2022 PRESIDENT'S CUP

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
IRVING, TEXAS
USA Judo is pleased to welcome you to the USA Judo President’s Cup Judo which will be held for the ninth straight year in Irving, Texas. Competition will take place at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas for both the Presidents Cup which will take place on Sunday, Nov. 20 and the Dallas Open which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19. This year, we are pleased to announce the President’s Cup also will welcome competitors from around the world to one of USA Judo’s premier events.

**Know Before You Go**

**USA Judo Tournament Contact:** Vaughn Anderson, 719.866.3684, Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us

**Online Registration:** [https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/events](https://usajudo.sport80.com/public/events)

**Live Results:** [www.usajudo.smoothcomp.com](http://www.usajudo.smoothcomp.com)

**Pointable Categories:** Senior, Junior, Veterans, Visually Impaired

**Non-Pointable Categories:** Senior Novice, Junior Novice, Brown Belt, Judo Submission Grappling

**Tournament Site:** Irving Convention Center
500 West Las Colinas Blvd.
Irving, Texas 75039

**Host Hotel:** Marriott Dallas Las Colinas
223 W. Las Colinas Blvd.
Irving, Texas 75039

**Key Dates:**

- Nov. 18: Check-In, Registration, Weigh-In
- Referees’ Meeting, Coaches Meeting
- Nov. 19: Draw
- Nov. 20: Competition

**Chief Referee:** Hector Estevez
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### NO WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS

- *Open division price above is if open is second division entered. If entered as first division, then full fees apply.
- All registration must be completed online. No paper registrations.
- On-line registrations will not be accepted after November 14, 2022.
- 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 austin.leath@usajudo.us. Verifications will only be processed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. MT.
- Entry fee discounts must be for the same athlete
- Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable
- Absolutely no changes will be accepted after 8 p.m. CT Friday November 18.
- Entry fee is waived for defending champion in the senior point categories if the athlete is competing in the same category which he or she won at the 2021 Presidents Cup. Email Austin.Leath@usajudo.us for waiver information. Entries must be received by the National Office by Nov. 1, 2022 to receive complimentary entry.
Schedule of Events
(Subject to Change)

Thursday, Nov. 17  Marriott Dallas Las Colinas
8 a.m.    Male Test Scales (Hudson Room)
          Female Test Scales (Britain Room)
          (Test scales open through Saturday)

Friday, Nov. 18  Marriott Dallas Las Colinas
8 a.m.    Preliminary List of Athletes Posted: usajudo.smoothcomp.com
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.    USA Judo Board Meeting (Beaumont Room)
1 p.m.    Rank & Certification Committee (Room TBD)
TBD    Ethics & Grievance Committee (Room TBD)
2 p.m.    Coaches Education Committee (Dallas Room)
3 – 8 p.m.    Official Weigh-In for all Categories*
               Male Official Weigh-In (William / Kit Rooms)
               Female Official Weigh-In (San Antonio Room)
4 – 5 p.m.    Check-In / Modifications
6 – 7 p.m.    Referee Meeting (Planters Room)
7 – 8 p.m.    Coach Meeting / USA Judo Assembly (Merchants Room)

Saturday, Nov. 19  Irving Convention Center
10 a.m. – Noon    Notification of Errors & Edits
Noon    Meeting for Vets, Brown Belt, Novice and Visually Impaired Categories
3 – 5 p.m.    Official Weigh-Ins (Marriott Dallas Las Colinas)
6:30 p.m. (Approx.)    Competition Brackets Finalized

Sunday, Nov. 20  Irving Convention Center
8 a.m.    Welcome
8:30 a.m.    Competition Starts

*Athletes may choose to weigh in during EITHER the Friday evening or Saturday afternoon weigh-in blocks. Once you have declared a weight, you must make that weight. You will not be allowed to “move up” except in the Bantam divisions with notification prior to officially weighing in. Weight categories can be changed during the check-in process prior to stepping on the official scale. Athletes who weigh in on Friday and miss weight will not be allowed to weigh again on Saturday.

