

UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION
Judo Rank Promotion System
Earning Promotion Points



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Table 3
Earning Promotion Points for all Juniors, Senior Kyu's & Senior Dan's

Important Note: In order to accrue points for promotion through the USJA, an individual's USJA membership must be current at the time the points were earned. If there has been a lapse in membership or Life Member's SLM, any points earned during that time cannot be counted for promotion. If back dues are paid you will receive TIG but not promotion points to that period.

COMPETITION

USJA players can earn promotion points for competition in Shiai (individual or team) or Kata (form competition). The individual and team competition must involve competitors from at least two clubs. Contests within your own club do not qualify for earning promotion points. No points are awarded for winning by hansoku-make (disqualification), kiken-gachi (withdrawal), and fusen-gachi (default), as no skill was required by the winner to earn such a win. **Uncontested divisions are not eligible for points.** Documentation must be included to verify points including the name & date of the event, event host/director, and the name of competitor. Non-documented events will not be considered.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
A) SHIAI TOURNAMENTS (Juniors/Seniors/Masters)	
1) Entering Shiai Tournament	
a) Local	4
b) State/Regional	5
c) National	10
d) International	15
e) World/Olympic/Paralympic	20
2) Placing First in your division	
a) Local	4
b) State/Regional	5
c) National	20
d) International	50
e) World/Olympic/Paralympic	100
3) Placing Second or Third Place in your division	
a) Local	2
b) State/Regional	3
c) National	10
d) International	30
e) World/Olympic/Paralympic	75

B) KATA TOURNAMENTS

1) Entering Kata Tournament	
a) Local	4
b) State/Regional	5
c) National	6
d) International	8
e) World	10
2) Winning by Kata Category	
<i>(Each member of the kata team receives these points once for each category)</i>	
a) Two Teams Competing	
1) First place	1
2) Second place	0
b) Three Teams Competing	
1) First place	2
2) Second place	1
3) Third place	0
c) Four Teams Competing	
1) First place	3
2) Second place	2
3) Third place	1
d) Five to Nine Teams Competing	
1) First place	4
2) Second place	3
3) Third place	2
4) Grand champion*	6

* **Note:** In order for a team to qualify for Grand Champion points, a team must enter at least 3 kata categories and have the highest combined total score of at least 3 teams that competed in the same kata category. This must be a regional, national or international event.

e) Ten or more Teams Competing	
1) First place	6
2) Second place	4
3) Third place	3
4) Grand champion**	8

** **Note:** In order for a team to qualify for Grand Master points, a team must enter at least 3 kata categories and have the highest combined total score of at least 5 teams that competed in the same kata category. This must be a regional, national, international or world event.

SERVICE TO THE USJA

Promotion points are awarded to USJA members who donate their time, energy and skills to the USJA. The USJA promotional system recognizes those members who support and provide service to the association. The USJA awards specific points for coaching, teaching, refereeing, hosting tournaments, conducting clinics, and various other functions that benefit Judo and the association.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
1) Attendance	
a) Clinic/Camp (<i>one that you attend</i>) 1 point per each 1 hour section with max of 3 points per day. If this is your home dojo the clinic/camp must be taught by a clinician 3 rd Dan or higher <u>not</u> part of your dojo unless 3 or more dojos attend the clinic/camp.	
b) Classes (<i>that you attend or teach</i>) 1 point for each 10 classes but no more than 25% of the points required for a promotion can be obtained by class attendance.	
2) Officiating (referee/judging) shiai or kata tournaments you must be certified:	
a) Local level	3/event
b) State/Regional	4/event
c) National	6/event
d) International	10/event
e) World/Olympic	15/event
3) Head referee/kata judge you must be certified:	
a) Local level	5/event
b) Regional	8/event
c) National	10/event
d) International	15/event
e) World/Olympic	20/event
4) Hosting/Directing tournaments	
a) Local level	6/event
b) State/Regional	8/event
c) National	10/event
d) International	15/event
5) Assistant hosting/Directing tournaments	
a) Local level	4/event
b) State/Regional	5/event
c) National	8/event
d) International	10/event
6) Coaching at a camp/clinic you must be certified:	
a) Local camp/clinic	2/session
b) State/Regional camp/clinic	3/session
c) National/International camp/clinic	4/session
 <i>Note: Clinician must be a Sandan or higher, or a certified USJA coach. Each session must be a minimum of 1 hour; no more than 3 sessions per day can be counted.</i>	
7) Hosting a camp/clinic	
a) Local camp/clinic	2/session
b) State/Regional camp/clinic	3/session
c) National/International camp/clinic	4/session

