



## 2007 Fall Classic National Championships and Ladder Tournament

Held under the Sanction of USA Judo (United States Judo, Inc.) September 1 & 2, 2007

**Senior Point Tournament and Ladder Tournament!** The Fall Classic is a senior “D” level National Championship event. Athletes placing in the top three of Senior Categories will earn Senior Elite classification and points, and those athletes who are of Junior age (born in 1988 or later), will earn Junior Elite classification and points. **NEW THIS YEAR: MASTERS COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY!**

The Ladder tournament is open to athletes who do not already have senior elite points in the weight class that they enter. Both tournaments are open to any United States citizen who is member in good standing of USA Judo and is 15 years of age or older on the day of the event. There will also be an Open division, open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents; place winners in this category will earn Elite classification or points.

**Tournament Headquarters:** Marriott Coral Springs Hotel Golf Club and Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33076 **For reservation info call:** (954) 753-5598, **Ask for “USA Judo rate”**  
**Room Rate:** \$109.00 + tax for: 1-4 people per room; Cutoff date: August 7, 2007

Tournament Headquarters: Nearest Airport:	Marriott Coral Springs Hotel Golf Club and Convention Center, Coral Springs, FL Ft Lauderdale International Airport (Approx. 30 miles from hotel)
Competition Site:	Coral Springs Gymnasium, 2501 Coral Springs Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065
Check-in and Registration:	Fall Classic Senior Category Competitors: Marriott Coral Springs Hotel Room To be Posted: August 31, 2007: 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. Ladder Competitors & Fall Classic Masters Competitors: Saturday September 1, 2007: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Coral Springs Gymnasium
Weigh-in:	September 1: <b>Fall Classic Senior Categories: 6:00 – 7:00 a.m.</b> (All Weights) Marriott Coral Springs Hotel September 1: <b>Ladder &amp; Fall Classic Masters Competitors: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b> (All Weights) Marriott Coral Springs Hotel <b>NOTE: At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID.</b>
Competition Date:	Saturday September 1: Fall Classic Senior Competition, Sunday September 2: Ladder Tournament & Fall Classic Masters Competition
<b>Tournament Directors:</b> Registration Director: Venue Director:	Ms. Sherrie Phillips; 719.491.9682 <a href="mailto:sportsconsult@aol.com">sportsconsult@aol.com</a> Ms. Corrine Shigemoto; 512.809.1375 <a href="mailto:corrinshig@aol.com">corrinshig@aol.com</a>
Chief Referee & Referee Meeting:	Chief Referee: To Be Announced. Referee Meeting will be held on August 31, 2007 at 6:30 P.M at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel. Room to be Posted
Technical Officials Meeting	Meeting will be held on August 31, 2007 at 7:30 P.M at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel. Room to be Posted

Coaches Meeting:	Meeting will be held on August 31, 2007 & September 1, 2007 at 6:30 P.M at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel. Room to be Posted
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### WHAT IS THE FALL CLASSIC?

The USA Judo Fall Classic National Championships is a national, Senior “D”-level tournament. It is open to any United States citizen who is member in good standing of USA Judo and is 15 years of age or older on the day of the event. Senior and junior place winners in the Fall Classic will earn elite status equivalent to placing in a senior “D” level event in accordance with the Classification and Point system currently in force at the time of the event (refer to the USA Judo website: [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org); athletes page, for details.) All placers will receive Elite status on the Senior Elite National Roster and placers who are of Junior age (for 2007, these are persons born in 1988 or later) also will earn elite status and points on the Junior Elite National Roster. There will also be an Open Category for non-citizens (see below); placers in this category who are U.S. citizens will earn Elite classification or points. For the first time we will be hosting Masters Categories at this event. Masters competition will be held on the day of the Ladder tournament.