Awards will be presented as categories are completed. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the tournament.
1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any attendee.
3. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
4. I will treat any coach, parent, athlete, volunteer, official or any other attendee with respect.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any attendee.
6. I will not initiate a fight or unauthorized physical contact with any attendee.
7. I will obey all facility and organization rules.
8. The concluding decision of the officials or event director is final.
9. Accept the decision of the officials or event director with respect and grace.
10. Be responsible for the sportsmanship of myself and teammates while assisting in maintaining a respectful environment for all participants.

It is agreed that if I fail to conform to the above while attending a USA Judo event through coaching, officiating, or participating in any capacity the following will occur:

- Verbal warnings will first be given to the individual
- If infraction occurs after the verbal warning a “yellow card” will be given to the head coach/individual as notice of first official warning.
- If the infraction occurs after the yellow card is distributed, a “red card” will be given to the head coach/individual which will trigger the immediate elimination from the Team Award consideration for that specific event.

If a red card is issued the individual may be subject to possible additional disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the below in any order or combination:

1. Immediate removal from event for the duration of the event
2. Removal of coach credentials for the duration of the event
3. Suspension of USA Judo membership, coach certification credentials, or official certification credentials.
4. If individual is removed from an event for failure to conform to the above CODE, their respective club will be immediately eliminated from the Team Award consideration (all loss of points) for that specific event.

USA JUDO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE COMPETITION/ACTIVITY IF AN EGRESSIOUS INCIDENT OCCURS WITHOUT FIRST ISSUING A VERBAL WARNING, YELLOW OR RED CARD.
USA Judo will be following the jurisdictional COVID-19 guidelines provided by the local/state health department and/or appropriate government entities (https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx). As such, neither COVID testing or COVID vaccinations will be required for the Presidents Cup. However, please feel free to wear a mask, social distance and use hand sanitizer/wipes during the activities in Irving.

USA Judo asks any individuals who have a fever and/or are experiencing COVID-like symptoms to NOT attend the Presidents Cup.

All competitors arriving from outside the United States will need to follow COVID-19 protocols as required by the US State Department/CDC.

### Spectator Admission Fees

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### Headquarters Hotel

**Headquarters:** Marriott Dallas Las Colinas  
223 West Las Colinas Blvd.  
Irving, TX 75039  
Rate: $117 per night plus tax

Reservations: Click here to book online  
Call 800-228-9290 or 972-831-0000 for reservations (ask for the USA Judo rate).

**Deadline Date:** Book by October 30, 2022 to receive discounted rates.  
*Rooms go fast so it is best to book as early as possible.*

### Transportation

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

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

In order to coach matside, all coaches must have a coaching credential for the tournament. Coaches must hold a current USA Judo, USJF or USJA coaching membership, including current background screen and concussion and SafeSport training to receive coaching credentials at this event. Credentials will be issued at the coaches meeting. All coaches must have a photo ID coach credential to receive a wristband for the event.

All USA Judo coaches must register for the event through the event online entry system at https://usajudo.sport80.com/v/871827/e/tournaments to receive wristbands. There is no charge for registering. Log into your USA Judo profile and click on Events to register. USJA / USJF coaches must be current with respective group to receive credentials at check-in or coaches meeting.

NOTE: Only one coach is allowed to coach matside inside the barricade during each match. Coaches who fail to comply with this rule may lose their coach wristband for the day and may be removed from the venue.

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

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, t-shirts, hats.

Five coach liaisons will be assigned to this event and will be announced at the coaches meeting. An area for the coach liaisons will be made available at the operations table for ease of coach overview on the floor as well as location of coach liaisons.

Referee Event Registration

All referees must first register on the USA Judo Referee Information website, judoreferee.com. Once confirmed by the Referee Committee you must then register on the event website.

Log into your USA Judo membership profile at usajudo.sport80.com and click on Events. Select the 2022 Presidents Cup and follow prompts to register.

If you do not register or are not confirmed through the judoreferee.com site, but do register on the event platform, you may not be allowed to participate in the event and USA Judo will not be responsible for any expenses associated with your travel/stay to the event.

