USA PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC JUDO TEAM

[Video of Judo Highlights at 2024 Paris Olympics]

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Dates & Venue

Judo is set to take place from 27 July to 3 August in the Champ du Mars Arena. The mixed team event takes place on the last day

Number of medals at stake in Paris

Like in the Tokyo Olympics, the judo events will have)15 gold medals up for grabs (7 & 7 + the Mixed Team. All but one of those medals will be competed in the singles events (for men's and women's) and only one medal for the team event.

Storylines to Follow in Paris

Repeated clashes between the two titans of the sport: Japan and France. Both nations will have a judoka in all 14 weight classes. After the Japanese team won nine gold medals in Tokyo, the French team is loaded with gold-medal contenders for Paris. Everything builds to a scintillating possible matchup in the mixed team competition between defending Olympic champion France and Japan, which has won seven consecutive world championships in mixed team.

World Players to Watch

Teddy Riner the French judo legend, with five Olympic medals (three gold) and eleven world titles, is just one win away from securing the record for most Olympic judo medals.

His teammate and reigning Olympic champion, Clarisse Agbégnénou, is also a home favorite. The six-time -63kg world champion won her latest title less than one year after giving birth and plans to defend her Olympic title with her daughter watching from the crowd.

Riner's pursuit of history will be the biggest day of the competition, and the heavyweight division is stacked. Riner and Krpalek haven't fought each other since 2019, and the field is loaded with stars including Krpalek's rival, Guram Tushishvili of Georgia, and Japanese 2022 world champion Tatsuru Saito, the son of two-time Olympic champion Hitoshi Saito.

At Tokyo 2020, Japanese siblings Hifumi and Uta Abe continued dominating the -66kg and -52kg categories by becoming the first siblings to win gold on the same day at the Olympics. The siblings have not lost a fight on the World Judo Tour in five years.

Kosovo's female judokas will aim for more gold with reigning Olympic champions Nora Gjakova and Distria Krasniqi, who moved up a weight category. Kosovo has three Olympic gold medals, all from women, all from judo.

Cuba's Idalys Ortiz is also looking to make history with a possible fifth consecutive Olympic medal in the women's heavyweight category. And in the men's heavyweights, double Olympic champion Lukas Krpalek will compete for more glory after winning gold in two different weight categories: -100kg and +100kg.

The mixed team event on 3 August will be a major highlight as Japan seeks revenge against France, who dealt a crushing blow to the Japanese during the event's Olympic debut.

Uta Abe and Hifumi Abe, Japan: The siblings will attempt to win gold medals on the same day in the second consecutive Olympics. They accomplished the unprecedented feat three years ago in Tokyo, and both have won world championships in both of the two years since then.

Clarisse Agbégnénou, France: The six-time world champion is the favorite to win her second straight Olympic gold. She's trying to do it at home and less than two years after giving birth to her daughter.

Lukas Krpalek, Czech Republic: Riner could get beaten to history by Krpalek, the comparatively unsung two-time Olympic champion who seized heavyweight gold in Tokyo after Riner was upset.

U.S. Olympic Judo Team Qualifiers Finalized for Paris

After nearly two years and nearly 100 qualifying tournaments, Team USA has qualified four athletes for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Snoop Dogg stopped in on their practice to get an exclusive interview with our Olympians!

Team USA's qualifiers are as follows:

Angelica Delgado, 52 kg (Miami, FL / NYAC / Ki-Itsu-Sai National Training Center)

The Paris Olympic Games will mark the third for Delgado who also represented Team USA in 2016 and 2021. The three-time Grand Slam medalist recently won her ninth Senior Pan American-Oceania Championship medal with a silver in April in Rio de Janeiro – the site of her first Olympic Games. Delgado was introduced to the sport by her father, Miguel Delgado, a former member of the Cuba National Team, who fled Cuba in the 1980s and made his way to Miami where he counted his old judo gi as one of the few possessions he took with him to the United States. Delgado learned the sport first from her father in their backyard as a 9-year-old, but soon became a rising star who began representing Team USA on the international stage as a teenager. After competing in both Rio and Tokyo, Delgado returned to the circuit for one more quad – this time with her eyes set on a medal.

John Jayne, 90 kg (Chicago, IL / 90 kg)

A dual citizen of both the United States and Great Britain, Jayne was a standout in both judo and wrestling who went on to wrestle at the University of Chicago where he continued to compete internationally in judo while pursuing a degree in mathematics. After graduating from the University of Chicago, Jayne moved down from 100 kg to 90 kg in 2019 and qualified for his first Senior World Championship in 2021 after the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020. A three-time medalist at the Senior Pan Am-Oceania Championships, Jayne won silver in 2024 and will be making his Olympic debut in Paris.

Maria Laborde, 48 kg (Kenosha, WI / NYAC / Ki-Itsu-Sai National Training Center)

Laborde won team bronze at the 2013 Senior World Championships representing her native Cuba and returned to the podium the following year with an individual bronze medal win. After moving to the United States, Laborde received her U.S. citizenship in 2022 and began competing for Team USA in March of 2022. In 2023, Laborde made history as the first U.S. athlete to medal at the Masters Worlds since 2016 when she won silver. Laborde will hold the highest seed for Team USA at the Games where she is expected to be seeded 10th at 48 kg.

