



2009 USA JUDO Youth and Scholastic National Judo Championships

Held under the Sanction of USA JUDO (United States Judo, Inc.)

March 28-29, 2009

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| Hosted by: | York County Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| Tournament Headquarters Hotel(There are four properties with USA Judo rates and shuttle to tournament and registration): | The Holiday Inn Conference Center of York, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA, 17408. There are four properties that will run shuttle services on registration day and on tournament days. All properties may be booked on line at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USAJudo |
| Competition Site: | York Expo Center's Toyota Arena, 334 Carlisle Ave. York, PA 17404 |
| Check-in and Registration: | Friday, March 27, 2009: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. (ALL) at the Holiday Inn Conference Center of York Saturday, March 28, 2009: 3 – 6 p.m. (Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Junior/ Collegiate Novice ONLY) at the York Expo Center's Toyota Arena. All athletes must register in person. |
| Weigh-in: | Juvenile A, Juvenile B & Intermediate 1, Senior Collegiate Divisions ONLY : Friday, March 27: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn Conference Center of York Bantam, Intermediate 2 & IJF Junior, Collegiate Novice Divisions ONLY : Saturday, March 28, 3 – 6 p.m. at the York Expo Center Toyota Arena |
| Competition Date: | York Expo Center Toyota Arena Saturday, March 28: Juvenile A, B and Intermediate 1 & Senior Collegiate Divisions Sunday, March 29: Bantam, Intermediate 2, IJF-Junior, & Collegiate Novice Divisions |
| Tournament Director: | Contact the National Office for registration questions at 719.866.4730 |
| Referees Clinic: | A Referee Clinic, conducted by the USA Judo Referee Commission will be held at the Tournament Hotel Headquarters at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. All individuals who plan to referee should be in attendance. Coaches are welcome to attend. |
| Chief Referee | To be announced |
| Coaches Meeting: | Coaches meeting will be held at the Tournament Headquarters at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. All coaches on the floor must be certified and have proper ID to be issued at meeting to gain floor access. Coaches must attend to receive credentials for event. Only USA Judo coach certification will be accepted. |

PLEASE NOTE THAT KATA COMPETITION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE USA JUDO YOUTH AND SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry package is also available on USA JUDO's Web site: www.usjudo.org

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The following is a general schedule and timetable. All dates, days of the week, check-in times and weigh-in times are final. The other times listed are approximate and the Organizing Committee reserves the right to change these, if necessary. The final schedule will be provided upon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Friday, March 27, 2009 | Holiday Inn Conference Center of York |
| 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Tournament check-in and registration for ALL competitors, Athletes Must register in person. (Coaches, referees and officials to check in at evening meetings) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Weigh-ins for Juvenile A, B and Intermediate 1 and Senior Collegiate Categories. At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament- issued identification card AND all athletes in the Juvenile A, Juvenile B and Senior Collegiate categories must present a photo ID. |
| 6:30 p.m. | Referees Meeting at hotel headquarters |
| 7:00 p.m. | Draw for Juvenile A, B & Intermediate 1 & Senior Collegiate Categories |
| 7:30 p.m. | Technical Officials Meeting at hotel headquarters |
| 8:00 p.m. | Coaches meeting at hotel headquarters |
| 9:00 p.m. | Draw sheets posted |
| Saturday, March 28, 2009 | Competition to be at York Expo Center Toyota Arena |
| 8:00 a.m. | Doors open – Texas Match Cards available for Saturday competitors |
| 8:00 a.m. | Referees meeting at tournament site |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opening ceremonies |
| 9:00 a.m. | Competition begins for Juvenile A, B & Intermediate 1 and Senior Collegiate Categories |
| 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Weigh-ins for Bantam, Intermediate 2, IJF-Junior Categories and Novice Collegiate categories at the <u>York Expo Center Toyota Arena. At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament- issued identification card AND all athletes in the IJF-Junior, and Novice Collegiate categories must present a photo ID.</u> |
| 7:00 p.m. | Draw for Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Junior Categories / Collegiate Novice Categories |
| 9:00 p.m. | Draw sheets posted |
| Sunday, March 29, 2009 | All Activities at the York Expo Center's Toyota Arena |
| 8:00 a.m. | Doors open – Texas Match Cards available for Sunday competitors |
| 8:00 a.m. | Referees meeting |
| 9:00 a.m. | Competition begins – Bantam / Intermediate 2, IJF-Junior & Novice Collegiate Categories |

NOTE: ATHLETES COMPETING IN TWO CATEGORIES ON SEPARATE DAYS NEED ONLY TO WEIGH IN ONE TIME PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION.

