# 60th Annual
# Dallas Open Judo Championships
## NOVEMBER 21st, 2026
## IRVING CONVENTION CENTER
### IRVING, TEXAS

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION AT www.judocomp.smoothcomp.com**
- ONLINE REG DEADLINE: 11:59PM CST, TUESDAY 11/17/26
- ALL COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BY 11/17/26
- THERE IS NO WALK-UP REGISTRATION
- JUNIOR NOVICE DIVISIONS (WHITE AND YELLOW)
- ALL COMPETITORS MUST CHECK IN AND WEIGH IN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th from 1:00PM to 8:00PM
- $32,200 PRIZE FUND FOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS

$1500.00 FIRST PLACE PRIZE
$500.00 SECOND PLACE PRIZE
$300.00 THIRD PLACE PRIZE

**Hotel:** Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, 972-831-0000 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039. Book your hotel by October 31st to take advantage of special room rates. 1-800-228-9290, ask for the **"Judo Rate"** of **TBD** plus tax.
**Competition Site:** Irving Convention Center, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039
**Eligibility:** Current USA JUDO, or ATJA.

**Tournament Contact Information**

**Director: Josh Perry**
**972-795-5845**
**josh@eastsidedojo.com**
**Chief Referee: Bobby Donaldson**

## REGISTER ONLINE AT JUDOCOMP.SMOOTHCOMP.COM

| Division | Earlybird by 8/31 | Normal registration Sept 1—Oct 31 | Late registration Nov 1—Nov 17 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Juniors & Junior Novice* | $80 | $100 | $125 |
| Veterans (30 & over) | $80 | $100 | $125 |
| Senior Novice (below brown belt) | $80 | $100 | $125 |
| Senior Brown Belt | $80 | $100 | $125 |
| Senior Elite Olympic Divisions | $135 | $160 | $175 |

*JUNIOR NOVICE FOR WHITE AND YELLOW BELTS ONLY- NO BJJ OR WRESTLING EXPERIENCE

**ALLOWABLE SECOND DIVISIONS:**
**** Junior competitors may fight up one age group as a second division**

| First Division | May also compete in: |
|---|---|
| Junior Novice* | Juniors |
| Juniors (age 15+, ranked below brown belt) | Senior Novice |
| Juniors (age 15+, ranked brown belt and above) | Senior Elite |
| Veterans | Senior Elite |
| Veterans (ranked below brown belt) | Senior Novice or Senior Elite |
| Senior Novice (ranked below brown belt) | Senior Elite |
| Senior Brown Belt | Senior Elite |

**Rules:** IJF for Senior Elite Competitors (must have **BLUE** and **WHITE** Judogis)
For senior novice divisions, rules will be applied as follows:
**NO ARMLOCKS PERMITTED**
For junior novice divisions, rules will be applied as follows:
**NO CHOKES OR ARMLOCKS PERMITTED**
For junior divisions, rules will be applied as follows:
**NO CHOKES FOR COMPETITORS UNDER AGE 13**
**NO ARMLOCKS FOR COMPETITORS UNDER AGE 15**

## ALL WEIGHTS ARE IN KILOGRAMS

**Juniors:** weight cutoffs will be determined after registration
**Senior Women Novice:** (below brown belt) 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, over 78kg
**Senior Men Novice:** (below brown belt) 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, over 100kg
**Senior Men Brown belt:** (below brown belt) 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, over 100kg
**Senior Women Brown Belt:** 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, over 78kg
**Senior Women:** 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, over 78kg
**Senior Men:** 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, over 100kg
**Men's Veterans:** age and weight cutoffs will be determined after registration
**Women's Veterans:** age and weight cutoffs will be determined after registration
Juniors and Veterans: SUBMIT YOUR ACTUAL WEIGHT IN KILOS. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A 1 KILO ALLOWANCE AT WEIGH-IN. *THERE IS NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR SR ELITE OR SR NOVICE.*

