



United States Judo Association

Benefits of USJA Chartered Club Status

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USJA Chartered Club status is awarded to a club when the club registers five or more members with the USJA. The Charter is awarded automatically and there is no fee for the member club. When you achieve charter club status, each member will receive discounts on their annual membership dues and promotions.

	No. of Members	Membership	Jr. Promotions	Sr. Promotions (below sankyu)	Sr. Promotions (sankyu - ikkyu)
Regular	1-4 members	45.00	12.00	15.00	25.00
Class C	5-24 members	44.50	11.00	14.00	24.00
Class B	25-49 members	44.25	11.00	14.00	24.00
Class A	50-99 members	44.00	11.00	14.00	24.00
Bronze Star	100-199 members	43.50	10.00	13.00	23.00
Silver Star	200-299 members	43.25	10.00	13.00	23.00
Gold Star	300-499 members	43.00	9.00	12.00	22.00
Platinum	500 or more	42.00	8.00	11.00	21.00

The Schedule above shows the savings for each of the eight classes of the USJA chartered clubs. Additional benefits for a USJA Chartered Club, its coach, and its members include.

- **Free Liability Insurance:** As soon as a club registers five or more members, it receives free liability insurance coverage. This insurance covers all club officials at the club practice sessions. It includes the coach, assistant coach, president, secretary and all other club officials. Please see our memo on insurance for further details.
- **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. This is an important benefit. Your members deserve the best. Make sure they receive a nationally recognized rank through the USJA. Please see our memo on the USJA Rank System for further details. If at any time a membership card or rank certification is lost, it can easily be replaced by contacting the USJA.
- **The Right of Exclusive Sanctions for Judo Tournaments:** Only USJA Chartered Clubs can apply for exclusive sanctions for their tournaments and other events. Tournaments sanctioned by the USJA are open to members of the USJA, USJI and the USJF. There is no reason for your members to join a second organization in order to participate in judo competition. All officials at USJA sanctioned events are covered by our liability insurance and this coverage may be extended to the party or organization that provides the tournament facilities. All USJA sanctioned events are listed on the USJA Tournament Schedule, on our website; www.usja-judo.org. Please see our memo on the USJA Sanctioning Program for further details.

- **Computerized Membership and Promotion System:** They can quickly register new members or promote deserving players simply by completing the rosters and returning them to the USJA. This service applies to junior and kyu ranks only. This is a great help to the busy coach and saves club time and money. Please see our memo on the USJA Computerized Membership and Promotion System (club roster). The club roster can be requested through our website or by emailing membership@usja-judo.org.
- **Club Charter Certificates:** Each USJA Charter Club receives a beautiful certificate as soon as it registers five members or when it progresses to a higher charter level. There is a certificate for each level and all are issued free of charge. Larger USJA Charter Clubs are recognized on our website on a continuing basis.
- **Twelve-Month Memberships.** USJA annual memberships are for a 12 month period from the time received. If you join the USJA in July of one year, your membership will expire at the end of July of the following year. You get your money's worth with USJA membership.
- **Family Memberships.** The USJA Family Membership plan is another way for a family to save money. If you have three or more members in the same family, you can save a significant amount on membership fees by using this plan.
- **National Board or Directors.** The USJA is a highly democratic organization that is responsive to the needs of its individual members. The USJA has a National Board of Directors who are elected by the senior membership. As a USJA senior member (18 years of age and older), you are eligible to vote for the National Directors of your choice and you have a direct and clear voice at the national level.
- **USJA Summer Camps.** Each year, the USJA runs a series of week-long summer camps at many locations throughout the United States for both juniors and seniors. These camps feature certifications in all USJA certification areas, as well as promotion exams, and competition techniques.
- **USJA Clinics.** As a USJA member, you will have an opportunity to attend clinics given by top coaches and competitors every year. The USJA National Coaching Staff and other top USJA coaches, trainers, and competitors hold these clinics throughout the country. USJA clinics give you an opportunity to meet, talk to, learn from, and practice with the best judo coaches and athletes in the country.
- **Coach, Rank Examiner, Kata, and Referee Certification.** The USJA has developed and administers a comprehensive certification program in each of these areas. The USJA Coach Certification Program has joined with the American Sport Education Program (ASEP) to provide you with the best caliber of coaching possible. This means that you will receive the best coaching and officiating possible as a USJA member in a USJA club, school, or competitive event.
- **Purchasing Power.** The USJA currently has agreements with Golden Tiger Martial Arts and Zebra Mats. These arrangements offer USJA Club Leaders and Members significant discounts.

Becoming a Chartered USJA Club is easy. You can register five or more students very quickly if you have mandatory USJA registration for all of your students. USJA membership should be a part of the student's fee to join your club. It is a part of the sport of judo. Your student should know that without a strong national organization, there would be no organized judo and there would be no long term benefits of our rank system, our clinics and summer camps and our sanctioned tournaments. They will stay in judo longer and they will enjoy it more.

Many clubs have five or more students apply each month, but they fail to register them as club members or with the USJA. By registering ten members per month you will have Bronze Star status in less than one year. A strong USJA registration program will help your club grow and you will soon receive the many benefits of higher charter club status.