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR ATHLETES

Contestants may participate if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) A United States citizen (copy of passport or birth certificate required).
- 2) A current member in good standing of USA JUDO (United States Judo, Inc.) A copy of membership card is required or circle on bottom of entry form either "Will bring current membership card to event" or "Will purchase membership at event."
- 3) Born between 1990 and 2003 inclusively for all non-collegiate categories.
- 4) a. Holder of a recognized rank (USJI, USJF or USJA) of Shodan (1st degree black belt) or higher (copy of rank certificate, current USJI membership card having the rank verification symbol "(V)" printed following the rank, or rank card issued by the USJF or USJA National Offices, required),

OR

If rank is lower than Shodan, the Certificate Regarding Non-Black Belt contestants must be completed and signed by a coach who holds a recognized black belt rank (proof of coach's rank required).

ELIGIBILITY FOR COLLEGIATE ATHLETES SENIOR & NOVICE DIVISIONS

Student may participate if he/she meets the following eligibility requirements. USA Judo will no longer monitor and require submission of transcripts for this event, however, continues to emphasize education as a priority for competing.

- 1) A current member in good standing of United States Judo, Inc. (USA Judo). A copy of your membership card is required **OR** you may purchase membership at the event.
- 2) Is at least fifteen (15) years of age as of the date of the tournament and under the age of 28 as of December 31 of the year of the tournament. **Proof of age consisting of birth certificate, passport. Note: A driver's license is not acceptable as proof of age.**
- 3) Is currently enrolled as a full-time student in an undergraduate program as defined by their institution. The student must carry no less than 12 semester hours or 12-quarter hours, nor have received or satisfied the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
 - a. *A student with eligibility in his final semester graduating at the end of the term with less than 12 units is eligible for the championship.*
 - b. *A student who is enrolled in a graduate program at the institution from which he/she received an undergraduate degree is allowed to participate in the Championship, so long as he/she has eligibility remaining, and he/she participates within the applicable five-year or ten semester period.*

COLLEGIATE NOVICE DIVISIONS: Those below the rank of sankyu (brown belt) are eligible. Please fill out the NOVICE ENTRY FORM AND SUBMIT APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK. Collegiate Novice competitors should ONLY FILL OUT THE NOVICE COLLEGIATE ENTRY FORM.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEE

\$12.00 per person per day. Children under 8 years of age are free. Children 9 -12 years of age are \$8 per day or two days for \$14. Two-day adult passes are \$20.00.

- Olympians will be granted free admission and floor passes to the event.
- USA JUDO Life Members will receive free admission (spectator seating only).

CHAMPIONSHIPS HEADQUARTERS

This year USA Judo will offer the option of four hotels. There will be a shuttle service that runs from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. on registration day from all USA Judo hotels to the headquarter hotel so that members may be able to attend registration and meetings held in the evening prior to competition. Transportation will also be provided from all hotels to the venue on competition day. All properties must be booked on line by going to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USAJudo>

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn and Conference Center of York, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA, 17408. The rates are as follows: **\$114.00 plus occupancy tax for up to four per room in a standard double with two queen beds or a king bed with a queen sofa bed.**

The Best Western, 1415 Kenneth Road, York, PA. Rates are as follows: **two queen beds with up to four people for \$114.00, plus occupancy tax.**

The Comfort Inn and Suites, 2250 North George St, York, PA. Rates are as follows: **one king for \$114.00, plus occupancy tax or two queens for \$114.00, plus occupancy tax.**

The Four Points Sheraton, 1650 Toronito St., York, PA. Rates are as follows: **one king and one double sofa sleeper for \$100.00, plus occupancy tax or two double beds for \$114.00 plus occupancy tax.**

Reservations must be made by March 1, 2009. You must book on line to receive the judo rate at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USAJudo>

Ground Transportation: A transportation shuttle to the competition venue will be provided that will stop at all hotels listed on the days of competition as well as on registration day for those attending registration the day prior to competition or the meetings held in the evening prior to competition.

