



USJF Coach Code of Conduct

Coaches must be current USJF, USJA or USA Judo Certified Coaches to receive coaching credentials at all USJF sanctioned events, including local, regional, and national tournaments.

In addition, all coaches must adhere to the following dress code and protocol during events. Failure to adhere will be grounds for the removal of coaching credentials for the event.

Attire*

- Coaches may wear their club or USJF warm-up suit with pants reaching down to their shoes.
- Coaches may wear a short or long-sleeved t-shirt if they have a judo club logo or USJF logo on it. Otherwise, a collared shirt is required.
- Khaki pants are preferred, but dark pants (no holes or markings) are also allowed.
- Shoes need to be closed toe, sandals, and flip flops are not permitted.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn when sitting at the mat side.
- Please consider that your appearance represents you, your family, your dojo, your athletes, your athletes' families, our sport, and USJF.
- USJF national events could be streamed and people from around the world will be tuning in, so please look as professional as possible.

Protocol*

- Coaching may take place only from the coaching chair.
- Only one (1) coach per athlete.
- Remain seated in the coaching chair for the duration of the contest.
- No filming the contest from the coaching chair.
- Bowing:
 - o Please stand while athletes are walking onto the competition area.
 - o As athletes bow to each other, both coaches should bow to athletes, turn toward the opposing coach and bow, then sit in the coaching chair.
 - o Once the referee awards the contest, the coaches should bow to the athletes, turn toward the opposing coach and bow, then exit the area of the coaching chair.
- Behavior:
 - o Coaches shall be polite and professional when engaging with others, to include but not limited to spectators, athletes, other coaches, and tournament officials.
 - o If you believe a procedural error has occurred, respectfully bring the concern to the attention of the on-mat referee supervisor.
- Athlete Engagement:
 - o Local/Regional



- Coaches may engage from the side of the mat with their athlete.
- National
 - Coaches may engage with their athlete only during *Matte*.

*As these are suggestions provided by the USJF, it is advised that you please refer to specific tournament expectations as set by the Tournament Director for any modifications.