- 8) Head Club Coach for USJA Chartered Club
(If your ACTIVE membership falls below requirement, you do not receive points.)
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| a) Class D Club (5+ members) | 5/Year |
| b) Class C Club (10+ members) | 10/Year |
| c) Class B Club (25+ members) | 15/Year |
| d) Class A Club (50+ members) | 20/Year |
| e) Bronze Star Club (100+ members) | 25/Year |
| f) Silver Star Club (200+ members) | 35/Year |
| g) Gold Star Club (300+ members) | 40/Year |
- 9) Assistant Club Coach for USJA Chartered Club Points per year
(If your ACTIVE membership falls below requirement, you do not receive points.)
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| a) Class B Club (25+ members) | 10/one assistant |
| b) Class A Club (50+ members) | 15/up to two assistants |
| c) Bronze Star Club (100+ members) | 20/up to four assistants |
| d) Silver Star Club (200+ members) | 25/up to five assistants |
| e) Gold Star Club (300+ members) | 30/up to six assistants |
- 10) Coaching Champion Competitors *(you must be a USJA certified coach)*
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| a) Local | 1/Champion |
| b) State/Regional Champion | 2/Champion |
| c) National Champion | 6/Champion |
| d) National Placing 2 nd or 3 rd | 4/Placing |
| e) International Champion | 8/Champion |
| f) International Placing 2 nd or 3 rd | 6/Placing |
| g) World/Olympic Champion | 12/Champion |
| h) World/Olympic Placing 2 nd or 3 rd | 8/Placing |
- 11) US Team Coach/Manager *(you must be a USJA certified coach)*
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| a) International Team Coach | 15 Points |
| b) International Assistant Team Coach/Manager | 10 Points |
| c) World/Olympic Team Coach | 20 Points |
| d) World/Olympic Assistant Coach/Manager | 15 Points |
- 12) Miscellaneous Service
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| a) USJA President | 15/Year |
| b) USJA Vice President | 10/Year |
| c) USJA Secretary | 10/Year |
| d) USJA Treasurer | 10/Year |
| e) Other members of the USJA Board of Directors | 7/Year |
| f) Chairman of a National Committee | 10/Year |
| g) Member of a National Committee | 6/Year |
| h) Regional Coordinator | 4/Year |
| i) State Association President | 3/Year |
| j) State Association Vice President | 2/Year |
| k) State Association Secretary | 2/Year |
| l) State Association Treasurer | 2/Year |
| m) Starting a new USJA club 10 members or more | 15/Club |
| n) Service to club/fund-raising/membership drive/etc. | 1/item |
| o) Service to club/public relations/newspaper articles | 1/article |
| p) Attending any USJA Committee or National Meeting | 3/6 per day |
| q) Head medical staff at tournaments (EMT, Paramedic, MD) | 3 points |
| r) *Writing Judo books (educational and over 100 pages) | 30/book** |
| s) *Producing Judo DVD's (educational and over 30 minutes) | 30/DVD** |

- t) Various activities for Judo including service and assistance at camps, clinics, demos, tournament technical officials etc. minimum of one hour and a maximum of 3 points per day. 1 point

**Nationally marketable; not just for club or local distribution.*

*** Not to be considered for more than 25% of the points required for promotion.*

All events that are the equivalent for VI athletes such as the Paralympics are to be consider at the same level.

13) CERTIFICATIONS (*USJA membership and certification must be active and not expired*)

A. REFEREEING

<u>Level</u>	<u>points upon certifying</u>	<u>** points/year</u>
Local Level-1	2	1
Regional Level-2	4	2
National Level-3	10	6
PJC-C (Confederation)	15	10
IJF-B (Continental)	20	15
IJF-A (International)	25	20

*** USJA Local and USJA Regional Officials must work at least 3 local/regional or above tournaments in a calendar year. If they were to miss an entire year without working an event USJA Local and USJA Regional Referees could be placed on probation and will not receive annual points.*

B. COACHING USJA (*Certification must be valid not expired*)

<u>Level</u>	<u>points upon certifying</u>	<u>points/year</u>
Level 1 - Local Coach	4	2
Level 2 - Regional Coach	6	3
Level 3 - National Coach	8	4
Level 4 - Master Coach	10	5

C. APPROVED NATIONAL COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Coaching Course Instructor	5
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D. KATA (Instructor and/or Judge)

<u>Level</u>	<u>points upon certifying</u>	<u>points/year</u>
C – Kata Proficient	3	1
B - Instructor	4	2
A - Judge	5	3
PJC - Judge	10	7
IJF - Judge	15	10

14) LIFE MEMBERSHIP - To qualify you must hold the LM level for the entire TIG or calculate the points per year and only those with paid up SLM can be awarded points. Any year(s) SLM is not paid you are considered inactive and you are not eligible for points. All high ranking USJA members are expected to be Life Members.

<u>Level LM</u>	<u>points/year**</u>
A Regular	1
B Bronze	2
C Silver	3
D Gold	4
E Patron	5
F Bronze Patron	6
G Silver Patron	7
H Gold Patron	8
I Trustee	10
J Bronze Trustee	12
K Silver Trustee	14
L Gold Trustee	16
M Benefactor	20
N Bronze Benefactor	25
O Silver Benefactor or higher	30

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Requirements

This is a notice to the student as well as the instructor. All promotions are important because they build on each other. Trying to skip a rank can lead to considerable difficulty catching up. The founder of Judo was once asked what is most important and he said, "Never miss class". Your time in grade (TIG) is a measure of your active time in Judo not measured by days, months or even years only on the calendar. Your points are a measure of your achievements, competition and service to Judo and the USJA. You must keep a record of your Judo activity. **The USJA Judo Activity Log is very useful in keeping your Judo records current.** If you try and remember years after your last promotion what you did when and where, you will not only forget, you may lose the points you deserve.

Once a student has met the age requirement, accumulated the required number of points, has sufficient time-in-grade, has attended the required number of classes and/or is competitive with players in the next higher grade, and has displayed good overall conduct and dedication to the sport, he/she may be considered eligible for promotion.