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During the past few years, more and more Ju-Jitsu leaders and their organizations have been “coming together” with USJJF to help build and further unify Ju-Jitsuka across the USA! It’s understandable that this process has not been a perfect one. However, we have been making exceptional progress. While there are still some challenges ahead for our Martial Art and Sport of Ju-Jitsu, the **United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF)** has come a long ways since its beginning in 1971. We should remember that the United States of America is the most successful and resourceful country in the world. The USA is a very large country with tremendous resources founded on our ability to truly be a great “melting pot” of different nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and ideologies which has created the strongest nation in history. And, thus so should our **United States Ju-Jitsu** be immensely strong working together for the Betterment of Ju-Jitsu across this Great Country, It is our responsibility to maintain the Principles of Bushido, “to serve” and further develop Ju-Jitsu for our future generations. The **USJJF** is the **National Governing Body (NGB) for Ju-Jitsu in the United States of America** as recognized by the **World Ju-Jitsu Federation - World Ju-Jitsu Kobudo Organization (WJJF-WJJKO)**. The WJJF-WJJKO is a World Governing Body (WGB) for Ju-Jitsu as recognized by The Association For International Sport For All (TAFISA). TAFISA is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Sport Ju-Jitu is also included in The International World Games Association (IWGA) which is conducted under the Patronage and Support of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Combat Games conducted by the Global Association of International Sports Federations, the “Sportaccord”. The USJJF selects, prepares, manages and sends Official **“USA JU-JITSU TEAMS** to both International and World-Level Ju-Jitsu Championships. The USJJF is not a private organization, but a public National Organization that any Ju-Jitsu student, competitor and instructor can and should be a member. Everyone should be able to be part of **USA JU-JITSU® (USJJF)** with no barriers or political boundaries of any kind.



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**“2018”**

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# United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF) ®

## President's Corner...



President  
Bruce R. Bethers

**USJJF**



Welcome to this 2018 Spring Issue of the **“UNITED STATES JU-JITSU JOURNAL”**. Many exciting developments are and have been happening for Our Martial Art and Sport of Ju-Jitsu! Since last year's USJJF supported “Team USA” trip to the World Ju-Jitsu Championships in Australia we have been very busy working with Ju-Jitsu Coaches & Athletes across the country preparing for the Next World Ju-Jitsu Championships by World Council of Ju-Jitsu Organizations (WCJJO) which will be in Florida, USA in 2019. Regional level Ju-Jitsu Competition has been growing and more USJJF Referees are being trained and certified to officiate tournaments. Meanwhile, our more “traditional minded” Ju-Jitsuka are likewise continuing to grow in numbers with their focus on the history, etiquette, waza, kata and self-defense aspects of Ju-Jitsu. In the first half of this year, we have seen a noticeable large increase in USJJF Life Memberships. No doubt the benefits of the “internet” has helped in the increased “networking” amongst Ju-Jitsuka across the globe as well. We are constantly receiving messages from our many Ju-Jitsu Friends from our affiliate National Governing Bodies in other countries with the World Ju-Jitsu Federation. ***In summary, Ju-Jitsu is enjoying Great Popularity & Growth in the USA and Worldwide!***

**2018 USA JU-JITSU® NATIONAL &  
US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS..!!**

**Dates: Friday thru Saturday, April 13-14, 2018**

**Location:** Saint Albans High School, 2107 Kanawha Terrace  
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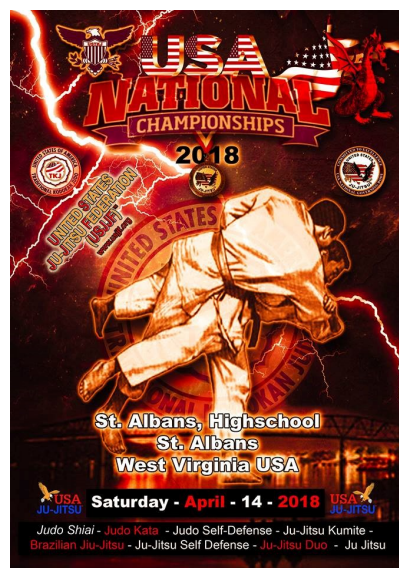
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**“2018”**

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## USA JU-JITSU Life Member #s Growing..!!



