

\$6800 in prizes!



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE's 19th annual

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WILDCAT INVITATIONAL

& Northeast Regional Collegiate Championships

USJA sanctioned – open to all federations

- WHEN:** Saturday, February 28th, 2026
- WHERE:** UNH, Hamel Rec Center, 5 Edgewood Rd, Durham, NH (use Lot H ground-level entrance, more info next page)
- ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone currently registered with any of the national governing bodies USJA, USA Judo, Judo Canada, USJF, or ATJA may enter the tournament. Collegiate competitors must present **proof of enrollment** per NCJA standards. NCJA membership not required. See ncjajudo.org for info. Regional referee certification offered.
- RULES:** Round robin for divisions of 3&4, single elimination in Grand Champion, true double elimination for all others. Modified 2025 IJF rules to include: **no chokes** up to Intermediate; **no armlocks in Novice** Cadet, IJF Junior, Collegiate, or Senior & all age categories under 15; **Elite** Cadet, IJF Junior, Collegiate, or Senior / Ne Waza / Veterans under 60 chokes and armlocks permitted regardless of competitors' ages and ranks; **no chokes** in Veterans 60+ but armlocks allowed regardless of competitors' ranks. Golden Score time limited where indicated. Any required rest periods within the same division will be at least 1 full regulation match time. Ne Waza follows standard IJF rules with extended time for progress. Coaching from designated mat-side coach box permitted during match. **All Elite Cadet, IJF Junior, Collegiate, or Senior divisions & Grand Champion require white and blue judogi.** In other divisions blue competitor may optionally wear white gi with blue belt. Any additional modifications decided by tournament director and chief referee subject to tournament day conditions.
- MATCH TIMES:**
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| Ne waza division – | 3 minutes / no golden score |
| Bantam – | 2 minutes / 1 minute golden score |
| Intermediate / Veterans 60 and over – | 3 minutes / 1 minute golden score |
| Cadet, IJF Junior, Collegiate & Senior Novice categories / Juvenile / Veterans under 60 – | 3 minutes |
| Cadet, IJF Junior, Collegiate & Senior Elite categories – | 4 minutes |
- REGISTRATION & WEIGH-IN:** ***The entries will be capped at 250 competitors. Online entries no longer permitted once capped. No walk-ups.**
- 7:30 to 7:50 am: Kata
- 7:30 to 8:30 am: Bantam / Intermediate / Juvenile / Ne Waza / Veterans registration will close promptly at 8:30 am
- After 9:00 am: All Cadet / IJF Junior / Collegiate / Senior divisions
- Both kata team competitors, uke and tori, must register individually and indicate partner's name
- Evening weigh-ins are available from 7 – 9pm on Friday 2/27 at the tournament location
- Satellite weigh-ins will be permitted at clubs where there is a calibrated scale and should be completed no earlier than Thursday 2/26. Club officers / coaches / managers please submit lists by noon Friday 2/27
- KATA & SHIAI SCHEDULE:**
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| Nage / Katame / Ju-no-kata (all teams compete together) – | 8:00 am |
| Bantam / Intermediate / Juvenile / Ne Waza / Veterans – | 9:00 am |
| Cadet / IJF Junior / Collegiate / Senior immediately follow – | no earlier than 10:30 am (see smoothcomp.com) |
- ENTRY FEES:** Standard rates shown through 2/20. Late registration permitted through 2/25.
- Early-bird \$20 discount applied per competitor/team when registered and paid by 2/6
- \$70 standard (\$90 late) – any category except Senior Elite; Additional divisions \$20 each (up to a maximum of 3)
- \$90 standard (\$125 late) – any Senior Elite division
- Walk-ups are NOT ALLOWED
- register @ <https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/19142>**

DIVISIONS (by birth year):

Ages	Categories	Level	Weight Divisions (kg)	Ranks (standard is Novice to Green belt, Elite Brown & up except where noted)
5-7	Coed	Bantam 1 & 2	-19, -23, +23	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
7-9	Boys / Girls	Bantam 3 & 4	-22, -26, -30, -34, -36, -40	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
9-11	Boys / Girls	Bantam 5 & 6	-26, -30, -34, -36, -40, -44, -50/-48	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
11-12	Boys	Intermediate	-30, -34, -36, -40, -44, -50, -55	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
11-12	Girls	Intermediate	-30, -34, -36, -40, -44, -48, -52	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
13-14	Boys	Juvenile	-36, -40, -44, -50, -55, -60, -66	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
13-14	Girls	Juvenile	-36, -40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70	Novice: White to Orange, Advanced: Green & up
15-17	Boys U18	Cadet	-50, -55, -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, +90	Novice: White to Orange, Elite: Green & up
15-17	Girls U18	Cadet	-40, -44, -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, +70	Novice: White to Orange, Elite: Green & up
15-20	Men U21	IJF Junior	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100	standard
15-20	Women U21	IJF Junior	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78	standard
17+	Men	Senior	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100	standard
17+	Women	Senior	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78	standard
17-24	Men	Collegiate	-60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100	standard
17-24	Women	Collegiate	-48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78	standard
17+	Men	Ne Waza	-73, -90, +90	all ranks
17+	Women	Ne Waza	-57, -70, +70	all ranks
30+	Men / Women	Veterans	light, medium, heavy	all ranks, age brackets (30-39, 40-49, etc.)

**\$250 prize for 1st place
in Senior Elite with
opportunity to double it
in Grand Champion!*****

AWARDS: Gold / Silver / Bronze medals for 1st / 2nd / 3rd place finishers in all contested divisions
Grand Championship Trophy

Division Place Finish	Senior Elite ** Prize \$USD	Grand Champion *** Prize \$USD
1 st (Gold)	\$250	\$250
2 nd (Silver)	\$125	-
3 rd (Bronze)	\$75	-

**Place finishers in Senior Elite will receive indicated cash prize if the division contains at least 6 competitors. With 5 competitors or fewer place finishers will receive medals.

***Grand Champion will receive a separate cash prize if the division contains at least 3 competitors. With 2 competitors the Grand Champion will receive a trophy.

MATS: There will be three contest areas running throughout the day at this event.

REFEREES: Chief Referees: Jake Freedman (IJF-A, NH) & Ken Durand (N, NH). Referee commission to include Alberto Agudelo (IJF-A, MA) and Miki Takemori (IJF-B, MA). Referee meeting to take place at 8:30am. Please bring your Baofeng 88 radio and appropriate uniform. CARE will be used. IJF, Continental, PJC, National, or Regional level referee certification **required**. Evaluation for regional-level USA Judo or USJA certification will be available for qualified, pre-registered local referees. To pre-register please contact Miki Takemori at mtakemori@aol.com

KATA JUDGES: Will include Ken Durand, nationally certified in all 7 competitive kata

FOOD: Concessions will be available at the tournament

LODGING:	Hotel	Distance to Event	2026 Approximate Rate (\$USD)
	Holiday Inn Express 2 Main St. Durham, NH 03824 (603) 868-1234	1 mile	\$116 Group Rate UJG

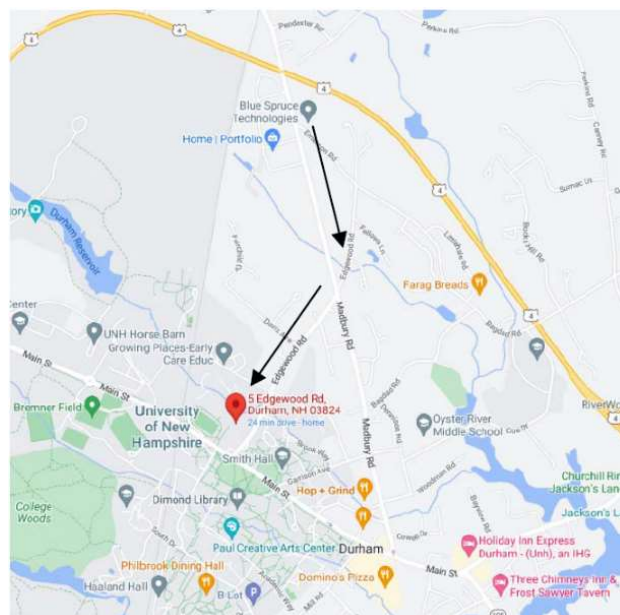
DIRECTIONS:

From Route 95 N/S: Take exit 4 (on 95 North) or 5 (on 95 South) onto Route 16 North, Spaulding Turnpike. Take exit 6W (Route 4 West) heading toward Concord. After passing the exit for Route 108, there will be a traffic light at Madbury Rd. Take a left onto Madbury Rd, then right onto Edgewood Road. On the corner of Edgewood and Main St is the Hamel Rec Center.

From Route 101: Take exit 7 onto Route 125 and head north. Take the first right onto Route 4 East at the traffic circle in Lee. At the traffic light, take a right onto Madbury Rd, then another right onto Edgewood Road. On the corner of Edgewood and Main St. is the Hamel Rec Center.

From Route 4 East: Go halfway around the traffic circle in Lee, staying on Route 4 east, then follow directions above for Rt. 101.

From Route 4 West: Follow last part of directions for Route 95



PARKING:

Free parking is available at the Elliott Alumni Lot just behind the Rec Center. Otherwise, take a right at Main Street, go through the traffic light and over the bridge. Take the 1st right and proceed into Lot A.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

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QUESTIONS? Please direct any registration questions to wildcat.judo.tournament@gmail.com

WARNING!
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
(Including Limited Co-Ed Competition for Age 10 and Under)

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from, in any Judo tournament, practice, clinic, and related events and activities ("Activity") of the **United States Judo Association, United States Judo Federation, Inc., USA Judo, Seacoast Budo LLC, American Traditional Jujutsu Association, New Hampshire Judo Inc., University of New Hampshire and University of New Hampshire Judo Club,**

I agree:

1. I understand the nature of Judo activities and believe I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I also understand the rules governing the sport of Judo.
2. I further acknowledge 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. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in a contact sport that might result in serious injury, illness or disease, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses due not only to 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 following such injury, illness, disease, permanent disability, or death.
5. I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the **United States Judo Association, Inc., United States Judo Federation, Inc., USA Judo, Seacoast Budo LLC, American Traditional Jujutsu Association, New Hampshire Judo Inc., University of New Hampshire, and University of New Hampshire Judo Club,** together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, 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, sponsor advertisers, and if applicable, owners, lessors and lessees of premises used in conducting the event, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees", from any and all litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or costs on account of injury, illness, disease, including permanent disability and death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.
6. Acknowledge that to the best of my knowledge, I am in good health and proper physical condition to participate in this judo tournament, and that I have adequate health insurance to cover any injuries or illness I may sustain.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WARNING, WAIVER, AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND KNOWING THIS, SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF USJF, THIS TOURNAMENT MAY INCLUDE CO-ED COMPETITION FOR AGES 10 AND UNDER IN COMPARABLE AGE/WEIGHT DIVISIONS WHERE THERE IS AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF GIRLS FOR NON-CO-ED AGE/WEIGHT DIVISIONS. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THESE SPECIAL DIVISIONS. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE KNOWING THE RISKS 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/LEGAL GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW. I INTEND THIS TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Participant

Participant's Signature

Date

**FOR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/legal 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 including litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or costs which may incur as the result of the minor child's 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/Legal Guardian

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

