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10 Benefits of Being a Chartered USJA Club

1. **\$1 Million of Liability Insurance:** As soon as a club or school registers five or more members, it qualifies to become a member club or school which includes our liability insurance coverage. This insurance covers all club/school officials at their practice sessions. The insurance also extends to other grappling martial arts; (jiu-jitsu, aikido, etc.).
2. **Privileges of Making Nationally Recognized Promotions in Judo:** USJA ranks are recognized nationally. Other ranks may not be recognized at the national level. The USJA issues a rank certificate and rank membership card to every individual promoted by the USJA.
3. **USJA Certifications:** The USJA has developed and administers several comprehensive certification programs in areas of coaching, rank examination, kata instruction, refereeing, and more. This means that you will receive the best coaching and officiating possible as a member of USJA clubs and schools.
4. **The Right of Exclusive Sanctions for Judo Events:** USJA chartered clubs can apply for exclusive sanctions for their tournaments and clinics. Each year the USJA co-hosts the widely attended Summer Nationals followed by the Winter Nationals which are open to all active members.
5. **Club Charter Certificates:** Each USJA chartered club receives a beautiful certificate as soon as it registers five members or when it progresses to a higher charter level. All USJA chartered clubs/schools are recognized on our website usja-judo.org on a continuing basis via our database and our exclusive coaches' portal which works with all smart phones.
6. **Family Memberships:** The USJA offers a family membership plan as another way for a family to save you money. If you have three or more members in the same family you qualify for a significant discount.
7. **USJA Summer Camps:** Each year the USJA sanctions a series of summer camps at many locations throughout the United States for both juniors and seniors. These camps feature USJA certifications, as well as promotion exams, competition techniques, and fun for the entire family.
8. **USJA Grassroots Judo™ Clinics:** As a USJA member, you will have an opportunity to attend clinics given by top coaches, competitors, and referees every year. These clinics give you an opportunity to meet, talk to, learn from, and practice with some of the best judo leaders throughout the country.
9. **Growing Judo Online Magazine:** USJA has its own monthly publication filled with current news and pertinent articles on our clubs. The USJA has relationships with many other martial art suppliers offering our members and club leader's significant discounts.
10. **National Board of Directors:** The USJA is a democratic organization that is responsive to the needs of our members. The USJA has a national board of directors who are elected by the senior membership (18 years of age and older). USJA senior members are eligible to run for the board giving our members a direct and clear voice in the direction of the USJA.