Judo Submission Grappling

The 2022 President’s Cup will feature an exhibition category for judo submission grappling for the second year. The rules set for JSG has been vetted by USA Judo and multiple edits/modifications were made from what was originally submitted for safety and risk mitigation purposes. As such, this exhibition event falls under the USA sanction and has the same liability/sports injury coverages as any of the traditional judo categories/competitors. Referees for this event will be individuals trained specifically for this exhibition and will operate independently of the USA Judo Certified Referees officiating the traditional judo matches at the President’s Cup.
The objective outcome of the match is to win by points or submission. The matches are four minutes in length with a one-minute overtime if necessary. Competitors will be grouped into divisions based on age, weight, gender, experience, and belt ranks. If no points are scored in the regular match time or overtime, both players are disqualified from the tournament. Penalties are given for unsportsmanlike conduct. Three unsportsmanlike penalties equal a disqualification.

Combative ness is important. Both players need to attempt takedowns while standing and submissions while in ne waza. Ne waza is continuous if the downed player has grips on a standing player. Once grips have been broken the down player must stand and engage in tachi waza (takedowns). Guard pulling is not allowed and two points are given to the opponent as a takedown. Leg locks will not be allowed in kids or novice divisions. Straight ankle locks and knee bars are allowed for blue belts and above.

**Scoring for throws & takedowns**

4 points: High amplitude throws or takedowns (feet come off the floor and you land on back or side).
2 points: Any wrestling takedown, or judo yuko throw. Snap downs, and sprawls where you spin and take the back.

**Scoring for ne waza**

2 points: Passing guard, Back control (hooks in & seatbelt)
1 point: Mount, knee on belly, sweep, submission attack/attempt where opponent is in danger
Athletes may compete in the President’s Cup if they meet the following eligibility requirements and there is no conflict regarding weigh-in and competition schedules.

All competitors, regardless of category entered must be a member in good standing with USA Judo. Per the USA Judo Athlete / Event Payment Policy, any individual who has an outstanding debt from an international trip and has not made the required payment(s) within the payment window outlined in the policy will not be eligible to compete until the payment has been made.

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

Senior Category:
- Born 2007 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Senior Categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters

Visually Impaired Category:
- Born 2007 or earlier
- No minimum rank required
- Visually Impaired Categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters
- Must have been classified as visually impaired at an IBSA or IPC event in the past 10 years or provide a letter from an optometrist or ophthalmologist verifying visual acuity.
- Competitors will be divided by classification and weight category. A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 as noted in the schedule to create exhibition categories as needed. All exhibition events are not eligible for points.
- Classification: USA Judo has adopted the updated visual classifications as presented by the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) for all events which include Para-sport divisions. These classifications are as follows:
  - J1-and athlete’s vision impairment must result in a visual acuity of less than or equal to LogMAR 2.6 in binocular vision.
  - J2-The athlete’s vision acuity must be within a range between LogMAR 1.3 and 2.5 with binocular vision, or with a binocular visual field of 60 degrees or less in diameterq

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

Veterans Category:
- Born 1992 or earlier
- Minimum rank of senior sankyu
- Veteran categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters

Brown Belt Category:
- Born 2008 or earlier
- No dan ranks allowed. Waiver must be signed by USA Judo Certified Coach (minimum rank of shodan) for any non-brown belt to compete in this category
- Must have verified/proof of rank through USA Judo, USJF or USJA
• Brown Belt categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**Senior Novice Category:**
• Born 2007 or earlier
• Below the rank of senior sankyu (brown belt) and not listed on a national elite roster
• Senior Novice categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**Junior Categories:**
• Born 2002-2017 (inclusively)
• No minimum rank requirement
• Junior categories are eligible for points on USA Judo national rosters

**Junior Novice Categories:**
• Born 2002-2017 (inclusively)
• White, yellow, and orange belts only. Ranks must be verified in the USA Judo database.
• Junior Novice categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**Judo Submission Grappling:**
• Kids (Born 2008-2010, inclusively)
  o Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
  o Regular: green, blue and purple belts
• Teens (Born 2005-2007, inclusively)
  o Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
  o Regular: green, blue and purple belts
• Adults (Born 1992-2004, inclusively)
• Masters (Born 1992 and earlier)
• This is an exhibition category only
• Judo Submission Grappling categories are NOT pointable on USA Judo national rosters

**NOTE:** Points will only be awarded in those categories for athletes that meet the criteria as outlined in the respective point classification systems found at www.usjudo.org.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Point Roster criteria can be found at:
   • [Junior Roster](#)
   • [Senior Roster](#)
   • [Veteran Roster](#)
   • [Visually Impaired Roster](#)

2. Rank requirements for both National and International junior categories:
   • Regular categories: All ranks eligible
   • Novice Categories: White, yellow or orange belts only

3. If a novice athlete has entered and medaled* in a regular category the previous year in any USA Judo national event, the athlete is not eligible to compete in any USA Judo national event novice category the following year.