Air Transportation: The nearest airport is Harrisburg International Airport), approximately 25 minutes from the host hotel. Baltimore-Washington International is approximately 45 minutes from York and also offers many direct flight options from around the continental U.S. **Don't forget to book your flight at www.judotravel.com for discount tickets for USA Judo members.** Tarbert's Airport Passenger Service 717.757.4625 and D & L Cab Co. 717.244.2900 both provide transportation to York area hotels, please call for rates.

TOURNAMENT SITE

York Expo Center's Toyota Arena, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA 17404. Tel. 717.848.2596 ext. 118 or for more information; www.yorkexpo.com.

York Expo Center's Toyota Arena is approximately 10-15 minutes from all the USA Judo designated hotels. Free designated buses will transport competitors and coaches between the hotel and the venue. The buses will operate throughout the competition. Parking for spectators will be available free of charge for those renting cars.

RULES FOR JUNIOR (NON-COLLEGIATE) CATEGORIES & METHOD OF COMPETITION

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation, as revised for the USA JUDO Youth and Scholastic National Judo Championships. These rules include, but are not limited to draw, weigh-in, length of contests, and competition procedures. **Competitors fighting in more than one category**

need only weigh in prior to the first day of their competition. Junior points will no longer be awarded on the junior roster for medals won in Collegiate divisions. **Athletes competing in Junior divisions do not have to be enrolled in academic institutions to be eligible to compete; however, they must be enrolled if they are seeking to be named Academic All Americans or High School All Americans. An academic verification form is enclosed at the end of this package for those competitors**

Method of competition for junior categories will be standard (“true”) Double Elimination System with winner’s and loser’s brackets. The winner of the loser’s bracket will compete against the winner of the winner’s bracket for 1st and 2nd place. The first one of these two contestants to have two (2) losses will be placed second; the other will be placed first. The loser of the loser’s bracket will be placed 3rd. For categories of under five contestants, round robin will be the method of competition.

There will be no seeding for any junior categories with the exception of the IJF Junior and Juvenile B divisions where the top four athletes will be seeded in each division. In the event a seeded athlete is not present, the other athletes WILL move up in seeding.

Juniors winning medals in the IJF Juniors, Juvenile A, Juvenile B, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 will be awarded 10 points for a gold medal, 6 points for a silver medal and 4 points for a bronze medal on the Junior Elite National Roster that corresponds to his or her weight division.

The draw will be conducted using USA JUDO approved software. The draw will be random, with the restriction that players having the same State affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible.

The Texas Match Scheduling system will be used. Contestants will receive a card specifying their contest area number and match number. All contestants are expected to report to their assigned contest area three matches prior to their assigned match number.

- **Determination of Weight Category:** Athletes are asked to make a preliminary declaration of weight on the entry form or at check-in/registration. However, in this tournament the athlete’s actual weight at weigh-in will determine the category of competition, i.e. the athlete does not have to “make” the declared weight.
- **Shime-waza rule:** Shime-waza (choking) allowed in Juvenile A, B and IJF-Junior divisions only.
- **Kansetsu-waza rule:** Kansetsu-waza (arm locks) allowed in IJF-Junior and Juvenile B divisions only.
- **Injury Rule:** Decisions as to whether an athlete may continue if injured while on the mat, are to be resolved in accordance with IJF rules; such decisions occurring off the mat or not covered by the IJF rules, are to be made by the coach, the athlete, and the Team Doctor. If there is not a unanimous opinion among these three individuals, the athlete **may not** continue (Board-approved October 22, 1998.)
- **Match lengths:** Bantam, Intermediate, Juvenile A - 3 minutes
Juvenile B and IJF-Junior - 5 minutes
- **Judo gi color:** Although optional, USA JUDO encourages the wearing of a blue judo gi by the “blue” side competitor. The “white” side competitor must wear a white judo gi. Competitors are responsible for appearing in the correct color gi

COMPETITORS AND THEIR COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN BLUE AND WHITE BELTS FOR THIS COMPETITION

If a contestant has no one else in the division he or she weighed in for, the player may one weight category where there are matches (see Consent for Weight Change Form). Any changes must be made prior to the start of the draw!!! If a contestant moves up a weight instead of accepting an uncontested gold medal, that athlete cannot receive points for the uncontested division. Therefore, he/she can CHOOSE to remain uncontested and receive points on the appropriate Junior Elite National Roster OR to move up and have fights and a chance to earn points in the next division. In NO CASE can an athlete move up in age except to the IJF Jr division.

