

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL PALO ALTO JUDO TOURNAMENT

The Sixty-sixth Palo Alto Judo Tournament will be held at Menlo-Atherton High School, Ayers Gymnasium on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**. The school address is 555 Middlefield Road Atherton CA. For further information and a campus map, visit www.mabears.org/About-M-A/Directions--Campus-Map/. Contests will **begin at 10:00 a.m.** See below for weigh-in times.

Registration Information

SANCTION: United States Judo Federation: 19-11-13

ELIGIBILITY: Open to USJF, USJI or USJA current members (at weigh-ins you must present membership card, signed Waiver and Release of Liability, and Official Entry Form (signed by an instructor for non-black belts).

ENTRY FEE: Discounted to **\$40 online up to 10/31/2019**. **\$50 online between 11/01 and 11/8/2019**. **\$70 for walk-ins**.

Online registration will not be available on the eve of or on the day of the tournament.

We will allow 3 lb leeway on weight (no Judogi) declared at registration. Any difference greater than 3 lbs may mean we cannot assign the athlete to an appropriate pool in which case we'll refund the entry fee.

Online registration: <https://www.strongvon.com/paloaltojudo2019> Be sure to download forms as directed, print, sign, have the appropriate Sensei signature, and bring to weigh-ins together with your membership card.

REGISTRATION/WEIGH-IN TIMES:	Junior Division (under 13)	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
	Intermediate Division (13 - 16)	9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
	Senior Division (17 & over)	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Contestants will be allowed to enter in one division only. Non-black belt competitors and their instructors are required to complete the "Certificate Regarding Non-Black Belt Contestants" and present the instructor's signed certificate at weigh-in.

Contest Information

See the following page for a description of the competition format for the various divisions.

MATCH TIMES: **Juniors:** 2 minutes. **Intermediates:** 3 minutes. **Seniors:** 3 minutes. **Black Belts:** 4 minutes.
Total match times will exclude **Matte** (stop time).

CONTEST RULES: Current IJF Contest Rules modified as follows:

- Borders between adjacent contest areas are 4 meters; outside borders are 3 meters. Contest area size is 8 meters by 8 meters.
- We plan on using the CARE system on all four mats. All referees please bring your own radios.
- Golden score match times are ½ the regular match times.
- Prohibited techniques:
 - No double knee drop seoinage for 12 & under.
 - No shime waza (choking) for 12 & under.
 - Kansetsu waza (arm locks) are allowed in Black Belt divisions only.
- Any application of the above prohibited techniques will result in a direct Hansoku-make loss in the match.
- Competitors will wear white and blue belts, depending on the side on which they are fighting; **no other belts** will be allowed. **Competitors are required to provide their own white and blue belts.** If you wear white and blue gis, you don't need to use the white and blue belts; however, if you plan on wearing a blue gi in competition, you **must** also have a white gi to wear as needed. You will **not** be allowed to wear a blue gi on the white side.

Scoring Information

ALL DIVISIONS: Places to be determined by (1) most wins, (2) if wins are tied, most points, (3) if wins and points are tied, with contestants and coaches' consent, head-to-head match if they have not previously met and are within 3 exponents; otherwise the winner of the previous match will prevail, and (4) if the contestants do not wish to compete head-to-head, the contestant with the lowest exponents will receive the higher place.

POINT SYSTEM: The winning contestant in each match will be awarded points, according to the level of win, as follows:
Ippon: 10 points **Waza-ari:** 7 points **Decision:** 1 point

AWARDS: Medals for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places, 1st & 2nd places for 3-person pools & 1st place for 2-person pools.

Referee Testing and Evaluation Site

The tournament will be a testing and evaluation site for promotion to regional and national referee status.

Local referees welcome only if testing for promotion to regional referee. Please tell us in advance what you hope to test for.

CLINIC: Referee and Coach Workshop/Clinic AND written tests for referee candidates will be held on **Saturday, November 9th in the old Dance Studio** next to Ayers Gymnasium **starting at 2pm.**

The address is 555 Middlefield Road Atherton CA. Test takers should plan on being available for the test after the clinic concludes. We will offer distinct written tests for national vs. regional referee candidates. Unless excused by Chief Referee Gary Takemoto, Clinic attendance is mandatory for any current National referees being evaluated and in all cases for candidates testing at any level.

ATTIRE: Attire for both clinic and tournament is the National referee uniform for all senior referees and National test candidates. Regional test candidates should wear dark gray slacks with white polo shirts and black socks.

RADIOS: Please bring your radios and earpieces; in case you need to purchase any, the host organization recommends:

Radios: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00ECW9DB4/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_U_x_6OyRBb7JXAFVA

Earpieces: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00VJACF3U/ref=cm_sw_r_tw_dp_U_x_3QyRBbS173MSR

Earpieces will also be on sale and a FEW radios will be available for a cash deposit.

