

OHIO JUDO, INC. presents the
2026 Ohio Judo Championships

**Saturday, September 5, 2026 – ALL Competition &
Ohio Judo Hall of Fame Banquet**



Hosted by: Ohio Judo, Inc. and Daddy Dojo

**Countryside YMCA
1699 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036**

"The Olympic Sport of Judo"



Before and after practicing Judo or engaging in a match, opponents bow to each other. Bowing is an expression of gratitude and respect. In effect, you are thanking your opponent for giving you the opportunity to improve your technique.

Jigoro Kano, Founder of Judo

****PLEASE NOTE****

All Referees, Table Workers, & Coaches are Volunteers, please show them Respect. THANK THEM for volunteering their time to make this Championship happen, without Volunteers we couldn't have this Event. Please consider VOLUNTEERING at Judo Events. We THANK YOU in advanced for your Service to Judo and its Players. We will be happy to TRAIN anyone on Timing, Scoring, and Pooling of Judo Matches.

****PLEASE NOTE****

**Referees and Kata Judges – *Please contact Russ Scherer prior to August 1, 2026*
*rschererjudo@gmail.com***

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Join us for the 2026 OHIO JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS! We hope you can be here, participate, and have fun! This Event is Open to Judo Athletes from Ohio and other States and Countries.

ALL Registration (except HoF Banquet tickets) will be handled through SMOOTHCOMP –

SANCTION: USA Judo Sanction # 00796

REGISTRATION FEE: Early register: \$40 first division, \$30 each additional division
Normal: \$50 first division, \$40 each additional division
Late: \$70 first division, \$60 each additional division
Banquet \$60 (must get tickets by August 15, 2026)

REGISTRATION DISCOUNT: Additional family members will receive a \$10 discount (1st division) and \$5 discount (each additional division)

SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY

Kata registration	8:30 to 9:00AM
Senior & Master Check Weight	8:30 to 9:30AM.
Junior Check Weight	9:00AM to 10:00NOON.
Referee & Coaches Meeting	9:00AM to 9:45AM
Kata competition begins	9:15AM
Opening Ceremonies	10:00AM
Veterans competition begins	10:15 AM
Senior competition begins	10:15 AM
Junior competition begins	following Seniors (est. 1:00PM but check SMOOTHCOMP)
Hall of Fame Banquet	7:00PM-9:30PM

ELIGIBILITY: All contestants must provide a valid USA JUDO, USJF or ATJA card. Foreign contestants must have the proper ID from their home country. (USA Judo Membership registration will also be available at the site.)

The Tournament Director reserves the right to make necessary adjustments for the successful operation of the event.
The Tournament Director may refuse any entry that is found to contain false information.

SCORING: True Double Elimination (except Round Robin if 3 in a division)

MATCH TIMES: All Senior Brown/Black Divisions will be 4 minutes. All others will be 3 minutes.

MATS: 2 Mat Areas will be used

RULES: The current rules of the International Judo Federation (IJF) as modified by USA Judo.

1. GOLDEN SCORE will apply to ALL DIVISIONS. [Veterans and under 12 – GS = 2 minutes]
2. NO Kansetsu waza allowed in Junior Division
3. Shime waza allowed for 13 yrs. of age and up except for Junior Novice Divisions
4. Kansetsu waza allowed in all advanced senior divisions regardless of age. (min. age for Sr. div. is 15) No Kansetsu waza in novice senior divisions
5. 2002 Medical Rules for Juniors
6. If your name is called first, you must wear a white gi. Second called may wear either a blue gi or white gi with blue belt. If blue gi is used both contestants should wear their regular rank belts.
7. Must be in judo gi to receive your medal
8. Must bring your Own White & Blue Belts
9. Must have Footwear on when you are off the Mat
10. Kata judging will be in accordance with the current IJF Standards

AWARDS: Medals for first, second and third place winners.

DIVISIONS: Junior Girls - Novice (White/Yellow) and Advanced (Orange & up)

Ages 6 & Under	Light & Heavy
Ages 7 & 8	Light & Heavy
Ages 9 & 10	Light & Heavy
Ages 11 & 12	Light & Heavy
Ages 13 & 14	Light & Heavy
Ages 15 & 16	Light & Heavy

Junior Boys - Novice (White/Yellow) and Advanced (Orange & up)

Ages 6 & Under	Light, Middle, & Heavy
Ages 7 & 8	Light, Middle, & Heavy
Ages 9 & 10	Light, Middle, & Heavy
Ages 11 & 12	Light, Middle, & Heavy
Ages 13 & 14	Light, Middle, & Heavy
Ages 15 & 16	Light, Middle, & Heavy

Veterans [Male] Age Over 35

Light, Middle, & Heavy

Veterans [Female] Age Over 35

Light & Heavy

Senior Males [Two Divisions]

Novice (White – Green)	Advanced (Brown – Black)
Light, Middle, Middle Heavy, Heavy	

Senior Females [Two Divisions]

Novice (White – Green)	Advanced (Brown – Black)
Light, Middle, Heavy	

Kata Divisions

Ju No Kata - Katame No Kata - Nage No Kata – Goshin Jitsu – Kime No Kata

Novice Kata Divisions – Ju No (1st 2 sets); Katame No (1st 2 sets); Nage No (1st 3 sets)

(The Tournament Director reserves the right to regroup divisions and make any other changes necessary for the successful operation of the event.)

COACHES: Coaching must take place ONLY in the Coach's Chair. One coach per contestant.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Russ Scherer rschererjudo@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR: Peter Hirt peter@designs-on-display.com

CHIEF REFEREE: Mike Takata - IJF-A Referee

REFREE MEETING: 9:30 AM

HEAD KATA JUDGE: Frances Glaze - IJF Kata Judge and USA Judo A- Level Kata Judge

SPECTATORS FEE: FREE ADMISSION (Taking Donations for the Officials)

2026 Ohio Judo, Inc. Hall of Fame Banquet

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2026

Time: 7:00PM – 9:30PM

Location: D o c's Place
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Cost: \$50/person

Join us in the celebration of the new inductees. The Ohio Judo Hall of Fame was established in 2020 with the induction of Ryoza Nakamura and Kayla Harrison. The following were inducted in their respective years:

2020 – Ryoza Nakamura - Kayla Harrison;
2022 – George Funakoshi – Young Nam Chung;
2024 – Tony Owed – John Saylor

2021 – Les Fazekas – Russ Scherer;
2023 – Ed & Grace Akiya – Grace Jividen Truesdale;
2025 – Frances Glaze – Frank Herzog

2026 Inductees will be **Jim Nichols, Jim Linnane, John Powell and Ernie Curry**

Please Get Your Ticket by August 15, 2026 to reserve a seat

Send an email to Russ Scherer at rschererjudo@gmail.com

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