



2021 USJA / USJF Nationals  
Oasis High School, Cape Coral, FL  
September 4-5, 2021

Competition for Juniors, Seniors and Veterans

### **USA Judo Points Tournament for Juniors and Seniors**

Held under the Sanction of USJA (United States Judo Association)

### **EVENT INFORMATION PACKET**

**[www.judo2021.com](http://www.judo2021.com)**

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Hosted by: Kodokan Judo of Cape Coral

Competition Venue: Oasis High School

Check-in: Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
(See Schedule of Events for details)

Weigh-in: See Schedule of Events

Competition Date: **Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**: Kata, Seniors, Veterans, IJF Juniors, Juvenile, & Bantam 3  
**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**: Cadet, Intermediate, Bantam 1, Bantam 2 and Kosen Judo

Referee Meeting: See Schedule of Events

Chief Referee: Gary Berliner

Coaches Meeting: See Schedule of Events. **All coaches on the floor must be certified and have proper ID.** To receive ID, to gain floor access, it is mandatory for coaches to attend a meeting. Email Coach ID's to [support@judoregistration.com](mailto:support@judoregistration.com) to be on the list for floor passes.

Draw: September 3<sup>rd</sup> for all categories. Review Draw Procedures Below

Tournament Directors: John Paccione and Michael Hall

# **NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION\***

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oasis High School**

- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm      Tournament check-in for ALL CATEGORIES (A coach or representative can check a player in)
- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm      MENS Weigh-Ins Hampton Inn & Suites  
   WOMENS Weigh-Ins Kodokan Judo of Cape Coral
- 6:00 pm                      Referee Meeting, Held by Gary Berliner, Room TBD
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm      Technical Officials Meeting, Room TBD
- 7:00 pm                      Coaches Meeting, Room TBD. Mandatory to attend for floor access
- 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm      Preliminary draws will be posted
- 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm     Final brackets will be posted online at [www.judo2021.com](http://www.judo2021.com)

### **Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Oasis High School**

- 6:30 am                      Doors Open
- 6:45 am                      Referee Meeting at the Oasis High School
- 7:00 am                      Kata Competition begins
- 8:45 am                      Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 am                      Competition begins for Seniors, Veterans, IJF Juniors, Juvenile and Bantam 3
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm      Tournament check-in for categories competing on Sunday (Cadet, Intermediate, Bantam 1, Bantam 2, and Kosen) at the Oasis High School
- 2:00 pm - 4:00pm      Weigh-ins for Cadet, Intermediate, Bantam 1, Bantam 2 and Kosen (Kosen can register and weigh-in Sunday too)
- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm      Preliminary Draws will be posted at the Hotel
- 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm     Final brackets will be posted online at [www.judo2021.com](http://www.judo2021.com)

### **Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - Oasis High School**

- 6:30 am                      Doors Open
- 7:00 am                      Referee Meeting
- 8:30 am                      Competition begins for Cadet, Intermediate, Bantam 1, Bantam 2
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am     Walk-up Registration accepted for Kosen Divisions ONLY
- 11:30 am                      Kosen divisions will not begin before 11:30 am

# **NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION\***

**\*Except for Kosen players on Sunday Only**

The Tournament Directors reserve the right to make all final decisions regarding this event

## **REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEE, AND TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN**

### **Registration Dates/Entry Fees:**

<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>1st Category</b>	<b>2nd Category</b>	<b>3rd Category</b>
Online Registration by August 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$90	\$80	\$60
Online Registration between August 20 <sup>th</sup> - September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$100	\$90	\$80

\*\*\*NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS\*\*\*

\*\*\*NO WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS\*\*\*

\*\*\*Online REGISTRATION at [www.judoregistration.com](http://www.judoregistration.com) before September 2<sup>nd</sup> ONLY\*\*\*

### **ALL LATE FEES ARE WAIVED FOR BOTH KATA AND KOSEN DIVISIONS**

Entry into the second or third category must be for the same athlete.