### WHAT IS THE LADDER TOURNAMENT?

This tournament is your ladder up to national and international success in judo! Competition is in all senior weight categories, but is limited to players who do **NOT** have senior elite points in those categories. Thus, in the Ladder Tournament, you can compete in a national-level event among players of your own skill level. Many members of the national coaching staff will attend the event in order to coach future champions. The place-winners (1-3) of the Ladder Tournament will be considered Elite Level “E” athletes.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR ELITE CATEGORIES

Contestants may participate if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) A United States citizen (copy of passport or birth certificate required)
- 2) **For the Ladder only:** Does **NOT** have Senior Elite points in the weight category entered.
- 3) A current member in good standing of USA Judo (United States Judo, Inc.) A copy of membership card is required. If needed, you may purchase USA Judo membership at check in.
- 4) Fifteen (15) years of age or above. Refer to the section later in this document for complete procedures on applying for an age waiver.
- 5) a. Holder of a recognized rank (USA Judo, USJF, or USJA, IJF, Kodokan) of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt) or higher (copy of rank certificate, current USA Judo membership card having the rank verification symbol “(V)” printed following the rank, or USJF or USJA rank card issued by their respective national offices required).

### OR

- b. 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 OPEN DIVISION

The International Exhibition Category has been replaced by the Open division. Competition is open to any U.S.- citizen, or non-citizen, who is a permanent resident of the USA (green card, white card, etc.), full-time student residing in the USA or holds a long-term work visa in the USA. Except for USA citizenship, competitors also must meet all the eligibility requirements listed above, including membership in USA Judo. Participants must register according to the same time schedule as the Elite weight class categories.

**AGE WAIVER PROCEDURE:** Athletes under the age of 15 who wish to secure a Waiver of the Minimum Age Requirement to participate in this event should visit [www.usjudo.org](http://www.usjudo.org), junior athletes page and click on the link to the Age Waiver program. An explanation of the program, criteria and application forms are located there.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

The following is a general schedule and timetable. All dates, days of the week, check-in times and weigh-in times are final. However, 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 arrival.

### **Friday, August 31, 2007**

#### **Tournament Check-in:**

**12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** at the Tournament Headquarters, The Marriott Coral Springs

**Athletes:** All Athletes who are participating **in the Fall Classic Senior Categories** must check-in with tournament officials, **in person**, in order to confirm participation, and make a final declaration of weight category. Athletes who are participating **in the Ladder Tournament and Fall Classic Masters Competitors** may check-in during this time period as well.

**Coaches and Officials:** Coaches and Officials must check-in, in person at the Coaches meeting on either Friday or Saturday evening at the Marriott Coral Springs at 6:30 p.m. to receive credentials. All coaches and officials must show proof of current coach certification with either USA Judo, USJF, or USJA. Please refer to Coach Credentials/Floor Pass Application form for details.

**Draw for the Fall Classic Senior Competitors:** Approximately one hour after close of check-in draw sheets containing mat assignments and match numbers will be posted as soon as possible after the draw.

**Technical Officials Meeting: 7:30 p.m.** at the Marriott Coral Springs.

**Coaches Meeting: 6:30 p.m.** at the Marriott Coral Springs

**Referee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.** at the Marriott Coral Springs

### **Saturday, September 1, 2007**

**6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.:** Official Weigh-in for the Fall Classic at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel.

**NOTE: At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID.**

**9:45 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies for the Fall Classic & National Ladder Tournament**

**10:00 a.m.:** Competition for the Fall Classic begins.

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** Registration/Check in for the Ladder Tournament & Fall Classic Masters Competitors at Coral Springs Gymnasium.

**Athletes:** All Athletes who are participating **in the Ladder Tournament** must check-in with tournament officials, **in person**, in order to confirm participation, and make a preliminary declaration of weight category. Athletes who have already checked-in in need not do so again. Athletes who plan to participate in both the Fall Classic and Ladder, should inform tournament officials if their plans change (injury, etc.). Athletes who have placed in the Fall Classic will not be allowed to compete in the Ladder Tournament unless they wish to play in a different weight category from which they placed **and can make that weight.** Those who withdraw from the Ladder tournament because of placing, or becoming injured, in the Fall Classic will have their Ladder entry fee refunded.

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Official weigh in for the Ladder Tournament at Coral Springs Gymnasium. **Those athletes who participated in the Fall Classic need not attend this weigh-in, unless they are planning to compete in a different weight category.**

**NOTE: At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID.**

#### **Draw for the Ladder Tournament:**

Approximately one hour after close of Weigh-in. Draw sheets containing mat assignments and match numbers will be posted as soon as possible after the draw. Fall Classic Masters will be posted following the Ladder posting.

