



## 2017 WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT



### 2016 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE JUDO ASSOCIATION WILL SERVE AS THE SELECTION SITE FOR THIS EVENT

The **Universiade** is an international *multi-sport event*, organized for *university* athletes by the *International University Sports Federation (FISU)*. The Universiade is often referred to in *English* as the **World University Games**. The Universiade is the 2nd largest multi-sporting event in the world, second only to the Olympic Games. The last Winter and Summer Universiade were held in Granada, Spain and Gwangju, Korea, respectively, in 2015.

The National Collegiate Judo Association sent a team to compete at the Summer Universiade held in Gwangju, Korea in July, 2015. Their experiences and photos can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/483361421830504/>.

The 2017 Summer Universiade, <http://www.taipei2017.com.tw/files/15-1000-279.php>, will be held in August from the 18th to the 30th in Taipei, Taiwan (the Judo competition will be from the 22nd to the 26th). The National Collegiate Judo Association will again sponsor a team. The qualifying tournament for membership on the 2017 American World University Games team will be the 2016 Collegiate National Championships. *Because this is a self-funded trip the qualifying tournament is held a year in advance to give the athletes time to raise the funds to attend.*

**The 2016 Collegiate National Championships will be held April 2, at San Jose State University.** *This event will be the qualifier to earn a spot for the 2017 team. Athletes in the advanced divisions who place 1<sup>st</sup> will become the primary and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner the alternate. Athletes need to be a minimum of ShoDan prior to the World Games in 2017 to participate. If you are a full time student at a two or four year educational institution you qualify to compete. If you are a graduate student at the same institution where you did your undergraduate study, you qualify to compete. If you are attending a college during the winter of 2016, you qualify to compete.*

*Don't miss the chance of a lifetime. Spending a week in the **University Games Village**, meeting athletes from all over the world and competing with the best collegiate judoka on the planet is the stuff of legend.*

*Because of the funding and extensive coordination required to support this event, NCJA President, Dr. Hector R. Morales-Negron, has appointed Harry Kendall, the Western Regional Conference the NCJA Western Regional Coordinator, as the Team Manager for this event. He will meet with athletes at the end of the Championships and will provide a plan to support the athletes in preparation for this event. The 2015 was managed by Mr. Dan Lorenzen, the NCJA Northeastern Regional Conference Coordinator.*

**Hope to see you there!**

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