



# 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku

USJA Sanction # 25-003

## Information Sheet

Date	Sunday, February 2, 2025, 9:30 am Start time
Location	San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, California 91331
Special Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED</b> We do have a 300 entry capacity limit because we only have 3 mat areas.</li></ul> Please email forms & proof of membership to: teachnjudo@gmail.com or mail to: SFV Judo Registration 13727 Wheeler Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Athletes must check in when you arrive to the tournament site to receive your lunch ticket &amp; tournament t-shirt.</li></ul>
Check-in Schedule	8:00am to 8:30am: Mini-Yonen (5yo-7); Shonen (13yo-16) White/Yellow Combined; Adaptive; <b>Senior Black Belts</b> 11:00am to 11:30am: Yonen (8yo-12) White Belts, Yellow Belts; Shonen (13yo-16) Orange/Green Combined 1:00pm to 1:30pm: Yonen (8yo-12) Orange Belts, Green Belts; Shonen (13yo-16) Blue/Purple/Brown Combined 2:00pm to 2:30pm: Yonen (8yo-12) Blue/Purple Belts Combined; Seinen Novice 4:00pm to 4:30pm: Seinen Brown, All Masters
Pooling, Divisions & Match Times	Kohaku: Pooling will be determined by Age Group, Rank, then Lightest weight to Heaviest. Divisions with 5 or less will be Round Robin method. Mini Yonen (5-7yo; 2:30 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White&amp;Yellow Combined • Orange &amp; above Combined</li></ul> Yonen (8-12; 2:30 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White only • Yellow only • Orange only • Green only • Blue&amp;Purple Combined</li></ul> Shonen (13-16; 3:00 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White&amp;Yellow Combined • Orange&amp;Green Combined • Blue,Purple&amp;Jr.Brown Combined • Jr. Black</li></ul> Seinen (4:00 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novice • Brown • Black</li></ul> Masters (2:00 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 35-44 • 45-55 • 55+ (Novice, Brown, Black)</li></ul> Adaptive Categories (2:00 min matches; No Golden Score): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Divisions to be determined on site.</li></ul>
Eligibility	All entrants must be current members of one of the following: US Judo Association, US Judo Federation, USA Judo, Inc. You must present a current membership card.
Awards	Trophies will be presented to the first, second & third places in each individual division. A <b>Most Outstanding Judoka Award</b> will be presented to the Kohaku Competitor that receives the most yudansha votes. A <b>Best Technique Award</b> will presented to the Kohaku Competitor that receives the most yudansha votes. <b>Team Trophies</b> will be presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in accumulated Team Points (1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 3 pts, 3rd = 2 pts)
Entry Fee	\$50.00 fee (non-refundable) to all contestants; \$40 for each additional immediate family member, \$30.00 for each additional division. Women (17+): \$30 Entry fee; <b>\$20 entry fee for Adaptive Divisions.</b> <b>All Senior Black Belts &amp; Masters:</b> \$50 Entry fee (50% of division entry fees will be donated to the 1st Place winner of the division for travel expense reimbursement.)
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Head Referee	Glenn Koyama, IJF-B Continental Referee
Tournament Director	Eric Mochinaga
Host & Sponsor	San Fernando Valley Judo Club

The Tournament Director(s) reserves the right to make any necessary changes in the best interest of the sport and the contestants. Coaches, Instructors and Parents will have an opportunity to review the categories and confirm their child's/athlete's suitability for participation. **A tournament T-shirt and Hot Dog lunch will be provided to each contestant. (Be sure to get your lunch ticket and tournament t-shirt at the Check-in Table)**



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## RULES

Pre-2025 IJF Contest Rules will be used with the following modifications:

- a. **White Judo Gis ONLY!!!** No blue gis please.
- b. Wazari, ippon or Hansokumake are required to win.
- c. No Golden Score. If a winner is not determined after regulation period, hiki wake will be awarded.
- d. Pre-2003 Injury Rules for all divisions.
- e. CARE systems we NOT be used, therefore, Corners Judges will be used.
- f. No Shime-waza (chokes) allowed for ages 12 and under. If a 12 years old or younger contestant is pooled with 13 years old or older contestants, choking techniques will not be allowed in any matches with an 12 years old or younger participant. Players of 13-16 years of age who are choked out to unconsciousness are NOT allowed to continue to compete in the tournament.
- g. No Kansetsu-waza (arm locks) will be allowed for ages 17 and under and for any novice.
- h. Juniors competing in senior divisions are subject to senior rules.
- i. Any player who suffers a concussion or who loses consciousness from a head impact will not be permitted to continue competing in the tournament.
- j. No white belts will be permitted in the Brown belt, Black belt & Masters divisions.
- k. Pre-2009 rules for judogi control will be used in all divisions.
- l. The contest areas are 6x6 meters with 3 meter safety area. There will only be 3 meters in between the adjoining competition areas.
- m. To ensure safety for matches due to the reduced safety area size, "mate" calls may occur much earlier than normal to prevent the athletes from going off the competition area. Referees must not hesitate to interrupt the action to protect the athletes.

## REFEREE INFORMATION

With whole-hearted respect to all, please know that each Referee of this event, must be a current member of the United States Judo Association, United States Judo Federation or USA Judo Inc.