Entry fees are non-refundable, non-transferable and credits will not be issued if an athlete does not compete.

Junior Novice divisions (Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3, Intermediate, Juvenile, Cadet, IJF-Junior) will include white, yellow, and orange belts. White, yellow, and orange belts may compete in regular divisions as well. Junior green belt and above may NOT compete in Novice divisions.

Senior and Veteran Novice divisions will include white, yellow, orange, **and** green belts. White, yellow, orange, and green belts may compete in regular divisions as well. Senior and Veteran brown belt and above may NOT compete in Novice divisions.

### **Expedited Check-in:**

A copy of your birth certificate or picture passport page and a copy of your USJA, USJF, or USA JUDO membership card with rank certificate can be uploaded during the online registration process. Documents may also be sent by email to [registration@judoregistration.com](mailto:registration@judoregistration.com)

Note: Your USA Judo rank, date of birth, and citizenship must be verified to receive USA Judo points.

Documents must be received by September 2<sup>nd</sup> to be eligible to compete.

### **Spectator Admission Fee:**

Age	One Day	Two Day
13 and up	\$12	\$20
12 and under	\$8	\$14

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## **LODGING FOR 2021 NATIONALS**

### **Hotel**

#### **1. Hampton Inn & Suites Cape Coral**

619 SE 47th Terrace

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Rates: Standard Room \$109

Ask for the "JUDO RATE"

Rates do not include tax or tourism surcharge

Reservations: 239-540-1050

#### **2. Fairfield Inn & Suites Cape Coral/North Fort Myers**

1701 Old Pondella rd.

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Rates: Standard Room \$119

Ask for the "KODO" rate

Rates do not include tax or tourism surcharge

Reservations: 239-652-0269

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES**

Contestants may participate if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. All participants must be United States citizens or legal permanent residents (green card, white card, etc. holders), a full-time student residing in the USA, or a person holding a long-term work visa in the USA and is in good standing with USJA, USJF, or US JUDO.
2. Novice divisions are open to US citizens and non-US citizens in good standing with USJA, USJF, or USA JUDO.

## **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.

## **POINT EVENTS HELD JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31**

All Regular Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3, Intermediate and Juvenile athletes who are in the last year of eligibility in their current age bracket. It does not apply to novice junior categories. It applies to ALL Junior point

events (except novice junior categories) that are held from July 1 to December 31 of each year: Any Junior athlete, who is in the last year of eligibility to compete in his/her current age bracket, may CHOOSE to enter USA Judo point events in the next age bracket. The athlete will need to choose ONE age bracket for each point event in the second half of each applicable year.

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

Bantam 1 (Born 2015-2016) Female: 23, +23kg Male: 23, +23kg	INTERMEDIATE (Born 2009-2010): Female: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 47, 52, +52kg
Bantam 2 (Born 2013-2014) Female: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35kg Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35kg	JUVENILE (Born 2007-2008) Female: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64kg Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64kg
Bantam 3 (Born 2011 - 2012) Female: 27, 32, 37, +37kg Male: 25,30, 36, 42, +42kg	CADET (Born 2004-2006) Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90kg
	IJF JUNIOR (Born 2001-2006) Female: 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, open Male: 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100kg, open

Junior Novice Categories (white, yellow, and orange belts) include all of the above categories except categories Bantam.

Juniors winning medals in the IJF-Junior, Juvenile, Cadet, Intermediate, Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3 divisions will be awarded 11.25 points for a gold medal, 6.75 points for a silver medal, and 4 points for a bronze medal and 2 points for fifth on the US Judo Junior Elite National Roster that corresponds to his or her weight division. (Medalists must have a current USA Judo Membership Card to receive points or enroll by the end of the tournament. ) Please see <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/athletes/juniors> for more information.

Female and male competitors have the same weight (kilos) divisions in certain age groups, but females and males DO NOT compete with each other.