- Divisions will be posted for coach/player inspection as soon as possible after the close of weigh-ins on each day. One hour later, any necessary corrections will be made, the draw will be performed, and brackets, with match numbers, will be posted.
- Refer to the Eligibility Rules for Pre-Qualification Requirements.
- Athletes placing in these Championships in the Intermediate, Juvenile and IJF-Junior categories will be considered Junior Elite Players.
- Only contestants who are citizens of the United States and eligible to represent the United States in international competition may participate in these Championships.
- Authorized coaches will be given admission onto the venue floor. One coach per contestant.

RULES FOR COLLEGIATE COMPETITORS & METHOD OF COMPETITION

Modified Double Elimination System with winner and loser's brackets will be used. Play will progress in the winner's bracket in a single elimination format until one match remains (the "final" match.) The winner of the final match will be placed first. The loser of that match will be placed second. All players who lose prior to the final match will be placed in the loser's bracket. The winner of the loser's bracket will be placed third. Juniors will no longer be awarded points on the junior roster for winning medals in collegiate categories. **Competitors fighting in more than one category need only weigh in prior to the first day of their competition**

SEEDING OF ATHLETES, DRAW PROCEDURES, AND SCHEDULING

Seeding: The top four ranked athletes shall be seeded in Senior categories in accordance with their listing on the National Senior Elite Roster maintained by USA Judo as follows: #1 and #4 on one side; #2 and #3 on the opposite side. If any of the top four ranked athletes are not in attendance, the other athletes will be "moved up" accordingly, i.e. if #2 is not in attendance, #3 and #4 will be seeded as #2 and #3, respectively. Athletes ranked below #4 shall not be moved up. Seeded athletes will be separated as far as possible in their sections of the draw and will receive byes if available. A higher seeded athlete will always receive a bye before a lower seeded athlete. Seeded athletes lose their State/Club/School affiliation for purposes of the draw, i.e. two athletes from the same state, club, or school may meet in the first round if one is a seeded athlete. (Board approved April 17, 2003 – minutes corrected, October 10, 2003)

Draw: The draw will be conducted using USA Judo-approved software. After the seeded athletes are placed, the draw will be random, with the restriction that players having the same School affiliation will be placed as far apart in the bracket as possible.

Match Scheduling: The Texas Match Scheduling system will be used. Contestants will receive a card specifying their contest area number and match number. All contestants are expected to report to their assigned contest area 3 matches prior to their assign match number.

Uniforms: The Blue and White judo gi rule **is in effect**. It is mandatory that the first athlete in each pair of contestants called wear a blue judo gi, the other athlete must wear a white judo gi.

Golden Score: The Golden Score (sudden victory) overtime rule will be in effect at this event.

Match Times: 5 minutes.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE TESTING FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES

For the IJF Junior (formerly Juvenile C) Categories and Collegiate Categories only, testing, in accordance with procedures of the U.S. Olympic Committee may be conducted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) - the independent testing agency for Olympic sports in the United States. In the event there is a question concerning whether or not a substance is on the list, you may call the Drug Reference Hotline at 1.800.223.0393. If you prefer, you can send your correspondence and inquiries to: United States Anti-Doping Agency, 1265 Lake Plaza Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Other useful information can be found by visiting USADA's Web site: <http://www.usantidoping.org/>

JUNIOR (NON-COLLEGIATE) CATEGORY AWARDS

- **Individual Awards:** Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for all divisions
- High School All American Certificates will be given to **ALL** 1st place winners. Academic All-American Certificates will be awarded to all entrants with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher. The Academic form is required in order for High School All American Certificates and Academic All-American certificates to be awarded.
- **Special Awards (to both male and female):** Best Technique, Fighting Spirit and Outstanding Competitor. The members of the National Junior Subcommittee who are in attendance will be the selection committee for the special awards.
- **Team Awards:** The following High School Team Awards will be presented:
 - 1. Individual High School Award:** Based on Total Number of Medals. Those high schools with the same number of medals will be sorted by #gold, #silver, #bronze. Awards will be presented to the winner and runner up. The Academic form is required in order for medals to be counted
 - 2. State High School Award:** Awarded to the state with the most points based on a point system of five for gold, three for silver, and one for bronze. Certificates will be presented to all high schools in the winning and runner-up states. The Academic form is required in order for medals to be counted.

