:00pm Tournament check-in and registration for all competitors
COVID results turned in to USA Judo Safety Desk
*Check in only if there is a change in category or weight
Official Weigh-ins for regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm Categories posted for confirmation-Location TBD
- 5:00 pm Technical Officials Meeting
- 6:00 pm Referee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Coaches Meeting
- 8:00 pm Draw for all categories

Saturday, April 24

Competition at Salt Palace – Hall A & B

- 7:30 am Doors open
- 8:00 am Referees meeting at venue-Meeting Room 155
- 8:45 am Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 am Competition begins for regular Bantam, Intermediate and Cadet Categories
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Weigh-ins for regular Juvenile, IJF, and all novice categories

Sunday, April 25

Competition at Salt Palace – Hall A & B

- 7:30 am Doors open
- 8:00 am Referees meeting at venue-Room 155
- 9:00 am Competition begins – regular Juvenile, IJF, and all novice categories

NOTE: ATHLETES DO NOT NEED TO WEIGH IN FOR SECOND CATEGORY IF SAME WEIGHT. IF A DIFFERENT WEIGHT CATEGORY, ATHLETE DOES NEED TO REWEIGH
The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding this event.

COVID19 TESTING

PANDEMIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

USA Judo and the Salt Palace Convention Center are working together for the safety of all athletes participating in these Championships. The below outlines safety measures we will be enforcing both in advance of and during this event. Please be sure to read and understand the information provided below.

All athletes must submit to USA Judo, a negative COVID19 test result taken within 5 days of event start date, Saturday April 24. The test results will be collected on site in SLC. Results to be turned in to the USA Judo Safety desk prior to registration/weigh in.

Failure to provide a negative test result, with test dates within 5 days of the event, will eliminate the athlete from competition. No exceptions. If an athlete fails to provide a negative test result and is eliminated from the competition, no expenses incurred for travel/participation to the event will be reimbursed. This includes event registration fees.

Each athlete who provides a receipt for such test and competes in the event will be eligible for reimbursement for the test cost up to \$50 USD. Test results must be submitted to USA Judo during the check in/registration process on Friday April 23 between 8am-12pm. Reimbursements will be made within 30 days after completion of the event.

Fabric masks must be worn at all times while in the Hilton Hotel and in the Salt Palace Venue for ALL ATTENDEES (officials, volunteers, USA Judo staff, coaches, spectators, parents, etc.). The only exception is for athletes and referees when they are on the mat competing. Masks shall be removed by the athlete only when they are called onto the mat by the referee and must put the mask immediately back on when they conclude the match.

USA Judo will not provide masks; however, masks will be available to purchase onsite.

Temperature checks will be conducted at the venue entrance. Attendees with temperatures of 100.4 and above will not be allowed in the venue.

Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available throughout the hotel and venue and we encourage all to use them.

Each competition mat area/mat warm up area, coaches and on deck chairs, scoring tables, and referee tables will be cleaned with disinfectant once every hour. Please be patient with us while we conduct these cleaning measures.

We ask that social distancing be followed while in the bleachers/seating area for non-family members as well as in any lines. There will be no gathering of athletes/coaches/parents allowed inside the barricade and at the barricade. Only coaches and athletes that are on deck and in the hole will be allowed inside the barricade. If not on the mat, on deck or in the hole, you must be in the seating area.

Social distancing will also be required at the Hilton Hotel and specifically during registration, weigh in's and meetings.

ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THE MASK MANDATE OR GATHERING INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF BARRICADES MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE VENUE.