### **Sunday, September 2, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.:** Competition for the Ladder Tournament & Fall Classic Masters competitors begins.

### SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEE

\$7.00 per person. Students: \$5.00. Children 6 & under Free.

Current and Former Olympic Team Members receive free admission and floor passes.

USA Judo Life Members will receive free admission (spectator seating only.)

### CHAMPIONSHIPS HEADQUARTERS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE

**Hotel Headquarters:** Marriott Coral Springs Hotel Golf Club and Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33076 **For reservation info call:** 954.753.5598, **Ask for “USA Judo rate” Room Rate:** \$109.00 + tax for: 1-4 people per room; Cutoff date: August 7, 2007

**Transportation from the Airport:** Carl Limousine can be booked at 954.-261.-0017. The cost is approximately \$70 for the 30 mile transport for up to 4 people.

**Tournament Site:** Coral Springs Gymnasium, 2501 Coral Springs Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065

**Tournament Transportation:** Transportation to the tournament will be provided between the headquarter hotel and the venue on competition days.

### RULES

The Fall Classic Championships senior categories will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation. These rules include, but are not limited to draw, weigh-in, length of contests, and competition procedures. The weigh-in procedure for the Ladder Tournament is the only modification to the IJF rules for that event.

**Injury Rule:** The following rule was approved by the Board of Directors of United States Judo, Inc. on October 22, 1998: 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.

**Medical Examination Rule:** Current IJF rules will be in effect.

**Match lengths:** Five minutes for both Male and Female categories

**Golden Score:** The “Golden Score” overtime will be in force for all matches. If a match is tied at the end of five minutes, the scoreboard will be cleared and the athletes will play another five-minute period. The winner will be the first athlete to score (including penalties against the opponent.)

**Weigh-in:** The weigh-in **for the Fall Classic** will take place between 6 – 7 a.m. on the morning of competition. Athletes must make their declared weight or they will not be allowed to participate. The weigh-in **for the Ladder Tournament only** will take place on the day prior to competition. The athlete’s measured weight will be used for purposes of the draw, i.e., the athlete does not have to make their declared weight. This is a slight modification from the IJF rules but has been the standard practice for the Ladder Tournament for many years.

**At weigh in, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID.**

**Blue and White Gis:** The use of blue and white judogis is mandatory for Senior Competitors. The first contestant called in a pair **MUST** wear a blue judogi; the other contestant must wear a white judogi.

**Elimination Systems:** 1. Categories having five (5) Competitors or less: **Round Robin Pool** (Every competitor competes against every other competitor.); 2. Categories having six (6) competitors or greater: **Full Double Elimination**. A complete description of the Elimination Systems is given elsewhere in this entry package.

**Seeding of Athletes:** For the Fall Classic Senior Categories: Athletes will be seeded in accordance with their listing on the National Roster maintained by USA Judo as follows: A (or B) side: #1 and #8 in one half, #5 and #4 in the

other half. B (or A) side: #2 and #7 in one half; and #6 and #3 in the other half. 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 affiliation for purposes of the draw, i.e. two athletes from the same state or club may meet in the first round if one is a seeded athlete.

**There will be NO SEEDING for the Ladder Tournament.**

**Draw:** The draw will be conducted using USA Judo approved software. The draw will be random, with the restriction that players having the same Group B (State) affiliation will be placed as far apart as possible in the bracket if double elimination is used. Exception: the Group B affiliation of seeded players is ignored.

**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 assigned match number.

**Fall Classic Masters Competitors Rules & Guidelines**

**General:** The Masters competition will be conducted in accordance with the Contest Rules, Organization Code and Sporting Code of the International Judo Federation with the following modifications. **Match lengths will be three minutes for both men and women.** Weigh in will be on the day of Check in, Saturday, September 1, 2007 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Masters may compete in only one weight category and the Open Division.

**Method of Resolving Uncontested Masters Divisions:** In the event that a Masters competitor is uncontested in his or her division the following options are available: beginning with the oldest competitor and progressing to the youngest.