**FOR JUNIORS OR VETERAN COMPETITORS**: WE WILL USE "MADISON BRACKETING" FOR THESE DIVISIONS WHEREBY THE AGE AND WEIGHT CUTOFFS WILL BE SET AFTER ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 11/17. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS NEARLY EVERYONE TO COMPETE WITH A MINIMAL NUMBER OF UNCONTESTED ENTRANTS, AND DISCOURAGES UNHEALTHY WEIGHT LOSS. DIVISIONS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE FOR YOUR REVIEW. COACHES/ PARENTS/ATHLETES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THAT THEY ARE PLACED ON THE CORRECT DIVISION. NOON ON FRIDAY 11/20 IS THE DEADLINE FOR REPORTING ANY ER-RORS OR OMISSIONS. CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WITH ANY CONCERNS.
*NOTE: WE WILL NOT GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION FOR ANY ATHLETE THAT WEIGHS IN OVER THE 1 KILO ALLOWANCE. THERE IS NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR SR ELITE OR SR NOVICE*

**Competition Schedule:**

**SESSION 1** : Junior (all experience levels) and Junior Novice will begin at 8:00 AM starting with the youngest divisions. Men's and Women's Veterans will follow Juniors.

**SESSION 2** : Senior Novice, Senior Brown Belt and Senior Elite

Division lists for Juniors and Veterans will be posted on 11/18 at 5PM CST for coach's review and approval.

Brackets with mat assignments for Session 1 (Juniors and Veterans) will be posted on Thursday, 11/19 at 5PM CST.

Brackets with match assignments for Session2 (Senior Elite an Senior Novice) will be posted with numbered matches by Midnight on Friday 11/21.

All information will be posted at **judocomp.com/dallas2026**

Multiply your match number by 3 (minutes) to estimate your match time. **Arrive at your assigned mat at least 30 minutes prior to the estimated time.** Competitors will be responsible for being at their assigned mat and ready to compete when their match number is called.

**MATCH TIMES:**

**Senior Elite–** 4 minute matches with a minimum 10 minute rest between matches

**Senior Novice, Brown belt and Masters–** 3 minute matches with a minimum 5 minute rest between matches

**Juniors–** 3 minute matches with a minimum 3 minute rest between matches

**We will use numbered matches on 10 competition areas.**

**ELIMINATION METHODS:**

**Seniors -** Round Robin for divisions of 5 or less, double elimination for 6 or more.

**Senior Novice, Brown belt and Masters** - Round Robin for divisions of 4 or less, double elimination for 5 or more.

**Juniors and Junior Novice** - Round Robin for divisions of 5 or less, double elimination for 6 or more.

**Officials:** Referees will meet briefly at 8:30 am. A hospitality room will be available from 8:00 am.

**Awards:** 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place medals for each division.

**$1500.00 FIRST PLACE PRIZE FOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS**
**$500.00 SECOND PLACE PRIZE FOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS**
**$300.00 THIRD PLACE PRIZE FOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS**

(minimum 3 participants per division and at least one match win to qualify for prize money.)

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

Vince Tamura Outstanding Junior Competitor and Masato Tamura Outstanding Senior Competitor. The Outstanding Competitors will receive a custom engraved bowl. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team awards based on 3 points for first, 2 points for second, and 1 point for third place in all divisions combined. No points awarded for uncontested divisions.