### **SENIOR WEIGHT DIVISIONS**

For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. All weights are in kilograms.

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

Senior Novice Categories (white, yellow, orange, and green belts) include all of the above categories. The 2021 USJA/JF nationals is considered a Senior D Level tournament and award three points for first place, two points for second place and one point for third place.

### **VETERAN AGE CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS**

Veteran athletes must be a minimum of 30 years of age and born in the year 1991 or before. Please note that each category is based solely on the year in which the contestant was born. The contestant's actual age on the day of Competition is irrelevant. Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight divisions will be made within each five-year increments of 30 years and older.

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

Veteran Novice Categories (**white, yellow, orange, and green belts**) included all of the above categories.

### **KATA CATEGORIES**

Nage No Kata, Katame No Kata, and Ju No Kata divisions are offered as follows:

Nage No Kata (Men, Women, Mixed, 16 and under) Katame No Kata (Men, Women, Mixed, 16 and under) Jun No Kata (17 yrs and older, 16 and under)

All late fees are waived for Kata competitors. Uke and Tori must register separately and indicate each other in the online registration process. Kata participants must register online before September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **KOSEN JUDO CATEGORIES**

**Kosen Judo Divisions are available this year!**

Players start standing up and may use many techniques still practiced by Kosen judo players and many jiu-jitsu players except for knee, ankle, and wrist locks. Review the Kosen Judo Rules posted at [www.judo2021.com](http://www.judo2021.com) for more details.

All late fees are waived for new Kosen competitors who register online before September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kosen players may also register as a walk-up and weigh-in on the day of the tournament (Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>) with a \$15 additional fee if it is their first division registration of the competition. (There is no additional walk-up fee for players already registered in other divisions of the Nationals who would like to participate in the Kosen division on Sunday.)

Kosen Competitors must be at least 15 years of age to compete. Male and female players will be divided into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight divisions.

## **WEIGH-IN**

See Schedule of Events for times of weigh-in. A calibrated practice scale will be available before and during the weigh-in periods. However, contestants will not be allowed on the Official Scale during Official Weigh-in to check weight. Contestants may check weight as many times as desired before the designated time of the official weigh-in. All athletes in the Cadet, IJF-Junior, and Senior categories must present a government-issued photo ID.

Athletes competing on different days must weigh in with their category. Example: If competing in IJF and Cadet, the athlete will need to weigh in for IJF on Friday and then weigh in again on Saturday.

Naked weigh-in is no longer allowed for any category. To compensate, 0.1kg will be allowed. For example, in the 66kg category, the limit will be 66.1kg. This is a clothing allowance only and the 0.1kg will only be added to the true weight.

## **IDENTIFICATION**

For Seniors, IJF-Junior, and Cadet categories, a government-issued ID will be required.

## **CHECK-IN**

Athletes/Representatives must check-in during scheduled registration/check-in times to verify category and weight are correct. Failure to check-in and verify information may result in an athlete being able to participate. Any changes to category and/or weight MUST be made during this time.

## **DRAW PROCEDURES** (Mandatory to check accuracy before final draw)

1. Preliminary brackets will be posted.
2. Brackets will be posted on the wall. At this time, you will have a chance to review and make a change if you find an error. Change forms will be provided.
3. On Friday, by 8:30 pm, all changes need to be completed. On Saturday, by 7:30 pm, all changes need to be completed. No change forms will be accepted after these designated times.
4. After changes are received, Nationals staff will enter all changes and redraw brackets that need correction.
5. All brackets will be posted online at [www.judo2021.com](http://www.judo2021.com) as soon as mat assignments have been completed by staff.

A representative for each athlete must attend the draw to ensure the athlete is in the correct category. Failure to confirm or make changes/corrections during the draw may result in the athlete NOT COMPETING IN THE NATIONALS. All draws will be random. Seeding will occur for Cadet and IJF-Junior only. Players from the same club will be on opposite sides of the bracket, and when possible, players from the same state will be on opposite sides of the bracket when possible. Once the draw is complete, there will be no changes.

