



*35th Annual*  
***LONE STAR CLASSIC JUDO***  
*February 20-21, 2026*

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**Sanctioned by USA JUDO (Sanction #00720) and  
Hosted by Okuri Judo Club  
USA Judo National Referee Evaluation Event**

**UPDATED 10-19-2025**

**The LSC2026 will be worth the trip with a schedule designed for participation! Friday evening is the Referee/Coach Rule Meeting, Weigh in, and the Kata Competition. Saturday morning is the Shiai Competition. You will have the opportunity to do it ALL! Not to mention the Downtown Fort Worth location with plenty of restaurants, nightlife, Water Gardens, museums, zoo, rodeo, and the historical Fort Worth Stockyards all close by. Grab the family/team and make a full weekend of fun!**

**Location:** Fort Worth Convention Center (FWCC), 1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102 in Exhibit Hall C & D. The host hotel, the historic Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone, 601 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, is located directly north of the FWCC. Participants staying at the Courtyard will be able to walk to the venue and save on additional parking fees. More information on the Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone is located further down in the flyer.

**Method of Competition:** Modified Double for divisions with six players or more. Round Robin will be used for divisions of five to three players. Best two out of three will be used for divisions of two players.

**Eligibility:** Open to members holding current USA Judo or ATJA memberships. Proof of membership must be presented at weigh in. Save time and money by purchasing your USA Judo card on-line before you come to the tournament by going to [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org). You will receive your card INSTANTLY and be able to bring it to the tournament.

**Rules:** Current IJF rules (modified). **JUDOGI** – Article 3 – Is modified to use the pre-2014 gi fit requirements to be applied within reason based upon the size of the player. No hansoku-make will be given for the first violation and the player will be given the opportunity to change gis, even if the contest has started. All competitors must have at least a white gi. A match between two blue gis will not be permitted. Female players are to wear a solid white shirt under their gi. **Remember if you do not bring a blue and a white gi, you must provide your own white and blue belts. Senior and Veterans Novice cannot use armbars.**

**Match Duration:** All junior, veterans, and senior novice matches are 3 minutes. All men's and women's matches are 4 minutes. All golden scores will be 2 minutes.

### Referee Information:



*Bobby Refereeing the Gold Medal 48kg Contest between Serbia v. Germany, Berlin 2017.*

**Bobby Donaldson**, will lead the LSC2026 Referee Team. Mr. Donaldson is a Shichidan, IJF A (IJF World Tour Referee – Retired).

Referee Meeting on Friday, 2/20 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Host Hotel, Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown, 601 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102 in the Sundance Room.

The LSC2026 Referee Incentive Package (RIP): The RIP will be capped to the **first 30 referees** who register. (The first 30 referees count includes DFW local and Texas referees.) To

register, please RSVP thru the USA Judo National Referee website. You will be notified when the Referee List has been determined. As of now, we anticipate operating FIVE mats, however we have the flexibility to operate SIX if registration dictates the need.

### Referee Incentives working the event:

- Referees local to D/FW metroplex will receive a \$50 stipend to cover parking expenses on Friday evening for the Referee Meeting and on Saturday for the event.
- In-Texas travelling more than four hours away and surrounding state referees returning home on Saturday at the conclusion of the tournament, will be provided a hotel room (TWO referees per room) for Friday.
- Out-of-State referees working the event will be provided a hotel room (TWO referees per room) for Friday and Saturday.
- Free breakfast is provided on Saturday morning at Cornerstone Bakery at the hotel and lunch vouchers will be provided at the venue.
- All referees will receive a LSC SWAG BAG. Referees who confirm attendance by 2/1 will receive a UV printed and personalized water bottle and a special gift from Okuri Judo. To confirm attendance, please email [kjimesa@hotmail.com](mailto:kjimesa@hotmail.com) to by 2/1, including your t-shirt size.

**Awards:** **FIVE INCH custom medals and neck ribbons** for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category will be awarded. Special Awards presented:

- **\$250 CASH** and award banner for the Texas club and the out-of-state club with the most pre-registered athletes by 2/1.
- **\$250 CASH** prize for Men's, Women's, Men's Veterans, and Women's Veterans Divisions. (Must register for a regular weight division as well to qualify for the Open divisions.)
- **Ruben Martin Legacy Award – Will be presented during the Opening Ceremony**

**Coaches:** Coaching chairs will be provided. Please wear your Coaches' badge and lanyard. Coach Meeting with Bobby Donaldson is scheduled for Saturday morning: sign in will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Coaches meeting with Head Referee Bobby Donaldson and the LSC Tournament Director at 9:15 p.m.. All coaches will be required to sign in on the USA Judo required statistic form. Please have your current USA Judo membership card number at the meeting.