COLLEGIATE CATEGORY AWARDS

Individual Competition: **Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for Novice and Senior divisions**

Outstanding Male Player: presented to the outstanding male contestant for Senior Divisions.

Outstanding Female Player: presented to the outstanding female contestant for Senior Divisions.

The outstanding players will be chosen by a committee composed of selected members of the USA Judo National Coaching and Training Subcommittee .

Winners MUST be in regulation judo uniform or team sweats (track suit) to accept awards.

The tournament director reserves the right to make all final decisions on events related to and surrounding these championships.

EARLY REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEES, TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Early Registration: The official entry form and all other required forms must be fully completed, properly signed, appropriate fees enclosed, and mailed to the address stated on the entry form, **postmarked no later than February 15, 2009**. All others will be considered late entries.

Entry Fees

Early Registration: Entry fee for entries postmarked no later than **February 15, 2009** is **\$90.00**. Personal Checks, Business Checks, Money Orders, Traveler's Checks, Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks only. **Athletes competing in a second category will pay \$75.00 for early entry for the additional division and \$85.00 for late entry into the division. Checks should be made payable to: 2009 USA JUDO Youth and Scholastic National Championships.** If paying by credit card, include Credit Card Charge Request form. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**

Late Registration: Official entry forms **postmarked after February 15, 2009** will be considered late entries. Late entries must pay an entry fee of **\$110.00**.

DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES AFTER March 10, 2009. After this date, entries should be hand carried to the tournament for Friday, March 27, 2009 check-in, and will be considered **walk-up registrations with an entry fee of \$130.00. See below for acceptable methods of payment.**

Walk-Up Registration: Contestants also may register during Tournament Check-in. All forms must be properly completed and signed at that time and the **walk-up registration fee of \$130.00** will be expected. **Cash, Money Orders, Cashier's Checks, Certified Checks are the only accepted forms of payment for walk-up registration. Credit Cards, Personal or Business Checks will not be accepted for walk-up registration.**

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!

Incomplete Entry Materials: Entries with incomplete or missing information will be considered late entries unless the required material is received before Tournament Check-In. You will be informed by mail of incomplete or missing information and given opportunity to properly submit all materials prior to Tournament Check-In. **NEW: Incomplete Entry Forms lacking signatures, fees, or any requested information that is not received in advance will be charged a total of \$130: equivalent to a walk up registration. PLEASE CHECK YOUR FORMS CAREFULLY FOR COMPLETENESS!**

During Tournament Check-in, all late or incomplete registrations will be required to properly complete all forms and pay the appropriate fees.

All required forms must be properly completed and signed and the appropriate entry fees paid regardless of when the player registers. **Refer to the checklist of required items listed elsewhere in this flyer. The tournament director reserves the right to make all final decisions in relation to this event.**

IMPORTANT - Confirmation of Registration

Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be informed whether your registration is complete, or whether any items are missing. Missing items received before the start of Tournament Check-In, will complete registration. Otherwise, **you will be expected to provide the missing materials at check-in and pay the late registration fee of \$130.00.**

Tournament Check-in:

Athletes: All Athletes must check-in with tournament officials, **in person**, in order to confirm participation and competition categories, during ONE of the time periods listed below:

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| Juvenile A - B / Intermediate1, Senior Collegiate Divisions | Friday, March 27, 2009 | 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Junior / Novice Collegiate Divisions | Friday, March 27, 2009 | 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. OR |
| Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Junior / Novice Collegiate Divisions | Saturday, March 28, 2009 | 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. |

Tournament Check-in and weigh-in for **Juvenile and Intermediate 1, Senior Collegiate Divisions** will be held at the Tournament Headquarters hotel on Friday, March 27, 2009. **Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Juniors and Collegiate Novice Divisions may register ONLY at the Tournament headquarter hotel on Friday, March 27, 2009 or on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at York Expo Center's Toyota Arena Weigh-ins for Bantam / Intermediate 2 / IJF-Junior / Novice Collegiate divisions will take place at the York Expo Center's Toyota Arena on March 28'2009.**

Absolutely no entries will be accepted after 6:00 p.m., March 28, 2009.