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The Dallas Open is a USA Judo Senior-D and Junior-C level event. USA Judo Elite Roster points are awarded to the winners of certain senior divisions. The following is USA Judo's explanation of how the points will be awarded from this tournament. For more information on points tournaments visit the U.S. Judo website at www.usjudo.org/. *This event is a USA Judo Senior-D and Junior-C level event. The ONLY divisions in which points can be earned are the highest SENIOR belt rank divisions. No points are awarded in JUNIOR-AGE divisions; ALL players who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive Senior D-level points. Junior-age athletes (born 2006 and later) who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the highest SENIOR belt divisions will receive Junior, C-level points in addition to Senior points. Restrictions: Players must win at least 1 match and be a citizen of the USA in order to receive points. In addition, after earning points, in order to be listed on USA Judo's national roster, a player must join USA Judo (if not already a member). Seeding: For the Senior D-level categories, the top 4 nationally ranked Senior athletes will be seeded if they compete in the weight division in which they are ranked. #1 and #4 shall be placed on one side of the bracket; #2 and #3 shall be placed on the other side. The seeding order shall be in the order of the byes, i.e., if there is 1 bye, #1 shall get it; if there are 2 byes, #'s 1 and 2 shall get them, etc. If any of the top 4 nationally ranked athletes are not in attendance, athletes ranked #5 and below SHALL NOT be seeded, i.e., "moved up" to the next higher seed position.*

*Rules for Senior D-/Junior C-level divisions:*
1. *IJF contest rules shall be used, including "Golden Score" overtime.*
2. *Players may compete in only 1 senior elite division.*
3. *Players must compete in the weight category that conforms to their measured weight at weigh-in.*

*Example:*
*A player competing in the 81 kg division must weigh over 73 kg and less than or equal to 81 kg.*

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# 2026 DALLAS OPEN JUDO TOURNAMENT

## WARNING, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from the 2026 Dallas Open Judo Tournament and related activities of **United States Judo Inc., Texas Judo Inc., the American Traditional Judo Association, Dallas Judo, Inc., Eastside Dojo, The Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, Inc., and the Irving Convention Center.**

I hereby,

1. Acknowledge that I am familiar with the sport of Judo and understand the rules governing the sports of Judo and and the importance of following these rules.
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 or a tournament official of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
3. Acknowledge and fully understand that I will be participating in a sport that might result in serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic loss due not only to my actions, inactions, or negligence, but also to the action, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of Judo, or the 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 Judo, I assume that risk and accept the responsibility for the damages following such injury, death or permanent disability.
5. Release, waive and discharge and covenant not to sue **United States Judo Inc., Texas Judo Inc., the American Traditional Judo Association, Dallas Judo, Inc., Eastside Dojo, and the Irving Convention Center** together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees or volunteers or the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, guardian(s), 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 or all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including permanent disability and death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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 and the reporting mechanism for SafeSport infractions can be found at https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/MAAPP

**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 RISKS AND CONDITIONS INVOLVED AND TO DO SO ENTIRELY OF MY 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.**

| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| Participant's Printed 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.**

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| Parent or Guardian's Printed Name | Parent or Guardian's Signature | Date |

This event will be an Examination Site for National Referees, as well as a reevaluation site for USA JUDO referees. Those who wish to be considered for National Referee must meet and document the following criteria…

1) Be US citizens, or have Legal Resident Alien Status.

2) Be current members of USA JUDO (available on site)

3) Have been Regional Referees for at least one year.

4) Be 18 years old or older.

5) Hold Shodan or higher rank from a recognized authority.

6) *Attend Candidate Clinic the evening before the event.

7) Take and pass the written examination (multiple choice)

8) Referee the event to the satisfaction of the examiners.

The fee for the written examination is $30. Those who pass the written and practical examination must also pay the National Referee Registration fee of $20 and complete the registration form. If paying by check please bring one check for $30 and one for $20 **both payable to USA Judo**.

Candidates should bring documentation of each criterion listed above and bring two copies of a passport-style photo of themselves in referee uniform. Documentation can be obtained by contacting Dana Rucker, ncreferee@gmail.com or Ralph Palmer, RefComAsst2@surewest.net, they will send you the proper paperwork to you to complete prior to your arrival in Dallas

*Those testing are required to attend a Candidate Clinic and written test on Friday evening, 11/20/2026 at the host hotel, (Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, 972-831-0000) site beginning at 6:00 PM.