   *If an athlete medaled in a regular category without winning a match, he or she is still allowed to compete in the novice division.

   **Examples:**
   • If athlete entered and medaled in a regular category in 2021 at any USA Judo national event and entered the same division in 2022, he or she is not eligible to compete in the novice division.
national event, he or she will not be eligible to enter novice category in 2022 and beyond in a USA Judo national event.

- If a novice athlete entered a regular category in March 2022 at a USA Judo national event and medaled, the athlete is still eligible for novice categories at USA Judo national events for the remainder of 2022. The athlete would not be eligible for the novice category in any USA Judo national event beginning in 2023.
- Uncontested categories are exempt.

**JUNIOR AGE CATEGORIES AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS**

**AGE-OUT EXCEPTION FOR REGULAR BANTAM 1-6, INTERMEDIATE AND JUVENILE ATHLETES**

For ALL Junior point events held from July 1 – Dec. 31: 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 Jan. 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.

Please note that each category is based on the year in which the contestant was born. All weights are in kilograms. For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Example: Bantam 1, 28 kg – over 23 kg and up to and including 28 kg.

**ONLY ONE WEIGHT PER CATEGORY IS ALLOWED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF IJF WHERE OPEN WEIGHT CAN BE A SECOND ENTRY OR AS OUTLINED BELOW FOR REGULAR BANTAM CATEGORIES.**

For all **regular bantam categories only**: Athletes must select their true age/weight category as their first entry. They may also select as a “bonus” category one weight up in their true age category and/or move up one age category in their true weight. For example:

- First category is Bantam 2 female 19kg (true age/weight)
- Second category is Bantam 2 female 23kg
- Third category is Bantam 3 female 21kg

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

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

For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Example: Bantam 1, 28 kg – over 23 kg and up to and including 28 kg.

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

The following age/weight categories will be in use for this year’s event (2022):
**NOVICE Junior Categories**

**Bantam 1 (Born 2016-2017):**
Female and Male: 23, +23 kg

**Bantam 2 (Born 2014-2015):**
Female and Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg

**Bantam 3 (Born 2012-2013):**
Female: 27, 32, 37, +37 kg
Male: 25, 30, 36, 42, +42 kg

**Intermediate (Born 2010-2011):**
Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

**REGULAR JUNIOR CATEGORIES**

**Bantam 1 (Born 2017):**
Female and Male: 18, 22, +22 kg

**Bantam 2 (Born 2016):**
Female and Male: 19, 23, +23kg

**Bantam 3 (Born 2015):**
Female and Male: 21, 25, 29, +29kg

**Bantam 4 (Born 2014):**
Female and Male: 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, +38 kg

**Bantam 5 (Born 2013):**
Female and Male: 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 41+kg

**Bantam 6 (Born 2012):**
Female and Male: 27, 31, 35, 39, 44, 44+kg

**Cadet (Born 2005-2007):**
Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg
Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg

**Intermediate (Born 2010-2011):**
Female and Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg

**Juvenile (Born 2008-2009):**
Female and Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg

**Cadet (Born 2005-2007):**
Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg
Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg

**IJF-Junior (Born 2002-2007):**
Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open
Male: 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open

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 30, 2022.

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 point-able and each person must be advised that he or she may elect to fight in the point-able division.
VETERAN AGE CATEGORIES

Category is determined by year of birth. Minimum year of birth is 1992

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JUDO SUBMISSION GRAPPLING AGE CATEGORIES AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Kids (Born 2008-2010)

Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
Regular: green, blue and purple belts

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

Teens (Born 2005-2007)

Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
Regular: green, blue and purple belts

Male: - 50kg, 55kg, 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 90+kg
Female: - 40kg, 44kg, 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 70+kg

Adults (Born 1992-2004)

Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
Intermediate: green, blue and purple belts
Advanced: brown and black belts

Male - 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, 100+kg
Female - 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, 78+kg

Masters (Born 1992 and earlier)

Novice: white, yellow and orange belts
Intermediate: green, blue and purple belts
Advanced: brown and black belts

Male - 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, 100+kg
Female - 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, 78+kg

WEIGHT DIVISIONS FOR SENIOR, BROWN BELT, NOVICE, VETERAN AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CATEGORIES

Senior, Brown Belt, Novice and Veterans:

Male: 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, +100kg,
Open* Female: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg,
+78kg, Open*

Visually Impaired:

J1, J2

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

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

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

A calibrated practice scale will be available prior to, and during, the weigh-in periods. However, in no case will contestants be allowed on the Official Scale during Official Weigh-in for the purpose of checking weight.

