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Listed below and on the following pages are the proposed uniform sanctioning procedures for USJI, USJA, and USJF. If adopted, these procedures and any modifications passed at the USJI Board of Directors Meeting, and final copies of appropriate forms, will be distributed for use by all three organizations:

Uniform Sanctioning Procedures

Overview

The Amateur Sports Act of 1978, passed by the United States Congress, provided the authority for each sport to have its own governing body. United States Judo, Inc. (USJI) was organized as the National Governing Body (NGB) for Judo in the United States. USJI is a member of the United States Olympic Committee, the Pan American Judo Union, and the International Judo Federation.

A sanction is primarily a mechanism of identifying that an event is covered by insurance. The sanctioning program is designed to 1) provide liability insurance for the event, 2) protect the amateur status of athletes participating in Judo events by verifying membership, and 3) provide minimum standards for conducting an event. This document describes the sanctioning program, and gives details of how to apply for, obtain, and fulfill the obligations of a sanction.

Who Sanctions Judo Events?

In addition to individual and "at-large" members, USJI is composed of the following member "Groups" or organizations:

1. Group A: United States Judo Federation (USJF) and United States Judo Association (USJA). These are Amateur Judo Sports Organizations and were "charter members" of USJI.
2. Group B: These are the State Governing Bodies (SGB) for Judo in each State and the District of Columbia. Most states have an active Group B organization. The SGB's govern Judo on the State level under USJI's guidance.
3. Group C: Organizations which conduct National Sports Programs. Examples are National Collegiate Judo Association and the Marine Judo Association.

USJI organizes and sanctions National Championships, and other National and International Judo events, many of which are used as partial criteria for selection of teams which represent the United States in events like the Senior World Championships, Junior World Championships, the Pan American Games, and the Olympic Games. Only members of USJI are eligible to participate in such events. Currently these events are the Senior National Judo Championships, National Junior Olympic Judo Championships, National Ladder Tournament, U. S. International Invitational Judo Championships, U. S. Junior, Juvenile, and Youth, International Invitational Judo Championships, and Trials to select teams to represent the United States in international competition. In general events open to USJI members only are 1) events funded wholly or in part through the U.S. Olympic Committee or special funding, 2) point tournaments, and 3) Olympic Festivals.

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USJF, USJA, and the SGB's also have authority to issue sanctions. In 1984, the USJI, USJF and USJA and the SGB's agreed that all sanctioned Judo Tournaments, except for those listed above, will be OPEN events. This means that all members of USJI, USJA, or USJF are eligible to participate in such events, regardless of which organization sanctions the event..

USJI will also issue sanctions to Judo organizers located in an area which does not have an active State Governing Body.

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Requirements and Application Procedures for Obtaining a Sanction

National and International Events:

USJI issues sanctions for National and International events. The events are held under IJF rules, with limited modifications granted for Junior and Masters Categories. Only the National organization and State Governing Bodies may host these events. SGB's wishing to host this type of event must present a "bid" proposal to USJI giving details of their plans. Once USJI grants the SGB the right to host a National or International event, the SGB must enter into a contractual agreement with USJI and a sanction is issued. Details of bid procedures and the tournament contract are given in USJI's Code of Operation.

Local/State/Regional Events:

Each State Governing Body, USJF and USJA issues sanctions for local, state and regional events held in their Jurisdiction.

The National Governing Body **does not** issue sanctions for such events unless there is no active SGB in the area in which the event is held.

Application for Sanction from the SGB, USJF, or USJA:

Only Registered Judo Clubs may apply for a sanction. To receive a sanction, a properly completed and signed Application for Sanction, **draft copy** of the entry form, and appropriate administrative fee, must be submitted well in advance of the scheduled date of the event. The entry form will be reviewed for accuracy, completeness, conflict with other events, and compliance with all other sanction requirements. If there are problems, the club officials will be informed of any modifications that are required. When the entry form is in full compliance with the sanction requirements, the sanction application is properly completed and signed, and appropriate feed are paid, a sanction will be issued and liability insurance coverage will be in effect.

The sanction number and name of the sanctioning authority shall be printed on the entry form when it is distributed to the public. The applicant agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions for sanctioned events. These terms and conditions are listed below, and are attached to the sanction application. They will be provided once again to the organizers when the sanction is issued.

ADDRESSES TO SUBMIT THE SANCTION APPLICATION AND APPROPRIATE FEES ARE ATTACHED.