**Seems the “word has gotten out”...!!** In the last few years and particularly during the first part of 2018, we have seen the Biggest Jump in USJJF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS Ever! While this is very gratifying to the Membership Committee, what this really tells us is that the “word has gotten out” - that the USJJF is Great Organization to be a Permanent Member of as it promotes and further develops both the “Traditional Side” and the “Sport Venue” of the Ancient Art of Ju-Jitsu! We have also noticed that several Schools are making the “Commitment” to become a USJJF LIFE MEMBER a part of the “path” to becoming a Ju-Jitsu Black Belt! This is most gratifying to see this high level of Leadership and Commitment from so many of our supporting members. In summary, Ju-Jitsu has come a “Long Ways” down the path of Martial Arts, originating with the Ancient Samurai of Japan. Perhaps the word, Samurai, meaning “To Serve” still has Great Purpose in our National Organization - USJJF.

## Leadership Highlighted in M.W. Region

**Congratulations** go to **Sensei William Cooley** of Marion, Iowa. He has been recognized for his Technical Excellence and Leadership in Ju-Jitsu and Traditional Kodokan Judo. Recently, he expanded his School - “Sword of the Mind” with several more Life Members and Yudansha. **CONGRATULATIONS** Bill...!!



## Schedule a USJJF Seminar!!

Now, is your opportunity to attend or schedule a National Certification Training Seminar conducted by the USJJF. Both Traditional Ju-Jitsu & Sport Ju-Jitsu are being conducted across the USA..!! **“One Day”** to **“Four Day”** Events are now available and being conducted by Senior USJJF Yudansha. **Training Subjects** include; Intensive Curriculum Courses, Kata Certification Training, Referee Training, and Competitor Orientation are available and being scheduled by contacting the USJJF National Office at [natlhq.usjff@gmail.com](mailto:natlhq.usjff@gmail.com).



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## COMPETITION VENUES

**Ju-Jitsu Kumite (JJK)** system is conducted in a three minute match between athletes from opposing teams. The actual combat is divided in three parts: *Part I* sees the Ju-Jitsukas involved in distance combat and controlled attacks with arms and legs. Once a grab has been made, the match enters *Part II* and hits are no longer allowed. The Ju-Jitsukas try to bring one another down with various throwing techniques. Points are given according to how 'clean' and effective the actions are judged. Once down on the tatamis (mats), the match enters its *Part III*. Here points are given for immobilization techniques, controlled strangulations or locks on body joints that bring the opponent to yield. The winner is the Ju-Jitsuka who has accumulated most points during the match or performed a "perfect technique in all three Parts" were scored by Ippon. In this case the match will be ended before time ran out. This type of competition requires timing, agility, strength and endurance.

*For Adults* - The competition is divided in 12 categories according to weight and sex (male categories: -56kg, -62 kg, -69kg, -77kg, -85kg, -94kg, +94kg; female categories -49kg, -55kg, -62kg, -70kg, +70kg).

**Ju-Jitsu Duo (JJD)** self defense system is a discipline in which a pair of Ju-Jitsuka from the same team show possible self-defense techniques against a series of 12 attacks, randomly called by the mat referee to cover the following scenarios: grip attack (or strangulation), embrace attack (or neck lock), hit attack (punch or kick) and armed attack (stick or knife). The Duo System has three competition categories: male, female or mixed, and the athletes are judged for their speed, accuracy, control and realism. It is arguably the most spectacular form of Ju-Jitsu competition and it requires great technical preparation, synchronism and elevated athletic qualities. The jury shall look for and judge the following criteria: Powerful Attack, Reality, Control, Effectiveness, Attitude, Speed, Variability. (Male, Female & Mixed Divisions)

**"Free Form" Single Attacker - Ju-Jitsu Self-Defense (JJSD)** competition consisting of one defender and one attacker. Defender will be empty-handed and demonstrate up to **60 seconds** of defenses against attacks. Judging Methods and Standards for USJJF's "Duo" Self Defense Competition will be used. (*Separate Youth & Adult Divisions*)

**"Free Form" Team - Ju-Jitsu Self-Defense (JJSD)** competition consisting of one defender and multiple (limit 4) attackers. Defender will be empty-handed and demonstrate up to **90 seconds** of defenses against attacks. Judging Method and Standards for USJJF's "Duo" Self Defense Competition will be used. (*Separate Youth & Adult Divisions*)

**Ju-Jitsu Grappling (JJG) / Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ)** system is one of the main Ju-Jitsu (and Judo) basis. Its important technical heritage measures up to its big efficiency and its educational value. The match of two opponents starts standing. Punches and Kicks are not allowed. After starting the match the referee interrupts only in critical moments so normally the main part of the match takes place on the ground. It is the goal to win by submission with a lock on the joints or strangulation. During the match it is possible to gain points for throws, take down, controlling positions and actions giving you a advantage in the match.