Jack Yonezuka, 73 kg (West Long Branch, NJ / NYAC / Cranford JKC / 73 kg)

At just 21 years old, Yonezuka will be the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic Judo Team. Yonezuka hails from one of the most storied families in USA Judo as the son of 1980 Olympian Nick Yonezuka (West Long Branch, NJ) and the grandson of two-time Olympic coach Yoshisada Yonezuka (Cranford, NJ). Although Yonezuka's grandfather passed away in 2014, the club he founded, Cranford Judo JKC, has produced nine Olympians from 1980 – 2021. Yonezuka made history as a junior, becoming the first U.S. man to win two medals at the Junior World Championships with bronze in 2022 and silver in 2023. In March, Yonezuka won his first World Tour medal with a bronze at the Upper Austria Grand Prix, becoming the second U.S. man to win a Grand Prix medal during the Paris quadrennium.

USA Judo Team Competition Schedule

Here is a link to [Where to Watch Judo in the Olympics]

JUDO SPECTATOR GUIDE

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF JUDO IS TO SCORE BY **IPPON** USING THE PHILOSOPHY OF **MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY WITH MINIMUM EFFORT**

HOW TO WIN

1. THROW OPPONENT ON THEIR BACK FOR IPPON (FULL POINT)
2. IMMOBILISE OPPONENT IN A GROUND HOLD FOR 20 SECONDS TO GAIN AN IPPON
3. GAIN A SUBMISSION (TAP OUT) FROM OPPONENT BY WAY OF ARM BAR, CHOKE OR STRANGLE
4. AHEAD IN PARTIAL POINTS (WAZARI) AT END OF MATCH TIME OR GOLDEN SCORE (FIRST SCORE WINS)

SCORING

IPPON

FULL POINT AWARDED & END OF MATCH FOR:

- THROWING OPPONENT ONTO THEIR BACK
- HOLDING OPPONENT DOWN ON THE GROUND WITH CONTROL FOR 20 SECONDS
- OPPONENT SUBMITS BY TAPPING OUT A RESULT OF ARMLOCK, CHOKE, STRANGLE OR FORFEIT

WAZARI

HALF POINT AWARDED FOR:

- OPPONENT LANDS ON THEIR SIDE TO PARTIAL BACK
- OPPONENT LANDS ON THEIR ELBOW
- HOLDING OPPONENT DOWN ON THE GROUND WITH CONTROL FOR 10 - 19 SECONDS

PENALTIES

SHIDO

SHIDO PENALTY IS AWARDED WHEN:

- PLAYERS ARE PASSIVE OR NEGATIVE IN MATCH PLAY
- PLAYERS STEP OUT OF THE MATCH AREA
- PLAYERS PUSH OPPONENT OUT OF THE AREA
- ACTIONS AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF JUDO (TALKING, SWEARING, KICKING, STRIKING)
- GRIPPING & HOLDING IN UNORTHODOX WAYS WITHOUT ATTACKING

3 SHIDOS = DISQUALIFICATION:

4 MINS MATCH TIME

GOLDEN SCORE

OVERTIME THAT ENDS ONLY WHEN ANY SCORE IS ACHIEVED, STANDING OR ON THE GROUND OR 3 SHIDOS ARE GIVEN TO ONE PLAYER.

TERMINOLOGY

HAJIME (HAI-E-MAY)	BEGIN
SOREMADE (SOR-MAD-AY)	END
MATTE (MAT-TAY)	PAUSE
HANSAKU-MAKE (HAN-SAKU-MAK-AY)	DISQUALIFIED
TACHI-WAZA (TACH-E-WAZA)	STANDING TECHNIQUES
NE-WAZA (NAY-WAZA)	GROUND TECHNIQUES

OFFICIALS

REFEREE

STANDING ON THE MAT WITH THE FIGHTERS

REFEREE SUPERVISORS

VIDEO REPLAY ANALYSTS

REFEREE COMMISSION

WILL ANALYZE AND DECIDE ON ANY UNCERTAIN DECISIONS

The Judo Competition Schedule in Paris is as Follows:

Saturday, July 27
Men's 60 kg
Women's 48 kg

Sunday, July 28
Men's 66 kg
Women's 52 kg

Monday, July 29
Men's 73 kg
Women's 57 kg

Tuesday, July 30
Men's 81 kg
Women's 63 kg

Wednesday, July 31
Men's 90 kg
Women's 70 kg

Thursday, August 1
Men's 100 kg
Women's 78 kg

Friday, August 2
Men's +100 kg
Women's +78 kg

Post Script

Here's the complete ranking of all the judo moves performed at the Paris 2024 Olympics and their execution...

Classement	Mouvements	Nombre
1	SEOI NAGE	32
2	O UCHI GARI	24
3	UCHI MATA	20
3	SUMI GAESHI	20
5	KATA GURUMA	15
5	SODE TSURI KOMI GOSHI	15
7	URA NAGE	14
7	TANI OTOSHI	14
9	TOMOE NAGE	13
10	TAI OTOSHI	12
10	KO UCHI GARI	12
12	HARAI GOSHI	9
12	SUMI OTOSHI	9
12	KO SOTO GAKE	9
15	O SOTO GARI	8
16	IPPON SEOI NAGE	7
16	O GOSHI	7
16	SOTO MAKI KOMI	7
19	SASAE TSURI KOMI ASHI	6
20	O SOTO OTOSHI	6
20	KO SOTO GARI	5
22	UKI OTOSHI	4
22	SEOI OTOSHI	4
22	HARAI MAKI KOMI	4
25	O UCHI GAESHI	3
26	SUKUI NAGE	2
26	UCHI MATA SUKASHI	2
26	USHIRO GOSHI	2
26	KO UCHI MAKI KOMI	2
26	ASHI GURUMA	2
26	YOKO GURUMA	2
32	O SOTO GAESHI	1
32	KO UCHI GAESHI	1
32	HARAI GOSHI GAESHI	1