

Tired of the new IJF rules yet?

If yes, come to our tournament for...

"Better rules...More time in a match...Greater skill development...More competition experience"

Jr & Sr Development Tournament

Sunday, March 22, 2015



Location: Judo America, 9825 Carroll Centre Road, Suite 400, San Diego CA 92126

Driving Directions: www.judoamerica.com/sandiego/directions.shtml

Entry Fee: \$20.

Weigh-in: Juniors: 10-10:30am Seniors: 12:30-1pm

Participants: Age 5+ Not suitable for national level players. Call for clarification.

Start Time: 10:45am

Awards: Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Divisions: Round-Robin system. Contestants will be grouped according to age, weight and skill level.

Rules: Full match time, no penalties, leg grabs OK, wear any color gi.

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Judo America Tournament Rules

Full matches: We want the participants to experience as many minutes as possible fighting and developing their competitive Judo skills. I call this time in a match, or TIM. Therefore, ippon does not end the match. This also encourages risk taking, and makes matches more dynamic and exciting. Coaches have the prerogative to end a match if their students are overwhelmed.

No penalties: We want players to win by positive scores, not by getting their opponents penalized. While there will be no scores via penalties, referees will be verbally admonishing the players in a proactive manner, i.e. white attack, blue stand up, stay in the middle, white no stiff arms, etc.

Leg grabs: All leg grabs are allowed provided tori starts with at least one grip on uke.

Gripping: All grips are allowed provided they are for offensive purposes.

Pins: After an ippon-scoring pin, the referee will call matte, stand the players back up, and call hajime to continue the match.

Submissions: We recognize that many clubs that attend our tournaments teach submission skills at an earlier age than what is generally accepted by tournaments that apply IJF rules. We will allow chokes and/or armbars at an earlier age, provided both coaches agree. This agreement will be on a match by match basis. The same will apply to novice adult players. As a general rule, we encourage the development of standing Judo for younger competitors, so don't expect submissions for kids under 11. Since ippon doesn't end a match, and for the safety of our younger and novice players, referees may stop a submission before its full effectiveness or before a player taps out.

Cumulative scores: To diminish the role of the referee's subjective scoring judgment, (where no number of yuko can ever be the equivalent of a waza ari), scores will be cumulative. Two yuko will equal a waza ari, 2 waza ari will equal an ippon.

Gis: We allow for the wearing of any color judogi, including different colors for pants and jacket. If you have kids wearing jiujitsu gis, make sure they are not full of patches, and that they adhere to reasonable Judo standards. The new IJF gi size requirements will not be enforced.

T-shirts: No shirts for boys. Girls can wear any color undergarment they want, but please no sparkles or gem stones.

Nail polish: Please make sure your girls are not wearing nail polish on fingers and especially toes.

Belts: We will provide blue and white belts. However, you can help us out by bringing your own white and blue belts too.