CLINIC FEES: For all Clinic attendees including referees, coaches, and candidates: Online discounted registration of **\$20 up to November 4th, 2019. \$30 on or after 11/5/2019 and for walk-ins.** Walk-ins should write checks to CENCO. **Online registration:** <https://www.strongvon.com/cencorefclinic2019>

REF TEST FEES: **National Referee** candidates will pay an additional \$30 examination fee onsite. Successful National candidates will also pay a \$20 registration to process their promotion with USA Judo. Make these checks payable to USJI. **Regional Referee** candidates will pay an additional \$15 to CENCO onsite to take the Regional Referee test.

REQUIREMENTS: National referee candidates must provide **copies of the following documentation; no originals please.**

- Digital 2"x2" high resolution photo (2 megapixel or better), against a plain background, wearing your black referee jacket and tie, which you will email to the people listed below.
- Proof of age and US citizenship/permanent residence. Passport or birth certificate are acceptable; driver's license is not.
- Dan Rank proof (Rank certificate or Rank validated USA Judo/USJI card).
- Dated Regional Referee Certificate.
- Proof of **USA Judo** membership (current USA Judo/USJI card or Life Membership).
- **Background investigation results on file** or download and submit background form to get it started. You can ask the USJF office to share with USA Judo the one they did for any dan promotion. The referee commission doesn't want the results, they want it on file **with USA Judo.**
- Examination and promotion fees; see below.
- Notify the following people of your intention to be tested:
 - For National candidates only:
 - Mr. Ralph Palmer: RefComAsst2@surewest.net
 - For all candidates, please indicating what level you are testing for:
 - Max Rayner: max.rayner@gmail.com

Additional Information

COACHING: Coaching while wearing a Judo-gi will not be allowed.

ACCESSIBILITY TO THE COMPETITION AREA: Only athletes and coaches will be allowed on the gym floor. All others are expected to use the bleachers. Also, cameras and video recording devices will not be allowed on the gym floor.

OFFICIALS MEETING: The pre-tournament **officials' meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday November 10th in the old Dance Studio** next to Ayers Gymnasium. See the section on testing and evaluation for referee attire.

CONTACT: Email geert.ureel@gmail.com with any questions.

Divisions

Juniors For those under 10 years old, parents and coaches will be able examine the pools before the competitor competes.	Under 7 years old	Will be grouped in pools close to age, rank, and weight: Light – Medium – Heavy
	7-8 years old	Will be grouped in pools close to age, rank, and weight: Light – Medium – Heavy
	9-10 years old	Will be grouped in pools close to age, rank, and weight: Light – Medium – Heavy
	11-12 years old Novice (White, Yellow, Orange)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	11-12 years old Advanced (Green, Blue, Purple)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
Intermediates	13-14 years old Novice (White, Yellow, Orange)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	13-14 years old Advanced (Green, Blue, Purple)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	15-16 years old Novice (White, Yellow, Orange)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	15-16 years old Advanced (Green, Blue, Purple)	Grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
Seniors	>16 Novice (non Brown Belts)	Grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	Brown	Will be grouped in pools by weight; see below for weight divisions.
	Black	Will be grouped in pools by weight; see below for weight divisions.

Brown and Black Belt Weight Divisions

Male	-121	-132	-145	-160	-178	-198	-220	+220
Female	-97	-106	-114	-125	-138	-154	-172	+172

Pool Arrangements

- All competitors must obtain a signature from their Sensei on their entry form warranting that the competitor has sufficient aptitude and skill in Judo to compete in this competition.
- Only Brown Belts and Intermediate Purple Belts will be allowed to compete “up” in the Black Belt divisions.
- Brown Belts and Purple Belts competing in Black Belt divisions must check the “Compete in Black Belt Pool” box.
- We will attempt to have a minimum pool size of 3 competitors.
- Pools will use the round robin competition format. We will make an attempt to give competitors four matches in their pool.
- Divisions may be combined, at the discretion of the tournament committee, to keep age, rank, and weight as close as possible for safety.
- New divisions may be created, at the discretion of the tournament committee, to keep age, rank, and weight as close as possible for safety.
- If we cannot find a suitable pool for a competitor, they will be offered a choice of taking a medal or getting a reimbursement.

Satellite Weigh-Ins

- As a courtesy for those wishing to skip weigh-in lines on tournament day, we *may* organize optional satellite weigh-ins at designated early times and places.
- Competitors using a satellite weigh-in will have to register, present all necessary documents (including current USJF / USA Judo / USJA membership, and pay the entry fee before being allowed to weigh-in.