

American Judo Champion Series

GATLINBURG



USA Judo Sanctioned Event

Tournament Director: Travis Stevens, 2016 Olympic Silver Medalist, 3x US Olympian

Tournament Date: June 4th, 2022

Hosted By: American Judo & Nuway Combat

Tournament Venue: 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Format: True Double Elimination or Round Robin for 5 or less.

Age/Weight Divisions: See page 3. Ages are based on the day of the event, NOT birth year.

Cost: ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE ONLINE – NO MAIL IN ENTRY!

\$60 for first division and \$30 for second division. Late fees apply after a certain date, confirm online.

Who Is Eligible:

Athletes Ages 4+. Competitors and coaches will need to present a valid USA Judo, USJA, USJF OR ATJA memberships. All States & Countries Welcome! International athletes must have written approval from international federations submitted to the USA Judo national office.

Rules:

EVENTS WILL USE A MODIFIED IJF RULE SET. Note these rules should be reviewed prior to competition. [Click here for full rules.](#) Or see page 4.

Match Times:

All Basic → 3 min / 2 min g.s. Youth Int → 3 min / 2 min g.s.
13+ / Int / Adv → 4 min / unlimited g.s. Veterans Int & Adv → 4 min / unlimited g.s.

Judo Gis: All competitors must wear a properly fitting JUDO gi.

Divisions under & over 13 years old Basic, Intermediate & Advanced Divisions

- Any color (white, blue, black)
 - Any patches/embroidery can be worn as long as it does not hinder opponent's ability to grab judo gi
- IJF Divisions (Cadet, Junior, Senior)
- Follow IJF rules (White & Blue Only)

Tournament Schedule of Events:

- ALL WEIGH IN, CHECK IN & REGISTRATION: Friday night prior to event at Tournament Venue
- WALK UP REGISTRATION & WEIGH IN: Saturday morning prior to the start at Tournament Venue
- COMPETITION Starts the morning of Saturday at the venue.
- SEE ONLINE FOR FULL SCHEDULE

Awards:

Medals/Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Spectator Fee:

There will be a spectator fee to enter the event. See online for full details

Referee Information:

Head Referee: Tyler Yonemori

All referees will be checked for current certification and if they have a lapsed certification, they cannot be allowed to work the event (SafeSport mandate). If you are interested in refereeing, please contact Head Referee. Referees must have USA Judo, USJA, USJF or ATJA Referee Certification.

Referees for kids (U13) matches should be at least a brown belt in judo

Referees for ages 13+ should be at least a black belt in judo.

1 Referee per mat area on the mat. Referees will rotate. No Care system is used at the events.

Compensation & accommodations will be determined by the head referee.

Referees will wear an American Judo T-Shirt and black pants while refereeing. Each referee will receive a t-shirt. Alternative attire to be discussed with head referee.

Coaches Information:

A coaches meeting to explain the rules will be held the morning of the event at the Tournament Venue

All coaches must show valid Coaches Certification/Badge to be allowed to coach.

MAAPP Policy

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 can be found at www.usjudo.org.

Questions? Email Riley McIlwain at events@americanjudo.com or call/text 617-257-4769

Divisions:

The Tournament Director reserves the right to make any changes they deem necessary to ensure the safety and fairness to all competitors.

Skill Level Breakdown: **Basic** = White/Yellow, **Intermediate** = Orange+, **Advanced** = Blue & Above. Half Ranks will be moved to higher rank (Yellow/Orange would be considered Orange).

Age Level Breakdown: **Youth** are considered between the ages of 4-12. **Teens** Ages 13-20. **Adults** are considered 21+. **Veterans** are anybody over 30+. IJF Divisions are Cadet, Junior & Senior. Ages are based on the day of the event, NOT birth year.