Application for Sanction directly from USJI

Judo Clubs in areas not having an active State Governing Body, may use the above listed procedures to apply for a sanction directly to the USJI National Office. The club must register as a Judo Organization with the NGB by submitting a \$15.00 fee to the national office. USJI defined a club as have a minimum of 5 currently registered USJI members, practicing in a common location.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS

This administrative body issues tournament sanctions. A sanction is a confirmation that insurance applies. Representatives cannot attend individual tournaments and clinics. Therefore, this body will not assume the function of directing, policing, or overseeing the individual operations and procedures of these events. It is understood that each tournament and clinic site is different and presents unique problems concerning administration, officiating, mats, equipment, competitors, and divisions, etc. However, the Tournament or Clinic Director, in consideration of receipt of this sanction, agrees to abide by these terms and conditions to the fullest extent possible.

1. ALL SANCTIONED EVENTS MUST BE AMATEUR JUDO EVENTS ONLY.

Sanctions will only be issued for Judo events. Events that combine Judo, Ju-Jitsu, and other Martial Arts competition in the same venue shall not be sanctioned. The insurance coverage available to the individuals, club, and event organizers is limited to the sport of Judo.

2. ALL SANCTIONED OR CO-SANCTIONED EVENTS WILL BE OPEN (except for tournaments excluded by the 1984 agreement.)

- A) All events sanctioned will be open to members of the United States Judo, Inc. (USJI), the United States Judo Association (USJA), and the United States Judo Federation (USJF).
- B) A current membership card or proof of registration from the USJI, USJA, or USJF will be required to participate.

3. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS.

All U.S. participants must be members of the USJI, USJA, or USJF. If your event is open to foreign participants, they must be members of their National Governing Body (NGB) for Judo as recognized by the International Judo Federation (IJF). All U.S. participants must have membership insurance in effect with their parent Judo organization which includes a minimum limit of \$25,000, in excess medical benefits. THIS IS AN INSURANCE COMPANY REQUIREMENT AND FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY VOID YOUR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Procedures must be established to check membership of all participants. Participants will be allowed to register prior to the start of any sanctioned event. These registrations will be covered by medical insurance for Judo. The official conducting the event must send all new memberships to the Registration Chairman within five days of the completion of the event. This is important to confirm insurance coverage. No membership registration may be taken once registrations have closed. A tournament official must verify that all membership registration procedures are followed for any new memberships issued at the event. NOTE: USJA membership (and USJA insurance for Life Members) may be verified by the individual's current membership card. While membership insurance is optional for life members, it is mandatory for all who participate in sanctioned events in accordance with our insurance company requirements.

4. PROPERLY DESIGNED ENTRY FORM

A properly designed entry form must be used. The entry form must contain, at a minimum:

- Categories of competition (Junior, Senior, Masters, Team, Shuai, Kata, etc.)
- Divisions within each Category: age, age-weight, weight only, skill level (white, brown, black belt), etc. If divisions are to be combined together or split up based on the age and/or weight range of the entrants, state this in a ~~prominet~~ place.
- The elimination system to be used (Single, Double, Modified Double, Repechage, Double-Repechage, Pool, etc.)
- The schedule of events, including registration, weigh-in, roll call, and competition times.
- Any IJF ~~R~~ rules that are modified for local or regional competition.
- Sanction number and name of the organization issuing the sanction.

5. WARNING, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY CLAUSE.

The standard release provided by K&K Insurance Group and jointly approved by the USJI, USJA, and USJF must be signed by all participants (unless an alternate release has been specifically approved). This release may be made part of the tournament entry form or it can be signed separately, in the case of minors, it must additionally be signed by their parents or guardians. Our insurance company requires the Tournament or Clinic Director to retain the signed release, and if necessary, provide K&K with this document in the event of a participant injury claim resulting in a suit against the insured(s). If the event is open belt competition, i.e., weight class only, the entry form should require a black belt coaches certification.

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6. CONTEST RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION (IJF) ARE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR ALL SANCTIONED EVENTS.

This is required by the IJF. If there are any rules, planned deviations or exceptions to the standard rules, other than for unique safety considerations at local events, they must be approved prior to the date of the event. Co-sanctioned events may require rule modifications to be in compliance with that organization's standards.

NOTE: It is standard procedure in the United States that contestants competing in junior divisions up to 12 years old are not allowed to use Shime-waza (chokes) or Kansetsu-waza (arm locks). Contestants competing in junior divisions up to 16 years old are not allowed to use Kansetsu-waza. All senior divisions are normally permitted to use Shime-waza and Kansetsu-waza. Juniors who elect to enter senior divisions must understand that they do so at their risk and should be allowed the use of Shime-waza and Kansetsu-waza.