Please email this event's Chief Referee, Mr. Glenn Koyama ([glennkoyama@yahoo.com](mailto:glennkoyama@yahoo.com)), to request to place yourself on the Referee Team List for the 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku Shiai.

Full Referee Uniform is required (Black blazer, White Button Dress Shirt, Tie, Gray Slacks, and Black Socks). Radios may be used. Care Systems will not be used. A simple breakfast and delicious SFV Judo Family Potluck will be provided. Water and Coffee will be available throughout the day. Tournament T-shirts will be given to each working Referee.

Please be sure to refresh your skills and calibrations of the current IJF Competition Rules by watching the following youtube videos:

2023 Updates :

- Day 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/8J-2ZYmsZJY?feature=share>
- Day 2: [https://www.youtube.com/live/hLYKT4WhQ\\_w?feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/live/hLYKT4WhQ_w?feature=share)

2022 Updates (These are updates to '2022-2024 Updates'):

- Day 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/nnsfYdyzVVQ?feature=share>
- Day 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/UFPTVddncol?feature=share>

2022-2024 Updates:

- <https://youtu.be/m5Zmpvs7S4E>

To all Referees, Coaches, Parents, Competitors, Spectators and Volunteers

USJF/JA + Nanka Yudanshakai Code of Conduct Policies will apply at all times. Violations to the Codes will result in Warnings and Ejections accordingly as listed in the Nanka Yudanshakai rules and policies.



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## APPLICATION for Kohaku USJA Sanction # 25-003

SEX	OFFICIAL WT	AGE	RANK	CLUB	REG STAMP

Please print or type. Do not use initials.

Name of Competitor:

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

Male     Female    Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Belt Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY    MONTH    YEAR

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE TELEPHONE (Text messages will be sent to this phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (Poolsheets will be emailed to this address & the Head Instructor) \_\_\_\_\_

USJA# \_\_\_\_\_ USJF# \_\_\_\_\_ USA Judo # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Judo club \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE & E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### IF ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATION IS NEEDED (Check appropriate box):

- Vision Loss / Blindness                       Hearing Loss / Deafness

Type of assistance/accommodation requested or name of person assisting: \_\_\_\_\_

For Official Use Only:

\$50 for 1 division     plus \$40 for Second division     \$40 for Immediate Family Member

\$30 for Women's Division     \$50 for Black Belt & Masters Divisions

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Immediate Family Member Competing

Cash     Check; Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Immediate Family Member Competing

Venmo to: teachnjudo@gmail.com



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LIABILITY RELEASE (For Contestants under 18 years of age)

I authorize the following person(s) (Name of Instructor, Coach, Chaperone) to act in my behalf in any and all matters requiring parental consent for my child during the 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku or travel to and from it. I agree to accept all financial obligations incurred as a result of any medical assistance, hospitalization and related expenses provided to my child. If an act of vandalism causing damage to personal or real property associated or related in any way to this tournament occurs, those involved will be dismissed from competition. The participant or parent(s) of a minor involved agree to indemnify and pay for all such losses and damages.

Signed (Contestant) Date Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date

PLAYERS WANTING TO COMPETE IN AN OLDER AND/OR HIGHER RANK DIVISION

We (I) the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of (Name of Contestant) have been informed of the method of competition for the 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku.

We (I), hereby express our (my) consent and approval that (Name of Contestant) may move up into an older and/or higher division. (NOTE: The contestant moving up in division is also subject and not exempt from the rules of said division)

Signature of Contestant Date
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date
Signature of Instructor Date

NON BLACK BELT WAIVER

(Must be completed by All Non-Black Belts in Black Belt & Masters divisions.)

I, (Name of Instructor), a judo instructor who has been awarded the judo Rank of Shodan or higher, under the auspices of one of the following organizations: United States Judo Federation, United States Judo Association, or USA Judo, Inc., hereby certify that (Name of Contestant) although not having been awarded the judo rank of Shodan of higher is of sufficient aptitude and skill in judo to compete in the 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku.

Signature of Instructor Rank Date

CERTIFICATE OF AGE / WEIGHT / RANK CONSENT FOR: PLAYERS 15 AND 16 YEARS OF AGE WANTING TO COMPETE IN THE SEINEN BROWN/BLACK BELT DIVISIONS

We (I) the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of (Name of Contestant) have been informed of the method of competition for the 94th Annual San Fernando Valley Judo Club Invitational Kohaku.

We (I) hereby express our (my) consent and approval that (Name of Contestant) although only being 15 or 16 year age, may move up into the seinen brown/black belt division. (NOTE: The contestant moving up in division is also subject and not exempt from the rules of said division)

Signature of Contestant Date
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date
Signature of Instructor Date

**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, in any Judo tournament, practice, clinic, and related events and activities ("Activity") of the **United States Judo Federation, Inc., USA Judo/United States Judo, Inc., United States Judo Association, Inc., Nanka Judo Yudanshakai, Inc., San Fernando Valley Judo Club, and the San Fernando Valley Japanese-American Community Center**, 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., USA Judo/United States Judo, Inc., United States Judo Federation, Inc., Nanka Judo Yudanshakai, Inc., San Fernando Valley Judo Club, and the San Fernando Valley Japanese-American Community Center**, together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, officers, agents, coaches, and other employees or volunteers of the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, legal guardians, supervisors and coaches, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, 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.

**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. 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