AGE	SKILL LEVEL	WEIGHT CLASS	MALES KG'S	FEMALE KG'S
4-6	All Levels	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
7-8	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
7-8	Intermediate	As Noted	20, 23, 27, 32, 37, 37+	23, 27, 32, 32+
9-10	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
9-10	Intermediate	As Noted	27, 32, 37, 42, 47, 47+	27, 32, 37, 42, 42+
11-12	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
11-12	Intermediate	As Noted	32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 58, 58+	32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 52+
13-14	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
13-14	Intermediate	As Noted	42, 47, 52, 58, 65, 65+	44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 70+
15-16	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
15-16	Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
15-16	IJF Cadet	As Noted	55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 90+	44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 70+
17-20	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
17-20	Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
17-20	IJF Junior	As Noted	55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 90+	44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 70+
21+	Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
21+	Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
21+	IJF Senior	As Noted	60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, 100+	48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78
30-39	Veteran Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
30-39	Veteran Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
30-39	Veteran Advanced	IJF Weight Classes	60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, 100+	48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78
40-49	Veteran Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
40-49	Veteran Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
40-49	Veteran Advanced	IJF Weight Classes	60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, 100+	48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78
50+	Veteran Basic	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
50+	Veteran Intermediate	TBD by Director	Light, Medium, Heavy	Light, Medium, Heavy
50+	Veteran Advanced	IJF Weight Classes	60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, 100+	48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78

Event Rules: These events are designed to give the best possible experience for the athlete. Coaches and referees should work together to create a positive experience for athletes. The focus of these events is development, and the emphasis is on positive judo (Throws, Pins, Armlocks, Chokes). [For a full rule breakdown click here.](#)

Competitors and coaches will need to present a valid USA Judo, USJA, USJF OR ATJA membership.

MATCH TIMES

- All Basic Divisions (Youth/Teens/Adult/Veterans) are 3 mins running time.
 - The clock only stops for blood/doctor or tying of judo gi.
 - Athletes are encouraged to get up quick and continue.
- Youth Intermediate are 3 mins running time.
 - The clock only stops for blood/doctor or tying of judo gi.
 - Athletes are encouraged to get up quick and continue.
- 13+ Int & Adv is 4 mins
 - Clock stops when the Referee says Matte.
- IJF Cadet, IJF Junior & IJF Senior. 4 mins
 - Follow standard IJF Rules
- Veterans Intermediate and Advanced is 4 mins
 - Clocks stops when the Referee says Matte.
 - Athletes are encouraged to get up quick and continue.
- Golden Score
 - All Basic & Intermediate Youth Divisions - 2 minutes
 - If nobody scores at the end of the Golden Score, referee decides the winner
 - 13+ (Intermediate & Advanced), IJF & Veterans Unlimited

COACHING

Coaching is encouraged at all times during the matches.

What does it mean to coach your athlete: All comments from the coach should be geared towards helping your athlete perform a judo technique. As long as coaches are being a positive influence over the athlete they will be encouraged to continue coaching.

PENALTIES

Basic Divisions

- Shidos will not be handed out for Minor infractions
- Referees will warn judoka about infractions and instruct them not to do so in the future.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for the same infraction they will lose the match.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for different infractions the match will continue.

Intermediate Divisions

- Referees will use their discretion to give penalties for stalling
- Stalling can include - Running out of bounds, defensive posture, or any action deemed to prevent their opponent from positive judo.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for the same infraction they will lose the match.
- If a judoka gets 3 warnings for different infractions the match will continue.

Advanced and IJF Division

- These will follow IJF Rules

YOU CAN ONLY REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT ONLINE!

Tournament Sign Up

Step 1: [Click Here](#) or Scan QR Code On Your Phone

Step 2: Click on your event

Step 3: Register Online

Tournament QR Code →



WARNING! WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE (TOURNAMENT)

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from, the Jimmy Pedro's Challenge Judo Tournament, clinic and related events and activities of the Pedro's Challenge, 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 traumatic brain injury (TBI), 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 ATJA, USA Judo, USJA, or USJF, Massachusetts Judo Association, Nuway Combat, Project Gold, Pedro's Judo Center, St. John's Preparatory High School, Archdiocese of Boston and the town of Danvers, MA, Jimmy Pedro, 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.

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.

THIS WAIVER WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION!