
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL PALO ALTO JUDO TOURNAMENT

The Sixty-first Palo Alto Judo Tournament will be held in Ayers Gym at Menlo-Atherton High School on **Sunday, November 9, 2014**. The school address is 555 Middlefield Rd, Atherton, CA; use the student parking lot at the corner of Middlefield and Ringwood. **Note that this year the tournament will be held at a different location, due to construction at Palo Alto High School.** For information and a campus map, visit www.mabears.org, or see the campus map below.

The tournament begins at 10:00 a.m.

Registration Information

SANCTION:	United States Judo Federation (14-11-12).	
ELIGIBILITY:	Open to all individuals with current USJF, USJI or USJA membership (must present card at registration).	
ENTRY FEE:	\$35 (checks payable to Palo Alto Judo). Contestants will be allowed to enter in one division only.	
REGISTRATION 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.

Please note that all competitors and their instructors are required to complete the “Certificate Regarding Non-Black Belt Contestants” on the entry form.

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.
All matches will be based on **Matte** (stop time).

CONTEST RULES: Current IJF Contest Rules modified as follows:

- Borders between adjacent contest areas 4 meters; outside borders 3 meters. The size of the contest area is 6 meters by 6 meters.
- We will not be using the CARE system.
- 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

JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATES, AND SENIOR NOVICE DIVISIONS: Places to be determined by (1) most points, (2) if points are tied, the most wins, (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.

BROWN AND BLACK BELT DIVISIONS: For Brown and Black Belts, the process is the same, except that places are to be determined by (1) most wins, and (2) if wins are tied, the most points. The rest of the tiebreaking procedures are as described above.

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 **Yuko:** 5 points **Decision:** 1 point

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

Additional Information

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

ACCESSIBILITY TO THE COMPETITION AREA: Since space is tight, only athletes and coaches will be allowed on the gym floor. Also, cameras and video recording devices will not be allowed on the gym floor.

OFFICIALS MEETING: The officials meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Referees may wear gray slacks and a white polo shirt in lieu of the standard referee attire.

CONTACT: Email emil@scoffone.com for questions.

Divisions

Juniors	Under 7 years old	Will be grouped in pools as close to age, weight, and rank as possible. Parents and coaches will be able examine the division before the competitor competes.
	7-8 years old	Will be grouped in pools as close to age, weight, and rank as possible. Parents and coaches will be able examine the division before the competitor competes.
	9-10 years old	Will be grouped in pools as close to age, weight, and rank as possible. Parents and coaches will be able examine the division before the competitor competes.
	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)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
Seniors	Novice (non Brown Belts)	Will be grouped in pools by weight: Light – Medium – Light Heavy – Heavy
	Brown and 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

- Minimum pool size will be 3 competitors.
- All 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.
- Brown Belts competing in Black Belt divisions must sign the Black Belt waiver on the entry form.

Campus Map