Athletes may check weight as many times as desired prior to the official weigh-in on the official scale. An athlete is given only one chance on the official scale during official weigh-in. Open division contestants do not need to weigh in. At weigh in, Senior Elite, IJF and Cadet categories must present a government issued photo ID. Photo ID not required for all other categories.

Naked weigh in is not allowed for any age/weight category. To compensate, 0.1kg will be allowed. For example, in the 44kg category the limit will be 44.1kg. This is a clothing allowance only and the 0.1kg will only be added to the true weight.

Athletes who neglected to change their weight during the check in process and missed weight during official weigh in, may enter an additional category by registering (and paying) for the new category as a walk-up registration.

IMPORTANT: All athletes must make their declared weight as registered unless a change is made during the check in/registration process prior to getting on the official scale. Athletes may change their weight category during check in/registration. Failure to make declared weight will result in the athlete not competing in that category. Athlete will not be automatically moved to next weight category. Once official weight is recorded, no changes to weight category will be accepted.

NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT WEIGH IN.

Check In

Check in only if you have a change to your weight or category. If there are no changes to be made, please proceed directly to weigh-in. No changes will be accepted or made at weigh-in.

Exhibition Matches

Exhibition matches may be offered for those athletes who are uncontested in their true age/weight category. Only those athletes who are uncontested may request an exhibition match. All efforts will be made to find one or two athletes within appropriate age/weight willing to participate. No points or medals will be awarded for exhibition matches. Request for exhibition matches must be made to the event director no later than 10 a.m. on the day that their uncontested category was scheduled. Blue and white gis still will be required.

Club Affiliation

Only current USA Judo clubs in good standing, at the time of registration, will be associated with the athlete’s entry. Non-USA Judo clubs will not be affiliated with a registered athlete. Club affiliation is not required to compete in this tournament.
Pre-registered athletes can pick up their credentials during the weigh-in process. All others at check-in.

**Confirmation of Categories / Draw**

A preliminary list of athletes by category/weight will be available at [https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com](https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com). Athletes/coaches/representatives for the athlete are required to check the list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category/weight.

- Any corrections should be reported immediately to staff no later than noon on Saturday, Nov. 19. All corrections must be emailed to Vaughn.Anderson@usajudo.us or submitted in person onsite. **PHONE CALLS OR TEXTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- A correction form will be provided to record the correction. Corrections WILL NOT be accepted after the one hour posting time has expired.
- Corrections will be processed, then the draw will be run. Draw brackets and fight sheets will be posted at [https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com](https://usajudo.smoothcomp.com).
- **IMPORTANT:** This period is for corrections / confirmations of changes made during the check-in/registration time period. **NO OTHER CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

A representative for each athlete must review the posted preliminary list to ensure the athlete is in the correct category. Failure to confirm or make corrections during the Confirmation of Categories period may result in the athlete NOT COMPETING IN THIS TOURNAMENT. All draws will be conducted using USA Judo approved software. See Rules and Method of Competition for all seeding information. With the exception of seeding, the draw will be random. Once the draw is complete, there will be no changes except if two or more athletes fail to make weight or report to weigh-ins in the same category, the division may be redrawn.

**Manager Credentials**

Club team manager credentials/wristbands will be considered for USA Judo certified clubs with 8 or more athletes competing on the same day. These credentials are for purposes of assisting athletes to their mats with the correct gi color on only. Coaching, taking photos, etc., will not be allowed. If there are no athletes on deck or in the hole, the club manager should not be inside the competition barricade. These club managers must hold current SafeSport certification and have an up-to-date background screen through USA Judo. The number of club manager credentials/wristbands will be based on the number of athletes a club has competing and issued at the discretion of USA Judo. These may be picked up at the Coach Credentialing table.