**T-shirt & Hoodie Pre-Orders:** **All athletes who pre-register by 2/1/26, will have their name listed on the back of the tournament t-shirt.** Be sure you get an event t-shirt in the proper size by placing a pre-order for the tournament t-shirts! Limited sizes will be available for purchase at the tournament.

**First Responders:** First responders and Military competing in the LSC 2026 will receive **ONE FREE PRE-REGISTRATION** tournament entry. **You must PRE-REGISTER by 2/1/26 to receive the free entry.** Prior to registering, please email ([kjmesa@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmesa@hotmail.com)) or text (817-909-7017) a copy of the current agency ID/discharge to receive the discount code. You will not receive free entry without the discount code.

**Shiai Competition:** The Junior Novice Division is intended for **NOVICE** players who have zero to limited (No more than 5) tournament experience. If you have competed in the LSC 2025 and won your division or a **NATIONAL EVENT** you do **NOT** qualify for the Novice Division. If you sign up for a **NOVICE** division and you have won a medal at a national event, you will **NOT** receive a refund for the division.

(Every effort will be made to provide every player an equitable division. In case of being uncontested, exhibition fights will be available.)

Junior Boys: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-20

Junior Boys Novice (white and yellow belts): 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-20

Junior Girls: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-20

Junior Girls Novice: (white and yellow belts): 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-20

Senior Men Novice (under Sankyu): 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, 100+kg

Senior Women Novice (under Sankyu): 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, 78+kg

Men's and Women's Veterans: (30+ years old) Divisions will be created based on age and weight. Divisions will be fair and equitable based on registrations.

Men's and Women's Veterans Novice: (30+ years with a rank of green or below) TBD based on registrations.

Veterans OPEN: Men's and Women's winners receive \$250. Must register for regular division as well.)

Senior Men: 60kg, 66kg, 73kg, 81kg, 90kg, 100kg, 100+kg, OPEN (OPEN winners receive \$250. Must register for regular division as well.)

Senior Women: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg, 70kg, 78kg, 78+kg, OPEN (OPEN winners receive \$250. Must register for regular division as well.)

**WEIGH IN & MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION:** **ALL** athletes must weigh in and present their membership card prior to competition, Friday, 2/7/2025 at the Fort Worth Convention Center: 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. If you have a flight delay, please text 817-909-7017

### **Kata Competition:**

*Junior Nage No Kata:* U12 (first set) and U16 (first three sets)

*Nage No Kata:* U21 Novice (first three sets), U21 (Entire), Senior Novice (first three sets), Senior (Entire)

Katame No Kata, Goshin Jutsu, Kime No Kata, and Ju No Kata for senior competitors (Entire)

Additional katas will be added to the competition for **CONTESTED** competition. Please email

[kjmesa@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmesa@hotmail.com) to request an additional division to be added.

The Kata Competition will be on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026**. The venue will open at 5:00 p.m. with the competition starting at 6:00 p.m. Please check in at the Head Table by 5:30 p.m. To assist with preparations, all Kata teams **MUST REGISTER by 2/8/2025. Pre-Register by 2/1/26 for \$100 per team for the first kata and \$75 per team for each additional kata.** Register by 2/8/26 for \$135 per team for the first kata and \$110 per team for each additional kata. The LSC Kata Director is Jolie Feng. The Chief Kata Judge is Claudia Smith who will be assisted by Carla Martin.

**MAAAP 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 and the reporting mechanism for SafeSport infractions can be found at [https://www.usajudo.com/events/event-sanctioning#MAAPP\\_Policy](https://www.usajudo.com/events/event-sanctioning#MAAPP_Policy).