1. Remain Uncontested
2. Move down in age group, same weight until competition is found **OR**
3. If an uncontested competitor must move down more than one age group in order to find competition, he or she may choose to move up in weight within proper age group.

An Open category will be contested for each age group after the completion of the weight class competition. Entrants must submit an additional entry form and entry fee to enter the Open Category.

**THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ALL FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE FALL CLASSIC AND NATIONAL LADDER TOURNAMENT.**

**AWARDS**

Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

**COACH / OFFICIALS / VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

A coach meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2007 at The Coral Springs Marriott tournament headquarter hotel. The room will be announced

The Technical Officials Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2007 at The Coral Springs Marriott tournament headquarter hotel. The room will be announced

**Coaches, Officials and Volunteers must check-in, in person at their respective meetings to receive credentials.** All officials and coaches must show proof of current membership in USA JUDO; coaches must show proof of national certification with either USA Judo, USJF, or USJA. Please refer to Coach Credentials/Floor Pass Application form for details.

**REFEREE INFORMATION**

For 2007, the Fall Classic is limited to National Referees rated N-2 or higher. The Ladder Tournament is open to all active National Referees (or inactive National Referees who wish to return to active status, i.e. those who have been inactive for 4 years or less.)

There will be a referee meeting held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2007 at The Coral Springs Marriott tournament headquarter hotel. The room will be announced. Ladder-only referees are also encouraged to attend this seminar and to assist as Technical Officials (including gi control) during the Fall Classic. For additional information, contact the chief referee.

Referees should refer to the referee page of USA Judo's Web site: <http://www.usjudo.org/refereenotes.asp> for the latest information relative to referee issues (actions taken by the referee commission, rules, policies, testing and evaluation sites, etc.)

## **NOTICE OF POSSIBLE TESTING FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES**

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/>

## **REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEES, TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN**

**Early Registration:** Entry fee either the Fall Classic or Ladder Tournament, postmarked no later than **August 11, 2007** is **\$75.00**. Money orders or checks should be made payable to 2007 USA JUDO Fall Classic/Ladder. If paying by credit card, include Credit Card Charge Request form. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**

**Late Registration:** Official entry forms **postmarked after August 11, 2007** will be considered late entries. Late entries must pay an entry fee of **\$90.00**.

**Entry in BOTH Tournaments:** If you compete in **both** the Fall Classic and Ladder Tournament, you can compete in the second tournament for an additional \$50.00 (**total entry fee of \$125**), if you register early (entry postmarked no later than August 11, 2007), or an additional \$60.00 (**total entry fee of \$155**) for late entries, postmarked after August 11, 2007 (entry postmarked after August 12, 2007).

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**ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE** with the exception that those who withdraw from the Ladder tournament because of placing, or becoming injured, in the Fall Classic will have their Ladder entry fee refunded.

**DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING AFTER August 22, 2007.** After this date, entries should be hand carried to the tournament for Friday, August 31, 2007 and/or Saturday, September 1, 2007 check-in, and will be considered **walk-up registrations with an entry fee of \$100.00 for one tournament and \$170 for both tournaments. See below for acceptable methods of payment.**

**Walk-Up Registration:** Contestants may also register during Tournament Check-in. All forms must be properly completed and signed at that time and the **walk-up registration fee of \$100.00 one tournament or \$170.00 for both tournaments 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.**

**Incomplete Entry Materials:** Entries with incomplete or missing information will be considered late entries unless the required material is received before Tournament Check-In.