REMEMBER: ATHLETES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE WITHOUT A NEGATIVE COVID19 TEST RESULT

The above criteria may be changed based on the health requirements of the State of Utah, City of Salt Lake and/or the Salt Palace Convention Center

REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEES, TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Registration Dates/Entry Fees:

Due Date	1st Category	2nd Category	3rd Category
Online registration by March 15	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Online registration March 16-April 16	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$70.00
Walk up registration after April 16	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$75.00

- All registrations must be completed on line, no mail in registration
- Online registrations will not be accepted after April 16. Walk up registrations will be accepted on Friday April 23.
- Athlete's date of birth, citizenship, and rank, if applicable, must be verified in the USA Judo database prior to using the online event registration system. Send copies of athlete's birth certificate or passport and rank certificate to Austin.leath@usajudo.us. Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm MT.
- Checks should be made payable to 2021 USA Judo Youth National Championships
- Entry into second or third category must be for same athlete
- Entry fees are non-refundable and credits will not be issued if athlete does not compete
- Absolutely no entries will be accepted after 12:00 p.m. Friday April 23

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEE

Age	One Day	Two Day
13 and up	\$12.00	\$20.00
9-12	\$8.00	\$14.00
8 & under	Free	Free

- Olympians will be granted free admission and floor passes
- Current USA Judo Life Members will receive free admission (spectator seating)
- Circle of 100 Members will receive free admission (spectator seating only)

CHAMPIONSHIP HOTEL

Headquarters: Hilton Hotel
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
Rate: \$129 plus tax

Deadline Date: Book by **March 30** to receive discounted rates.

For Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50150812>

TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation: Nearest airport is Salt Lake City International Airport.

Ground Transportation: No ground transportation will be provided. Trax light rail is available from the airport direct to downtown. Nearest stop to the hotel and venue is Gallivan Plaza Station. Cost is \$2.50 one way per person.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES

Contestants may participate if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

U.S. Citizens and athletes with Green Cards or VISA's are eligible to compete in the categories below. 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 also compete in the following categories. Please provide a copy of the necessary documents to Corinne.shigemoto@usajudo.us

- Regular Bantam 1,2 and 3
 - Novice Bantam 3
 - Regular and/or Novice Intermediate
 - Regular Juvenile and/or Novice Juvenile
 - Novice Cadet
 - Novice IJF
1. 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.
 - Regular IJF
 - Regular Cadet
 2. A current member in good standing of USA JUDO (United States Judo, Inc.) for all athletes regardless of citizenship.
 3. Point Roster criteria can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/athletes/juniors>
 4. Eligibility selection criteria for the Cadet and IJF Jr. Pan Am Championship, team selection can be found at www.usjudo.org
 5. Rank requirements for junior categories:
 - Regular categories-all ranks eligible
 - Novice categories-white, yellow or orange belts only

JUNIOR AGE CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Please note that each Category is based solely 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. The following age/weight categories will be in use **for this year's event (2021):**

REGULAR JUNIOR CATEGORIES:

BANTAM 1 (Born 2015-2016): Female and Male: 23, +23 kg	JUVENILE (Born 2007-2008): Female and Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg
BANTAM 2 (Born 2013-2014): Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg	CADET (Born 2004-2006): Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
BANTAM 3 (Born 2011-2012) Female: 27, 32, 37,+37 kg Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg	IJF-JUNIOR (Born 2001-2006): Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open

INTERMEDIATE (Born 2009-2010): Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg	
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NOVICE JUNIOR CATEGORIES:

Bantam 3 (Born 2011-2012) Female: 27, 32, 37,+37 kg Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42kg	CADET (Born 2004-2006): Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg
INTERMEDIATE (Born 2009-2010): Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg	IJF-Junior (Born 2001-2006): Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open
JUVENILE (Born 2007-2008): Female and Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg	

The IJF-Junior Category is the same as the International Judo Federation Junior World Championships Category. Athletes may enter if they are born in 2001 through 2006 only.

WEIGH-IN

See Schedule of Events for times of 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 designated time of the official weigh-in on the official scale. A contestant is given only one chance on the official scale during official weigh-in. At weigh-in, athletes in the regular Cadet, IJF- Junior and Collegiate categories must present a government issued photo ID or school ID.

Naked weigh-in is no longer allowed for any 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.

IMPORTANT: 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. Athlete may change weight category during check in/registration. Failure to make declared weight will result in the athlete not competing. Athlete will not be 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.