### Registration information and timeline:

Registrations will be taken online thru 2/16/2026 at 11:59 p.m. To register, go to [smoothcomp.com](http://smoothcomp.com). NO REGISTRATIONS will be taken after 2/16/2026 at 11:59 p.m.

|                                                                                                             | Dates                           | Registration Fee | Additional Division Fee |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION                                                                                     | Register by 1/18 at 11:59 p.m.  | \$75             | \$55                    |
| SHIRT DEADLINE<br><b>Athletes who register by 2/1 will have their name listed on the back of the shirt.</b> | Register by 2/1 at 11:59 p.m.   |                  |                         |
| REGULAR REGISTRATION                                                                                        | 1/19/26 – 2/13/26 at 11:59 p.m. | \$85             | \$65                    |
| LATE REGISTRATION                                                                                           | 2/14/25 – 2/16/26               | \$125            | \$85                    |

**HOST HOTEL:** The host hotel, the historic Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone, 601 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, is located directly north of the FWCC. Host hotel is the Hampton Inn located at 1001 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The hotel is directly across from the FWCC. No need to drive to the venue, just walk down the street!

We have a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday night, Queen/Queen (\$169) and King (\$159) available per night. To reserve your room, please use the link below by February 1, 2026

**Custom Link:** [Reservation-Link](#)

**Official Website:** [Fort Worth Downtown Hotels | Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone](#)

**Hotel Video:** [Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone - Experience Our Hotel](#)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### PRE-EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Register by 1/18 at 11:59 p.m.  |
| \$250 Pre-Reg Award & Name of the back of the shirt DEADLINE<br><b>The Texas &amp; Out-of-State Team with the most athletes registered by 2/1 will WIN \$250 CASH!! Athletes who register by 2/1 will have their name listed on the back of the shirt.</b> | Register by 2/1 at 11:59 p.m.   |
| REGULAR REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1/19/26 – 2/13/26 at 11:59 p.m. |
| LATE REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2/14/25 – 2/16/26               |

#### THURSDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>:

Divisions posted on Smoothcomp.com after Noon. Participants are responsible for reviewing their division and contact [kjmesa@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmesa@hotmail.com) or TEXT 817-909-7017. **Please do not call**, use email or text and provide the name of the player, division, and issue.

#### FRIDAY SCHEDULE, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

Pre-Lim Divisions Posted on Smoothcomp. (Last chance to review divisions)  
Referee Clinic (COACHES ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND) with Bobby Donaldson - HOTEL  
Weigh In for ALL CATEGORIES (All SHIAI players must weight check!) - FWCC  
Kata Competition Starts (Venue opens at 5:00pm. Teams check in by 5:30p.m.) - FWCC  
Final Divisions Posted (No changes will be made after final divisions posted)

Noon  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
5:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
By Midnight

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE, February 21<sup>st</sup>: (All at the venue)**

Doors Open to Venue:

9:00 a.m.

Referee Meeting

8:30 a.m.

Coach Sign In (Bring your USA Judo Card)

9:00a.m.

Coach Meeting with Bobby Donaldson

9:15 a.m.

Opening Comments and Recognition

9:30 a.m.

Masters and Junior Novice Starts

10:00 a.m.

**On-Line Registration for tournament available through [Smoothcomp.com](http://Smoothcomp.com) beginning 10/15/2025. Tournament information available at our website [www.okurijudo.org](http://www.okurijudo.org). For more information, e-mail [kjmesa@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmesa@hotmail.com) or text 817-909-7017**



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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 ("Activity") of the USA Judo/United States Judo, Inc., Texas Judo, and Okuri Judo, I agree: 1. I understand the nature of Judo activities and believe I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I also understand the rules governing the sport of Judo. 2. I further acknowledge that prior to participating, I will inspect the mats, equipment, facilities, competition pools or divisions, and 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. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in a contact sport that might result in serious injury, illness or disease, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses due not only to 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 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, illness, disease, permanent disability, or death. 5. I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the USA Judo/United States Judo, Inc., Texas Judo, and Okuri Judo, together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, officers, agents, coaches, and other employees, or volunteers of the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, legal guardians, supervisors and coaches, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, lessors, and lessees of premises used in conducting the event, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees", from any and all litigation expenses, attorney damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law. 6. MAAAP 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 and the reporting mechanism for SafeSport infractions can be found at [https://www.usajudo.com/events/eventsanctioning#MAAPP\\_Policy](https://www.usajudo.com/events/eventsanctioning#MAAPP_Policy). I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WARNING, WAIVER, AND RELEASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND KNOWING THIS, SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE KNOWING THE RISKS 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/LEGAL GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW. I INTEND THIS TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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Participant Name

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Participant Signature

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Date

**FOR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)** This is to certify that I, as a parent/legal guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release, as provided above, of all 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 including litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or costs which may incur as the result of the minor child's 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.

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Parent/Legal Guardian

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Date