The JJG / BJJ is extremely tactical and sometimes described as the chess game of martial arts.

*For Adults* - The competition is held in 10 weight divisions:

Male: -62 kg, -69kg, -77kg, -85kg, -94kg, +94kg

Female: -55kg, -62kg, -70kg, +70kg



## **USA COALITION OF SPORT JU-JITSU**

**USA JU-JITSU® (USJJF) Supports this Important Effort for Sport Ju-Jitsu..!!**

### **DECLARATION OF USA COALITION OF SPORT JU-JITSU**



We the undersigned, national level Sport Ju-Jitsu organizations in the United States of America perceive a need to unify Sport Ju-Jitsu in the USA for the purposes of athletic development, management, selection and participation in national and international events.

As such, the signers agree -

- That there is no current body in the United States of America adequately capable of coordinating the various national Sport Ju-Jitsu organizations for the athlete development, management, selection

and participation on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of athletes to represent the United States in international competition.

- There is a need for an autonomous body to coordinate and provide governance for Sport Ju-Jitsu across the United States.

This USA Coalition of Sport Ju-Jitsu Organizations seeks to -

- Promote without discrimination Sport Ju-Jitsu (in its several venues) for all ages and sex in the United States;
- Establish National Goals for Sport Ju-Jitsu activities and to encourage attainment of these goals;
- Coordinate and develop Sport Ju-Jitsu athletic activity in the United States directly relating to international Sport Ju-Jitsu competition so as to foster productive working relationships among the various Sport Ju-Jitsu related organizations;
- Promote and support Sport Ju-Jitsu which involve the United States and foreign nations;
- Promote and encourage physical fitness and public participation in Sport Ju-Jitsu;
- Assist organizations and persons concerned with Sport Ju-Jitsu in the development of programs for Sport Ju-Jitsu athletes;
- Foster the development of athletic facilities for use by Sport Ju-Jitsu athletes and to assist in making the existing athletic facilities available for use by Sport Ju-Jitsu athletes;
- Provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, competition rules, and performance analysis;
- Encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the area of sports medicine and sports safety for Sport Ju-Jitsu;
- Encourage and provide assistance for Sport Ju-Jitsu programs and competition for handicapped individuals, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by handicapped individuals in programs of Sport Ju-Jitsu competition for able-bodied individuals.

**Multiple USA Sport Ju-Jitsu Organizations Support this Coalition..!!**



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## THE USA SPORTS COUNCIL

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OF THE USA SPORTS COUNCIL...!!**

**The USA Sports Council** is a sports nonprofit organization founded on February 2012 and encompasses all national governing bodies of sport, health and lifestyle activities to provide them with the development of leadership, adoption of national best practices standards, domestic recognition, and leverage.

The **USASC** functions as the single national sports organization to all national governing bodies of sport, health and lifestyle to:

- Provide recognition.
- Support and enhance business interests.
- Provide governance guidance.
- Share best practices.
- Promote professional development, and
- Formulate a collective voice on issues of common interest.

**The USA Sports Council** shall provide a universal standard of recognition for one national governing body for each sport and or activity, will protect the welfare of all athletes and participants and shall strive to leverage negotiation with private corporations, government agencies, private and public foundations, etc. for the common and individual benefit of the members.