ATHLETES COMPETING IN TWO CATEGORIES (SAME WEIGHT) ON SEPARATE DAYS NEED ONLY TO WEIGH IN ONCE

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.**

COVID19 RECEIPTS

Test results must be turned in to the USA Judo Safety desk no later than Friday April 23 at 12:00pm pt. Only those with negative test results will be allowed to compete. Failure to provide a negative test result taken within 5 days of competition start, will eliminate the athlete from competition. No reimbursement of any expenses, including event registration fees will be made if athlete is eliminated from competition due to not providing a negative test result.

SAFETY PROTOCOL

All athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, spectators, etc., must wear a mask in the hotel and venue. Social distancing should be maintained unless a family unit. Temperature checks will be conducted for all who enter the competition venue. If you feel ill, please do not attend the event. If you show any symptoms of COVID19, you will not be allowed to enter the venue and will be asked to seek medical attention.

In the venue, all attendees (except athletes and referees on the mat competing) must wear masks and social distance. Failure to abide by these protocols may be grounds for removal from the venue.

CLUB AFFILIATION

Only current USA Judo clubs, 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 these championships.

*****CONFIRMATION OF CATEGORIES/DRAW*****

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be posted at the Hilton Hotel on Friday April 23 at approximately 2:00pm MT. Athletes/coaches/representative for the athlete is required to check the list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category/weight as declared.

- Any corrections should be reported immediately to staff but no later than 3:00pm MT. A correction form will be provided to record the correction. Corrections WILL NOT be accepted after (3:00pm MT).
- Corrections will be processed then the draw will be run. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted online at www.usjudo.org.
- IMPORTANT: This period is for corrections /confirmations only, of changes made during the check in/registration time period. NO 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 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.

COACH INFORMATION

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

Acceptable apparel: national or club team track suit (sweat suit) 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.

All coaches must be current/active USA Judo, USJA or USJF coach certified to receive coaching credentials at this event.

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 National Events to register.

Credentials will be issued at the coaches meeting.

REFEREE EVENT REGISTRATION

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 National 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.

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 are 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.

RULES AND METHOD OF COMPETITION

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

Competition Method: 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 under-five contestants, round robin will be the method of competition.

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: There will be no seeding except for the IJF-Junior and Cadet categories. The top four athletes will be seeded in each division. If seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes WILL move up in seeding. Players having the same state affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible.

Juniors winning medals in the IJF-Junior, Juvenile, Cadet, Intermediate, and all Bantam divisions will be awarded points as outlined in the USA Judo Junior Event Point Matrix found at www.usjudo.org.

All athletes must compete in their true age/weight category.

- **Shime-waza rule:** allowed in regular and novice Juvenile, Cadet, and IJF categories only.
- **Kansetsu-waza rule:** allowed in regular Cadet, and regular IJF only.
- **Injury Rule:** Decisions regarding on mat injuries, 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 (Board-approved October 22, 1998)

Match lengths:

- Bantam - 3 minutes/ 2-minute golden score
- Intermediate and Juvenile - 3 minutes/no golden score limit
- Cadet and IJF - 4 minutes/ no golden score limit

TEAM AWARDS

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

Youth Nationals 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 Youth National Championships.

Criteria:

1. Club affiliation will be club listed with athlete's entry in event (as confirmed in their USA Judo profile).
2. Athlete's 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, and Presidents Cup Championships.
2. The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2022 Youth Nationals.

JUDO GI/UNDERGARMENTS/CHANGING

For all categories, 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.

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.

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.).

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE TESTING FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES

IJF Junior and Cadet Categories only, testing, in accordance with procedures of the U.S. Olympic Committee may be conducted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). For questions concerning whether or not a substance banned, you may call the Drug Reference Hotline at 1.800.223.0393. Correspondence and inquiries: USADA, 555 Tech Center Drive Suite 200 Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Visit <http://www.usantidoping.org/> for more information.

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