A calibrated practice scale will be available prior to, and during, the weigh-in periods. However, in no case will contestants be allowed on the Official Scale during Official Weigh-in for the purpose of checking weight. Contestants may check weight as many times as desired prior to the designated time of the official weigh-in. A contestant is given only one chance on the official scale during official weigh-in. **At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND all athletes in the Juvenile A, Juvenile B, and IJF-Junior, Senior Collegiate and Novice Collegiate categories must present a photo ID.**

All contestants must compete at their true age (exception: IJF-Junior Category, Collegiate Categories) and weight except where the contestant is uncontested. In the case of an uncontested competitor, the competitor may either move up into a higher weight bracket of his/her age or into the IJF division if appropriate. The tournament director reserves the right to make all final decisions for this Championships.

Draw:

Divisions will be posted for coach/player inspection as soon as possible after the close of weigh-ins on each day. One hour later, any necessary corrections will be made, the draw will be performed, and brackets, with match numbers, will be posted.

Junior Categories (Non- Collegiate) of Competition and Weight Divisions

Please note that each Category is based solely on the year in which the contestant was born. The contestant's actual age on the day of competition is irrelevant. All Weights listed below are in

kilograms. For each weight division, the weight range will be over the next lower weight and up to and including the weight listed. Exception: PJU lightweight in the IJF-Junior Category (explained below).

Example: Bantam 1, 28 kg – over 23 kg and up to and including 28 kg.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes in the highest and lowest weight classes in the BANTAM and INTERMEDIATE divisions when it is in the best interest of the contestants to make these changes due to differences in weights.

The following age/weight categories will be in use **for this year's event (2009)**:

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| BANTAM 1 (Born 2003): Female AND Male: 19, 23, 28, +28 kg | INTERMEDIATE 2 (Born 1997-1998): Female AND Male: 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 48, 53, +53 kg |
| BANTAM 2 (Born 2002): Female AND Male: 21, 25, 30, +30 kg | JUVENILE A (Born 1995-1996): Female AND Male: 36, 40, 44, 48, 53, 58, 64, +64 kg |
| BANTAM 3 (Born 2001): Female AND Male: 23, 27, 31, 35, +35 kg | JUVENILE B (Born 1993-1994): Female: 40, 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 kg Male: 50, 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, +90 kg |
| INTERMEDIATE 1 (Born 1999-2000): Female AND Male: 26, 30, 34, 38, 43, +43 kg | IJF-Junior (Born 1990 or later): Female: 44, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, 78, +78 kg, Open Male: 55, 60, 66, 73, 81, 90, 100, +100 kg, Open |

The IJF-Junior Category is the same as the International Judo Federation Junior World Championships Category. This means that there is no lower age limit. Athletes may enter if they are born in 1990 or later (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 etc.).

Clarifications to IJF Junior Category:

1. The Pan American Judo Union (PJU) lightweight divisions, 44kg for women, and 55kg for men, will still be contested for PJU team selection purposes. Athletes whose weight would normally place them in these PJU divisions may elect to compete in the next higher weight divisions for Junior World Team selection purposes.
2. For some PJU events, eligibility is restricted to athletes born in 1990, 1991 and 1992 only. Therefore, athletes who are nationally ranked in the IJF-Junior Category but do not meet the PJU year of birth requirements, will not be eligible for USA team selection in such events.

ATHLETE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

To assure that the requirements for participation in the Championships have been fulfilled, the following forms must be completed, postmarked by Feb. 15, 2009 and sent to the address printed at the bottom of this page.

