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2011 USA Judo World Cup to Begin Friday *Miami Tournament Attracts Record Number of Athletes, Countries*



MIAMI, Fla. – More than 700 of the world’s best Judo athletes, representing over 50 countries have made their way to Miami to compete in the 2011 USA Judo World Cup held July 1-2 at the Doral Resort and Spa. Many consider this year’s Judo World Cup in Miami, to be the biggest on U.S. soil in over 30 years; if not ever.

With the 2012 Olympics just one-year out, a record number of judokas (one who participates in judo) as well as a record number of countries are expected to take part in the tournament this year. It isn’t just the sheer number, but also the quality of participants that promise to make the 2011 USA Judo World Cup a spectacular event.

“The World Cup in Miami should be one of, if not the best judo events that the United States has ever put on,” said Jimmy Pedro, USA Judo National Team Head Coach. “The US Open back in the ‘80’s was a very tough competition and I think that we haven’t had an event like this since ‘80s. So this World Cup in Miami, looking at who is coming to the event and the number of countries that are participating, will be the first event in a quarter century to this level. It even goes a little bit further than the US Open.”

The 2011 USA Judo World Cup is held this Friday and Saturday at the Doral Resort and Spa located at 4400 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, Fla. 33178. Weigh-ins begin at 7am with competition starting at 10am on both days. Opening ceremonies are slated to begin at 6:00pm on Friday, followed by the World Cup Finals. Tickets are available for \$25 per day, \$75 for VIP, and can be purchased at the door.

Participating Countries:

Argentina	Chile	Finland	Italy	Netherland-Antilles	Slovenia
Australia	China	Great Britain	Kyrgyzstan	Nigeria	Switzerland
Austria	Colombia	Germany	Latvia	New Zealand	Slovak Republic
Barbados	Czech	Greece	Lebanon	Peru	Sweden
Belgium	Dom. Republic	Honduras	Moldova	Poland	United States
Bosnia- Herzegovina	El Salvador	Hungary	Mexico	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Brazil	Spain	Ireland	Mongolia	Romania	
Canada	Estonia	Iceland	Monaco	South Africa	
	Fiji	Israel	Netherlands	Russia	

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