

April 16, 2011 - **The 2011 US JU-JITSU & JUDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** were conducted at the St. Albans High School in St Albans West Virginia - another Great Success!

This year's National Championships was one of our largest events with over 150 competitors competing in several Ju-Jitsu and Judo. Many enthusiastic and highly skilled participants from 15 states displayed **Spectacular Competition!**

A "**Special Thanks and Job Well Done**" go out to Roger Jarrett - Championships Host, Ernest McPeek - Championships Director, Lynn Heim - Championships Administrator and Michael Piaser - Championships Chief Referee...!! **Many Thanks to All..!**

The **2011 US Ju-Jitsu & Judo National Championship** conducted by the USJJF went really well. There were approximately 150 participants in the National Event and this year the competition was Exceptionally High Quality. The usual strong teams from the Schools of Ernest McPeek's, USA Self Defense Centers, Buffalo, NY and Karate John's School from New York made another Great Showing! Competitors from Ju-Jitsu/Judo Schools coached by Brian Walsh, David Chance, Roger Jarrett, Ed Kuras, Carl Wilcox, Michael Antonides & others also brought home the "**Gold**" & other Medals...

The Chief Referee - Michael Piaser again ably handled the *Referee Course* on Friday, while Lynn Heim and Championships Director - Ernest McPeek from USA Self Defense Centers, New York managed the competitor "check-in" & "weigh-in" process. As determined at the previous National Meeting, it was decided that the team pool will be formed as usual and consideration of the team selection for the Ju-Jitsu International Federation **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Cali Columbia, 2011 should begin with this team pool. The final procedures for the USA Team Selection for 2011 will be completed during this summer.

The **US JU-JITSU Dinner /Social** was held at the TGIFs Restaurant in Charleston, WV.

**The Seasoned Elite USJJF Athletes ALL made Great Showings for 2011...!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

NEXT Big Event is the **2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Columbia! **TEAM USA** – Here We Come!

During the weekend, the USJJF Coaching Committee as well as the Board of Directors met and decided several important items to include the plan to hold the **2012 National Championships in Niagara Falls, New York, the 2013 National Championships in Ohio and the 2014 National Championships in West Virginia.**

More Details coming!

Congratulations to ALL – Competitors, Officials, Referees and Coaches!

Respectfully submitted,

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