



Athletes named to the 2019 World University Games Judo Team

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2019 Universiade (World University Games)

COLLEGE STATION, TX (September 25, 2018) The National Collegiate Judo Association has named the following athletes to the USA World University Games team and is to be held in Napoli, Italy, from July 3-14, 2019. The 2018 NCJA Judo Championships was the selection site for the World University Games.

Men

- 60 kg Colby Hanley Jr San Jose State University
- 66 kg Ricky Marin California Baptist University (Brandon Worthen alternate)
- 73 kg Leonardo Subiza Hudson Community College
- 81 kg Greg West San Jose State University (Adrian Bernal alternate)
- 90 kg Max Pelech Texas A&M University
- 100 kg Kenneth Prell Iowa State University
- +100 kg Mason Piper University of Tennessee

Women

- 52 kg Brinna Lavelle Austin Peay State University
- 57 kg Shadi Ebrahim San Jose State University (Skye Bruce alternate)
- 63 kg April Fehr San Jose State University
- 70 kg Monica Schmelzenbach United States Military Academy (Lauren Zemke alternate)

The 2019 NCJA National Championships, hosted by West Point, is the selection tournament for the vacant weight divisions: 48 kg, 78 kg, +78 kg.

This is a self-funded trip for athletes, coaches, and managers. Fundraising for the team as a whole and individuals will start as soon as possible.





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About International University Sports Federation (FISU)

The Summer Universiade is an international sporting and cultural festival, staged every two years in a different city. It is only second to the Olympic Games. The Summer Universiade consists of 10 compulsory sports with 13 compulsory disciplines and up to 3 optional sports chosen by the host country. The record figures are 10,622 participants in Shenzhen, China, in 2011 and 174 countries in Daegu, Korea, in 2003.

Embracing FISU's motto of 'Excellence in Mind and Body', the Summer Universiade incorporates educational and cultural aspects into 12 days of sports competitions, allowing university student-athletes from all over the world to celebrate with the host city in a true spirit of friendship and sportsmanship.

About the National Collegiate Judo Association (NCJA)

The National Collegiate Judo Association is dedicated to supporting collegiate judo in the United States. The NCJA is now celebrating its 57th year of service to the sport of Judo. In 1961, Yosh Uchida & Phil Porter collaborated to organize the National Collegiate Judo Association, shortly thereafter in 1962, they organized the 1st National Championships held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Collegiate programs have always played an important role in the development of Judo players in the United States. The NCJA Judo Championships is recognized by USA Judo as an "E Level" event.

For any questions regarding the World University Games team, fundraising for the team, or the athletes.

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