**If you wish to receive confirmation of entry and/or have an opportunity to submit missing materials, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 P.M. on August 31, 2007 for the Fall Classic Senior Categories or AFTER 5:00 P.M. on September 1, 2007 for the Ladder Tournament and Fall Classic Master Categories.**

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ELIMINATION SYSTEMS DESCRIPTION OF THE ELIMINATION SYSTEMS

### **Round Robin Pool Elimination System (for divisions with five or fewer competitors):**

The rules of competition when there are five or fewer athletes will be: (1) Each contestant will fight everyone else in a category [round robin]. (2) In event a contestant withdraws or is unable to continue competition, all points received by or against such contestant will be discarded and will have no value to any of the contestants. (3) The method of deciding a winner in the categories of competition is as follows: (a) The number of wins; (b) If two contestants are tied in the number of wins, the winner is determined by the winner of the head to head competition between the two; (c) If three or more contestants are tied in number of wins, winner is determined by number of points; (d) If, after points are checked among the three who are tied, and there are two who are still tied, then the winner of the head to head competition between the two who are still tied determines the winner; (e) If three or more are still tied in wins and points for any place (first, second, or third), those contestants involved must contest again to determine the order of finish.

The points are based on the following:

#### Level Of Win\* Points

Ippon [Hansoku-make] 10 Waza-ari

awasete Ippon 10 Sogo Gachi 10

Waza-ari [Shido-3] 7 Yuko [Shido 2] 5

Koka [Shido 1] 3 Decision 1

\* **Level Of Win** means the **SINGLE HIGHEST SCORE** by the winner after factoring out those scores that cancel.

Example #1: Winner has 1 Koka, 1 Yukos, 1 Waza-ari, Loser has 1 Koka. Level of win is Waza-Ari, because it is the highest score by the winner, even though the Yuko would have also won the match. Example #2: Winner has 1 Koka, 2 Yukos, 1 Waza-ari, Loser has 1 Koka, and 1 Waza-ari. Level of win is Yuko because the Koka and Waza-Ari cancel, so the Yuko is the highest score by the winner.

NOTE: If a player withdraws (injury, disqualification, etc.) **BEFORE** his/her final match begins, then the results of all previous matches played by that athlete shall be removed as if the player had never been there.

### **Double Elimination System (if 6 or more contestants):**

Players will compete in a single elimination system to determine a finalist. All losers will compete in a loser's pool to determine the other finalist. The loser of the last match in the loser's pool will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner of the loser's pool will compete against the winner of the winner's pool until one of them has two losses, overall. That person will be placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, the other will be placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 the dates listed below, and sent to the address printed at the bottom of this page.

**Official Entry Form and Entry Fee:** \$75.00 if postmarked by August 11, 2007. \$90.00 if postmarked August 12, 2007 or after. **If competing in both tournaments**, the entry fee for the Ladder tournament will be an additional \$50.00 if postmarked by August 11, 2007 or \$60.00 if postmarked August 12, 2007 or after. **DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING** after August 22, 2007. After that date you register as a “walk-up” at the tournament. Walk-up fees are \$100 for one tournament and \$170 for both tournaments.

**Copy of current USA Judo (USJI) membership card.** If you plan on purchasing a membership card at check in, please check the box on the entry form indicating that you will purchase one at the event. Doing this will insure that your entry is not considered incomplete and you will avoid having to pay an “incomplete entry” fee.

**Warning, Waiver, Release of Liability and Agreement to Participate.**

**Proof of Age:** Copy of birth certificate, passport, or USJI membership card having the verification symbol “(V)” printed following the birthdate. A driver’s license is not proof of 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  
**NOTE:** A copy of your current USA Judo (USJI) 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.

**For Standard Categories:** Certificate of United States Citizenship and age.

**For Open Division:** Non-USA citizens: Proof of permanent residency in the USA (copy of green card, white card, etc.), or proof of full-time student status residing in the USA or long-term work visa in the USA. USA citizens: Certificate of United States Citizenship and age.

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.

**Unofficial Weigh-in:** Scales will be available for unofficial weigh-in starting prior to the start of official weigh-in. Location and times will be posted at Tournament Headquarters. Contestants may check weights as many times as desired during this period. **At OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN, athletes must present their tournament-issued identification card AND a photo ID.**

**NOTE:** Don’t forget to include your check, money order or cashier’s check made payable to: **USA Judo Fall Classic/Ladder**. See above for deadlines and fees.