- Official Entry Form and \$90.00 Entry Fee (\$110 if postmarked after February 15, 2009, but on or before March 10, 2009)**
- Copy of current USA JUDO membership card. If membership is not current, circle at the bottom of the entry form "Will bring current membership card to event" or "Will purchase membership at event."**
- Warning, Waiver, Release of Liability and Agreement to Participate**
- Proof of Age:** Copy of birth certificate, passport, or USA JUDO membership card having the verification symbol "(V)" printed following the birthdate. **A driver's license is not proof of age!**
- Proof of Citizenship:** Copy of birth certificate or valid passport. Drivers license is not proof of citizenship. The "V" symbol on the USA Judo card does **NOT** verify citizenship only age.
- Power of Attorney:** Required for participants under the age of 18 years whose parent/guardian will not be attending the championships.
- Proof of Black Belt Rank:**
Copy of rank certificate, **OR**,
Certificate Regarding Non-Black Belt Contestants with Copy of the signing coaches Black Belt Certificate
NOTE: A copy of your current USA JUDO membership card having the rank verification symbol "(V)" printed following the rank will serve as proof. In addition, rank cards issued by the USJF or USJA National Offices will serve as proof.
- Certificate of United States Citizenship and age (This is a form in the entry form that must be signed)**
- Contestants & Parent/Guardian Signatures wherever requested on all documents**
- Consent for Weight Change**
- False Alarm/Damages Statement**
- Personal Questionnaire**
- Academic (or Home School) and Full Time Certification Form**
Academic and Full Time Student Certification Form. Make sure this bears the school seal (if available), and that the school official has signed it and has included your grade point average (for USA JUDO to determine High School Academic All-American status), **OR**
Home School and Full Time Student Certification Form. Make sure that the home school instructor has signed it and has included your grade point average (for USA JUDO to determine High School Academic All-American status). In addition, documentation from the student's state that gives authorization for the student to be home-schooled should be attached.

NOTE: Don't forget to include your check, money order or cashier's check in the amount of **\$90.00** made payable to: **2009 USA JUDO Youth and Scholastic National Championships, postmarked by February 15, 2009 (\$110 if postmarked after March 10, 2009).**

NOTE: A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included to receive confirmation of Entry Form received and notification of any missing items.

Forward all forms and fees to:
Attention: 2009 USA JUDO National Youth and Scholastic Championships
USA JUDO, One Olympic Plaza, Suite 505, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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 2009 USA JUDO National Scholastic Judo Championships and related events and activities of United States Judo, Inc. (USA JUDO), the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Swain Mats, Inc, Tournament Director, Tournament Organizers, Tournament Staff, Local Organizing Committee, the York Expo Center's Toyota Arena and Pennsylvania State Judo, **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 caused by, arising out of, resulting from or following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
5. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the United States Judo, Inc., the United States Olympic Committee, United States Judo Federation, United States Judo Association, the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tournament Director, Tournament Organizers, Tournament Staff, Swain Mats, Inc., Pennsylvania State Judo, The York Expo Center's Toyota Arena, 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, actions, causes of actions or damages on account of injury, including permanent disability and death and damage to property (Collectively, "Liabilities"), caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the acts or omissions of the release, even if arising from their negligence, **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 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.

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

CERTIFICATE REGARDING NON-BLACK BELT CONTESTANTS

I, _____, a Judo Instructor, who has been
.....(Name of Instructor)
awarded the Judo rank of Shodan or higher, recognized by United States Judo, Inc., hereby certify that,
_____, although not
having been awarded the Judo rank of Shodan or higher, is of sufficient aptitude and skill in
Judo to compete in these Championships. **As the Coach, I understand that this is only valid with a
copy of my black belt certificate attached. I have attached my black belt certificate. YES _____**

Signature of Judo Instructor

A copy of my proof of rank (rank certificate, USA JUDO membership card having the verification symbol “(V)” printed following my rank or rank cards issued by the USJF or USJA National Offices) is attached. MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM!!!

CERTIFICATE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND AGE

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America and _____ years of age as of July 20, 2007.

A copy of my birth certificate, military identification, passport, voter registration card, or my USA JUDO membership card having the verification symbol “(V)” printed following my date of birth is attached. MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM!!!

Signature of parent or guardian **if contestant**.....Signature of Contestant(**All Contestants Must is under 18 years of age. Regardless of Age**)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

If contestant if under the age of 18 years on the day of competition, this document must completed by the contestant’s parent or legal guardian if the parent or legal guardian is not attending the Championships.