If two or more athletes fail to make weight or do not show to the weigh-in the same category, the division will be redrawn.

## **UNCONTESTED**

In an effort to eliminate uncontested categories, the following options are offered.

1. At the draw, if an athlete is uncontested, in a non-points category, the athlete will have the option to move to the next weight category up.
  - a. Athlete must choose the category in which they would like to receive points. The athlete will only get points in one category.
  - b. Athlete will forfeit their medal in the uncontested weight category if they move up.
  - c. Athlete may not move two or more weight categories up. It must be the next weight category up.
  - d. Athletes in Novice divisions may have the option to move to a regular division. Athletes in a regular division may move to a Novice division if they are a white, yellow, or orange belt (also including green belt in Senior/Veteran).
  - e. Uncontested Veteran athletes may move down one age group but not two or more age groups.

To request a move up, you MUST complete a "Change Request" form at the draw.

## **COACH INFORMATION**

Coaches are asked to register online to expedite the check-in process. Coach certification document may also be sent by email to [support@judoregistration.com](mailto:support@judoregistration.com)

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 tracksuit (sweatsuit) with polo shirt; business casual attire; dress jeans (no holes or marking); button-down shirts or polo shirts. Dress shoes, sneakers (tennis shoes). Forbidden apparel: flip flops, sandals, shorts, hats, head coverings.

Coaches must be currently certified with USJA, USJF, or US Judo to receive coaching credentials at this event. Coach passes will be disturbed at the coach meeting on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **RULES AND METHOD OF COMPETITION**

The Nationals will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code, and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the 2021 Nationals.

**Junior 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The first 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. For categories having five contestants or less, a round-robin will be the method of Competition (every competitor competes against every other competitor). Only one third place award will be given



**Senior and Veteran Method:** Categories having six or more competitors will use the Single Elimination System. Players are divided into two pools, A and B, which are further subdivided into A1, A2, B1, B2. Determination of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Determination of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 the repechage pool A1 will meet the winner of the repechage pool A2; similarly, for B1 and B2. The winner of the repechage pool B will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool B. The winner of the repechage pool B will meet the loser of the semi-final of knockout pool A. The winners (2) are placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, the losers (2) are placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Determination of Weight Category:** Athletes are asked to declare their weight during online registration. Players will be placed in corresponding divisions. Division assignments will be posted online. Official weigh-ins will be conducted during scheduled times.

**Shime-waza rule:** Shime-waza allowed in Juvenile, Cadet, IJF-Junior, Senior, and Veteran categories only. Shimewaza is NOT permitted in any Novice categories.

**Kansetsu-waza rule:** Kansetsu-waza allowed in Cadet, IJF-Junior, Senior and Veteran categories only. Kansetsu-waza is NOT permitted in any Novice categories.

**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 Tournament Doctor. If there is no unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete MAY NOT continue to compete.

#### **Match Lengths:**

- Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3: 3 minutes/2 minutes golden score
- Intermediate and Juvenile: 3 minutes/ no golden score limit
- Cadet, IJF-Junior and Seniors: 4 minutes/ no golden score limit
- Veterans: 3 minutes/3 minutes golden score

**Judo Gi Color:** Blue and white judo gi's are mandatory for Intermediate, Juvenile, Cadet, IJF-Junior, and Seniors. IJF approved gi's are not required but must meet the new IJF sizing requirements.

Blue and white judo gi's are NOT mandatory for athletes in Bantam 1, Bantam 2, Bantam 3, and Veterans. These players must be in a white gi for the white-sided player. Blue gi or white gi with a blue belt for the blue-sided player is permitted. Please bring your own blue belt if you do not have a blue gi.

**AWARDS:**

All medal winners MUST be in regulation white judo gi or team sweats (tracksuit) to accept any and all awards.