7. ADEQUATE MATS SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

Regulation size mats should be used. If sufficient regulation size mats are not available, then the smaller ones should be used for junior competition. The mats should be firm under foot, have property of absorbing sufficient shock, and have a surface that is non-binding and free of folds and gaps. Competition areas should not be arranged so that only one line acts as a boundary for two areas, all mats should be inspected before competition or practice is begun.

8. ADEQUATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

A medical doctor or other certified first aid personnel should be in attendance at all tournaments. A medical area with emergency supplies and ice should be provided. The telephone number of the local ambulance service and the location of the nearest hospital should be known. (ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURE.)

9. QUALIFIED MAT OFFICIALS SHOULD BE USED.

Certified referees should be used on every mat. If a sufficient number of certified referees is not available, then one certified referee should be assigned to supervise each mat area.

10. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.

The following additional equipment and facilities are recommended for all tournaments: Each contest area should be equipped with scoreboards that are visible to the spectators facing the scoring tables, stopwatches for both contest time and Osae-komi, gongs or bean bags for indicating ending time, red and white flags for the judges, and red and white belts (sashes) for the competitors. A suitable head table and public address systems should be available. Every attempt should be made to create a restricted area for the competition. A restricted area(s) is that area limited to players, officials and other authorized personnel. The general public should be restricted from this area.

11. MINIMUM STANDARDS.

These guidelines are established as minimum standards. It is assumed that any action taken by this Tournament Director to improve or enhance the quality of the tournament and provide safety for the participants and spectators is encouraged.

12. TOURNAMENT REPORT

Five days after the competition of the event, a report should be filed with the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to follow this procedure could jeopardize future sanctions.

APPLICATION FOR SANCTION

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

SECTION 1: ALL TOURNAMENTS, CLINICS, CAMPS AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS SHOULD BE SANCTIONED FOR YOUR PROTECTION.

SECTION 2: NAME OF CLUB APPLYING FOR: SANCTION CO-SANCTION

CLUB:

Name and Address of Club Official Requesting Sanction: Place and Location of Sanctioned Event:

Name: Place:

Address: Address:

City: City:

State: Zip: State: Zip:

Phone: () Fax: () Phone: () Fax: ()

Chartered Club: Yes No

SECTION 3: EVENT IDENTIFICATION

Name of Event:

Date(s):

To be Co-Sanctioned with (if any): USJI USJA USJF

Number of Participants expected:

Type of event: Tournament Clinic Camp Other _____

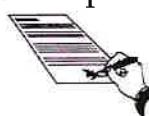
Competition: Juniors Seniors Masters Kata

Level: Local State Regional National

SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION BY REQUESTING OFFICIAL

In applying for this sanction, the undersigned agrees:

1. To abide by the terms and conditions for sanctioned events.
2. To permit membership registration at the event and to provide the necessary forms for such registration.
3. To provide a complete report of the event, to include all injuries that required medical attention and new membership registrations and fees, to the sanctioning authority within five days of the completion of the event.
4. Provide a copy of the entry form with this application.
5. That failure to do any of this, or fulfill the terms of this agreement may result in the forfeiture of future rights to sanctions.
6. To post the sanction for the event in public view at the tournament site.



(Signature of Official Applying for Sanction)

(Date)

Initial Sanction Fee Enclosed: \$

Sanction Number:

Approval by: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Third parties requesting to be named as additional insureds may be done by completing a certificate insurance request form.

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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from, in any Judo tournament, practice, clinic, and related events and activities of United States Judo, Inc., United States Judo Federation, United States Judo Association, _____, I hereby:

1. Acknowledge that I am familiar with the sport of Judo and understand the rules governing the sport of Judo.
2. Agree that prior to participating, I will inspect the mats, equipment, facilities, competition pools or divisions and the elimination or scoring system to be used, and if I believe anything is unsafe or beyond my capability, I will immediately advise my coach, supervisor, and/or a tournament official of such conditions and refuse to participate.
3. Acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in a contact sport that might result in serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses due to not only my own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also to the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of the sport of Judo, or conditions of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, I acknowledge that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
4. Knowing the risks involved in the sport of Judo, I assume all such risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
5. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the United States Judo, Inc. United States Judo Federation, United States Judo Association, _____, together with

their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches and other employees or volunteers of the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, guardians, supervisors and coaches, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, lessors, and lessees of premises used to conduct the event, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "releasee", from any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including permanent disability and death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WARNING, WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND KNOWING THIS, SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE KNOWING THE RISK AND CONDITIONS INVOLVED AND DO SO ENTIRELY OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW.

Participant (please print name)

Participant's Signature

Date

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release, as provided above, of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from their negligence, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have instructed the minor participant as to the above warnings and conditions and their ramifications.

Parent/Guardian (please print name)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date