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____
a minor. I will not be in attendance at the Championships and do hereby designate _____
_____, who is over 21 years of age, to be my true and lawful attorney, to act in my name, place, and stead, to do any and every act and exercise any power that I might or could do or exercise through any other person and that he/she shall deem proper or advisable, intending hereby to vest in the person acting for me full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing pertaining to the care and custody of said minor while traveling to, attending and participating in the Championships.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

CONSENT FOR WEIGHT CHANGE OF JUNIOR CATEGORY CONTESTANTS

We (I), the undersigned parents(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____(Contestant) have been informed of the age/weight Categories of Competition for the 2009 USA JUDO National Youth and Scholastic Judo Championships.

We (I), hereby express our consent and approval that in the event that the Contestant is uncontested, he/she may either move up into another weight bracket of his/her age or to the IJF Jr age bracket but in the same weight. Please indicate your preference(s) by checking the left box(es) and circling your preference(s) below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SAME AGE/HEAVIER WEIGHT BRACKET | PREFERRED | ALLOWED (circle one or both) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SAME WEIGHT/IJF Jr BRACKET | PREFERRED | ALLOWED (circle one or both) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WE (I) DO NOT CONSENT TO A CHANGE IN AGE/WEIGHT BRACKET UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. | | |

Note: Moving a contestant to a different age or weight group is subject to the USA JUDO rules in effect at the time of the event.

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

FALSE ALARM/DAMAGES STATEMENT

This form certifies that the Contestant and her/his legal guardian(s) understand that emergency vehicle response to a false alarm may result in serious injury and loss of life, and that fine, imprisonment and other possible legal consequences may result from activating any false alarm in connection with participation in this tournament. In addition, charges assessed for a false alarm or for other damage to tournament and hotel facilities shall, together with all costs and fees incurred with collecting said charges, shall be the responsibility of the responsible Contestant's parent(s) /legal guardian(s) and home Dojo. This provision has been explained to the Contestant.

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| Contestant's Printed Name | Contestant's Signature | Date |
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| Parent/Guardian's Printed Name | Parent/Guardian's Signature | Date |
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| Judo Instructor's Printed Name | Judo Instructor's Signature | Date |

PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE GIVE US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Player Name: (Please Print) _____

Parents Name: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____ Fax # (____) _____

Emergency Contact: _____

- Mode of Transportation to the Scholastic Championships: ___Car ___Plane ___other
- Will the parents be attending the 2009 USA JUDO National Scholastic Judo Championships?.....YES.....NO

If no, please indicate the name of the person who will attend these Championships with your child.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

ACADEMIC AND FULL TIME STUDENT CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____

(Student's Name)

is a full time student in good standing at _____

(Name of School)

in the _____th grade.

(6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

The student named above has a current grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) of: _____

Signature of school Registrar, Principal, or Athletic Director: _____

Please imprint school seal (if available)

HOME SCHOOL AND FULL TIME STUDENT CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____

(Student's Name)

is a full time student in good standing in the _____th grade.

(6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

The student named above has a current grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) of: _____

Signature of Home School Instructor: _____

Please attach documentation from the student's state that gives authorization for the student to be home-schooled.

Merchandise Sales Booth Reservation

This contract will stipulate the points of agreement between USA JUDO and _____ on the handling, distribution and sales of merchandise at the 200 USA JUDO National Youth and Scholastic Judo Championships to be held March 28-29, 2009 Toyota Arena, York, PA.

1. All merchandise or items for sale must be "Judo" oriented. All items must not have political statements, racial or ethnic slurs, lewd or indecent pictures or representations and must be in keeping with the aims of Judo, USA JUDO interests, and/or the goals of the Olympic Sport movement.
2. No items may be sold that contain the marks or logos of USA JUDO, or the event name: 2009 USA JUDO Youth and Scholastic National Championships or any derivatives of this name without express, written permission from USA JUDO.
3. A fee of \$275.00 is required and will allow set up at the venue.

Organization Representing

Signature

Date

Send Form & Check, postmarked by February 15, 2009 to:
2009 USA Judo National Youth and Scholastic Judo Championships
Attention: Werner Walter
USA Judo, One Olympic Plaza, Suite 505, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Note: After February 15th, space will be based on availability, however, payment must still be received at the USA JUDO address listed above no later than February 15, 2009.

The time of the draw for vendor spaces will be posted at the hotel headquarters on Friday, March 27. USA JUDO sponsors and licensees will have preferred placing at the event.
