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## **2011 USA Judo World Cup Huge Success** *Over 50 countries took part as the U.S. earned four medals*



MIAMI, Fla. – The 2011 USA Judo World Cup wrapped up on Saturday and was considered a huge success by all of those involved. The event, which featured more than 700 athletes competing for over 50 nations, is considered to be the largest ever held on U.S. soil as far as number of competitors, countries and overall quality of fighting.

“It was hard to imagine that this year’s World Cup would surpass the quality of competition that the 2010 Cup had, but it did, which speaks volumes of the support the City of Doral and Miami-Dade County provided,” said Jose Rodriguez, CEO USA Judo. “It is double rewarding that our USA Team did so well in capturing two gold and two bronze medals.”

Current world 78-kilogram champion Kayla Harrison (Wakefield, Mass.) and 57-kilogram national champion Marti Malloy (San Jose, Calif.) each earned gold medals for the U.S., while Angelica Delgado (52Kg - Miami, Fla.) and Shintaro Higashi (100Kg - Scarsdale, N.Y.) each earned bronze.

“I think it’s great that we have an A-level World Cup event in America,” said Malloy. “There’s always a home field advantage, so it was nice having the home crowd.”

Athletes that competed in the event had the chance to earn important points towards qualifying for their respective Olympic teams. With the 2012 London Games just one year out, the tournament attracted its’ highest level of competition to date.

“USA Judo has done an excellent job, our people are happy about it, they really enjoyed coming to Doral. For many athletes this has been the first time they have come to the United States and they are fascinated with the location, in a unique place, with everything just steps away,” said Ignacio Aloise, International Judo Federation (IJF) Sports Director. “Many of the athletes that have been competing are in a very good position in the rankings and without a doubt they will be competing in the Olympic Games in 2012.”

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