



...A New Year's Message from the President of the USJA

We are proud to announce that as of **January 1, 2013** the leadership of the United States Judo Association (USJA), the United States Judo Federation (USJF) and USA Judo, are now delivering on our promise of furthering the working relationship of our organizations by announcing an unprecedented membership program, ***The All American Membership***. Please find below an excerpt of an email from USA Judo's CEO, Jose Rodriquez, with the details...

"The All American Membership program, is a significant milestone as it symbolizes a commitment by the three major organizations to become goal congruent and true partners for the future growth of Judo in the United States.", commented Gary Goltz, President of the USJA. USJF President and Olympic Silver Medalist, Kevin Asano further noted, *"This will lead to even greater success for our athletes."*

We have worked diligently over the last few months to get this program ready to go and have intentionally waited until this December 31st to unveil it to the Judo family in the United States. We want this to be a truly 'New Year' and a truly 'New Olympic Quadrennial.' *"As we head into Rio 2016, we will be asking much again of our athletes and coaches. We all agreed that we needed to go further in our cooperation with the USJF and the USJA, and all three Boards of Directors are to be commended for continuing to think out of the box for the good of Judo in our nation,"* commented Lance Nading, President of USA Judo.

So, what is the *All American Membership* program all about?

Well, we know that many of our USA Judo members are also members of USJA, and USJF, and this is true in reverse. We also know that at times due to financial constraints and other reasons, a person only joins one organization over the other, yet they would want to support all three. Now, with the *All American Membership* program, you can!

Here are the quick facts on how the program will work beginning January 1, 2013:

- You decide which of the 3 organization will be the principal for your membership – that organization will be the one which will provide your insurance coverage.
- You may register as an All American Member with any of the three organizations by following the selected principal organization's procedure for membership registration.

- Soon after registering, you will be issued an All American Membership card, featuring the name and logo of your principal insurance-issuing organization accompanied by logos and recognition of the other two organizations. That will be your official membership card that you will present for participation in all USA Judo, USJA and USJF events.
- The All American Membership fee will be \$100.00 and it will be distributed among the three organizations as follows: \$40.00 to the principal organization issuing the insurance and \$30.00 to each of the other two organizations.

The success of this new membership program lies in the opportunity it presents to have the true strength of the sport reflected in the number of members it can show to the media and to potential sponsors. This program also demonstrates to all the members that our three organizations, with all their strengths and weaknesses, can and will work together to become a world power in the sport. By cooperating we can better serve our members, grow the sport and provide for our athletes, from youth to elite and masters.

Go USA!



Jose Humberto Rodriguez,
CEO, USA Judo

The All American Membership as Jose has described is indeed a step forward for judo in our country. You can sign-up using the [AAM Form](#) for this or by going to our [Website Store](#) or by simply contacting the [USJA Office](#) via phone, email, or fax.

Make a resolution to take advantage of this great offer!

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy new year.



Gary Goltz,
President, USJA