**Forward all forms and fees to:**

**2007 USA Judo Fall Classic/Ladder**

c/o Hannah Starcher 11292 Fulton Road Marshallville, Ohio; 44645

**Questions: 330-855-4771; [jhjudo@earthlink.net](mailto:jhjudo@earthlink.net)**

Make Checks payable to **“2007 USA Judo Fall Classic/Ladder”**

**DO NOT MAIL THIS PAGE, KEEP FOR CONTACT REFERENCES**









**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 2007 USA Judo Fall Classic Fall Classic National Championship and Ladder Tournament, and related events and activities of United States Judo, Inc., Florida Judo, Inc, Inc., The City of Coral Springs, The State of Florida, The Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, Broward County, Florida Sports Foundation, the Coral Springs Gymnasium and Swain Mats, 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 Olympic Committee, the 2007 USA Judo Fall Classic Fall Classic National Championship and Ladder Tournament, and related events and activities of United States Judo, Inc., Florida Judo, Inc, Inc., The City of Coral Springs, The State of Florida, The Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, Broward County, Florida Sports Foundation, the Coral Springs Gymnasium and Swain Mats, 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, 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.**

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.

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. **A copy of my proof of rank (rank certificate or my USJI membership card having the verification symbol “(V)” printed following my rank) is attached. In addition, rank cards issued by the USJF or USJA National Offices will serve as proof.**

Signature of Judo Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Signing Instructor Must attach a copy of their black belt certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I have attached a copy of my black belt certificate.

**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 August 31, 2007. A copy of my birth certificate, military identification, passport, voter registration card passport, or my USJI membership card having the verification symbol “(V)” printed following my date of birth is attached.

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..... Signature of parent or guardian if contestant.....  
.....Signature of Contestant is under 18 years 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. Signature of parent or legal guardian



## Coach Event Credentials/Floor Pass Application Form

Competition Floor Pass Credentials will be provided to nationally certified coaches ONLY. Those requesting a credential must have an USA Judo, USJA, or USJF coaching certification. In order to expedite the registration process, coaches must send the Coach Credential Application form to the address printed below, postmarked by August 25, 2007. Coaches who register as "walk-ups" will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee including those with coach certification.

**Coaches admitted to the floor of the event are expected to dress appropriately for a National Championship: i.e. no tank tops, cut-off jeans, and the like.**

**For each Club, School or State, coach credentials will be distributed based on the following board-approved allocation:**

- 1 If # of players are less than # of contest areas, then Max # of coaches = Max # of players. **Otherwise**
- 2 Max # of coaches = # of contest areas (it is anticipated that there will be four (4) contest areas)
- 3 Coaches must provide a list of athletes which they will be coaching.

Printed Name:	
E-mail Address:	

Coach Certification Level:	A	B	C	D	E
Certified by (circle one):	USA Judo	USJF	USJA	Number:	

Coaching for (Fill in one or more):

Club:	
State:	

Student's Names (fill in one or more): In order to expedite the registration process, you must attach a photocopy of your coach certification credential (badge) and return this form to the address below, postmarked by August 25, 2007.

**DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING AFTER AUGUST 22, 2007!!**

**Coaches who register as "walk-ups" or send an incomplete application will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee.**

**Mail To: 2007 USA Judo Fall Classic/Ladder**

c/o Hannah Starcher  
11292 Fulton Road  
Marshallville, Ohio; 44645  
Questions: 330-855-4771; [jhjudo@earthlink.net](mailto:jhjudo@earthlink.net)

## 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 2007 USA Judo Fall Classic Fall Classic National Championship and Ladder Tournament to be held September 1 & 2, Coral Springs Gymnasium, Coral Springs, Florida.

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, USJI 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: 2007 USA Judo National Junior Olympics or any derivatives of this name without express, written permission from USA Judo.
3. A fee of \$250.00 is required.

Organization Representing Signature

Date

**Send Form & Check or Credit Card Charge Request Form, postmarked by August 22, 2007 to:**

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Make Checks payable to "**2007 USA Judo Fall Classic/Ladder**"

### Credit Card Charge Request

If you wish to use your Credit Card for Entry Fee, or for Merchandise Sales Booth Rental Fee, please complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (circle one): MasterCard VISA Discover American Express Credit Card #:

\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ Credit Card Expiration

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (month) (year) Name as it appears on Credit Card (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount authorized to charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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