**Manager Credentials Application**

USA Judo holds the right to deny a credential if the listed requirements are not met.
The President’s Cup will be conducted in accordance with the 2020 Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the USA Judo President’s Cup.

**Injury Rule:** Decisions as to whether an athlete may continue if injured while on the mat, are to be resolved in accordance with IJF rules; such decisions occurring off the mat or not covered by the IJF rules, are to be made by the coach, the athlete, and the Team Doctor. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete may not continue.

**Competition Method for all Junior Categories – Six (6) or more athletes**

The standard (“true”) Double Elimination System with winner’s and loser’s brackets will be used. The winner of the loser’s bracket will compete against the winner of the winner’s bracket for 1st and 2nd place. The first one of these two contestants to have two losses will be placed second; the other will be placed first. The loser of the loser’s bracket will be placed 3rd. Only one bronze medal will be awarded.

**Competition Method for all Seniors, Brown Belt, Veterans and VI Categories – Six (6) or more athletes:**

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.

**Competition Method for ALL categories with Five (5) or less athletes:**

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

Osaekomi during golden score will be allowed to continue until time expires.

**Round Robin Clarification:**
- If Athlete A pulls out before finishing competition against other athletes in the category and does not go out onto the mat, all points won or lost associated with Athlete A are removed. No medal is awarded to Athlete A
- If Athlete A cannot finish competing due to an injury but goes out onto the mat (field of play), then Athlete B wins and is awarded ippon points. Athlete A receives 0 points.
- If Athlete A, who did not finish competing due to an injury, but went out onto the mat, they are eligible to medal.

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

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

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

Match Length: Four minutes/no golden score limit

**Visually Impaired:**

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

Match Length: Four minutes/no golden score limit

**Veterans:**

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

Match Lengths:

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

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

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

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

Match Lengths:

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

**Shime-waza and Kansetsu-waza**

- Shime-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular juvenile, cadet, IJF, senior elite, brown belt, veterans and VI categories

- Kansetsu-waza allowed only in:
  - Regular cadet, IJF, senior elite, brown belt, veterans and VI categories

For all categories, regardless of age, blue and white gi requirement is mandatory. IJF approved labeled gis
**Judo Gi / Undergarments / Changing**

are not required but fit must meet IJF standards. 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.

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

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**Awards**

**Individual Awards:**
Gold, silver and bronze (one bronze) medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for all divisions.

Athletes must wear either a clean full white judo gi or full team sweats on the awards podium. No additional items may be taken/worn on the podium (flags, hats, pictures, flowers, stuffed animals, etc.).

**National Competition Team Awards**

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

- **Youth Nationals, Junior Olympics, and junior regular categories at the President's Cup:**
  - 1st place 5 points
  - 2nd place 3 points
  - 3rd place 1 point

  **Novice Categories**
  - 1st place 3 points
  - 2nd place 2 points
  - 3rd place 1 point

- **Senior Nationals and senior/veterans/VI regular categories at President’s Cup:**
  - 1st place 7.5 points
  - 2nd place 4.5 points
  - 3rd place 1.5 points

  **Novice Categories**
  - 1st place 3 points
  - 2nd place 2 points
  - 3rd place 1 point

The team with the most points at the conclusion of the event will be named Team Champion for the 2022 President’s Cup.

**Criteria:**
- Club affiliation will be club listed with athlete’s entry in event (as confirmed in their USA Judo profile).
- Athletes who change club affiliation at event then change back after the event has finished will not be counted.
• No club will be allowed to register at the event.
• Banners 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**

Totals will be comprised from the 2022 Youth National, Senior Nationals, Junior Olympics, and President’s Cup.

The award will be presented to the winning team at the 2023 Youth Nationals.

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**Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)**

The Center for SafeSport has developed the Minor Athlete Prevention Policies (MAAPP) which USA Judo has adapted to our own sport. The MAAPP is a collection of proactive and training policies comprised of two parts; Education & Training Policy that requires training for certain Adult Participants and the Required Prevention Policies, focused on limiting one-on-one interactions between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes to prevent abuse. The full MAAPP policy and the reporting mechanism for SafeSport infractions can be found at [https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/MAAPP](https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/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 spirt 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.

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**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](http://www.usada.org).