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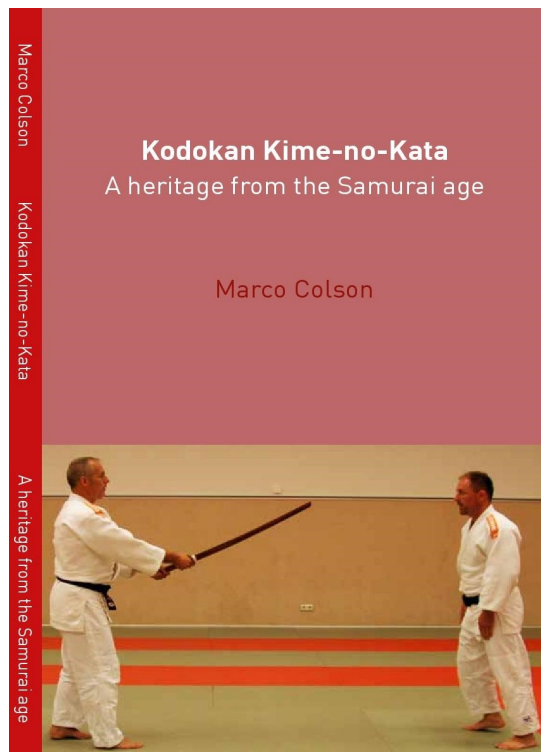
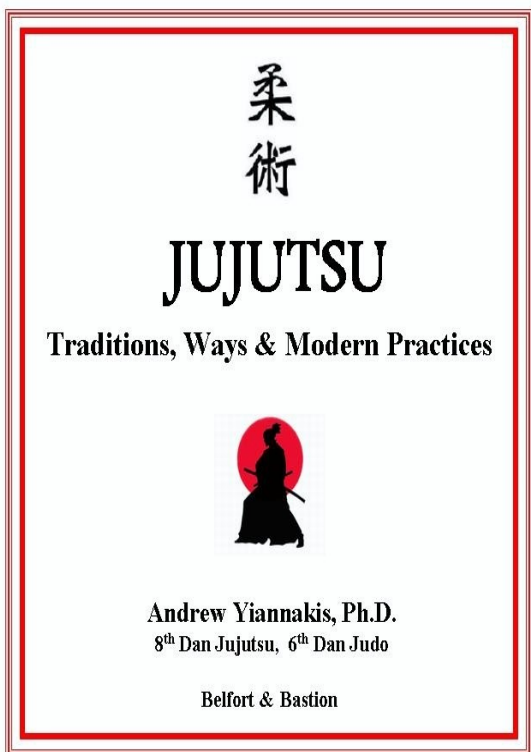
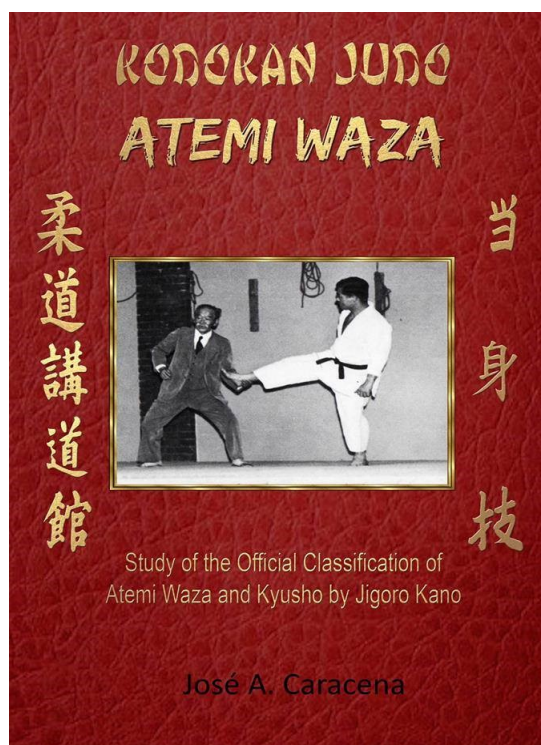
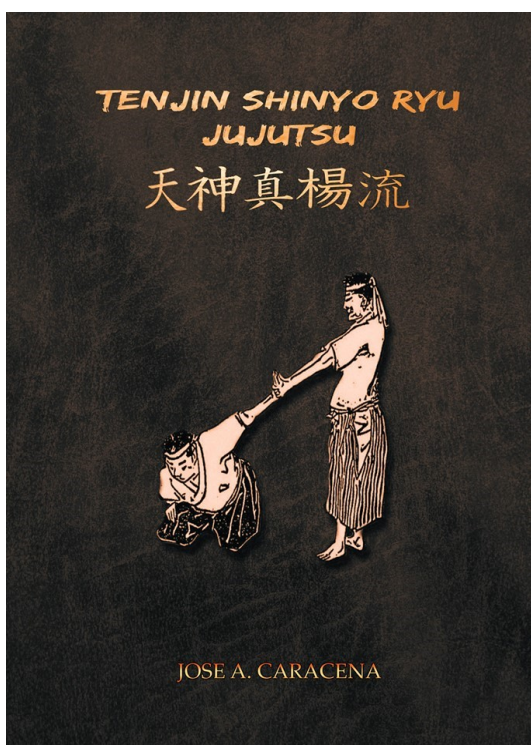
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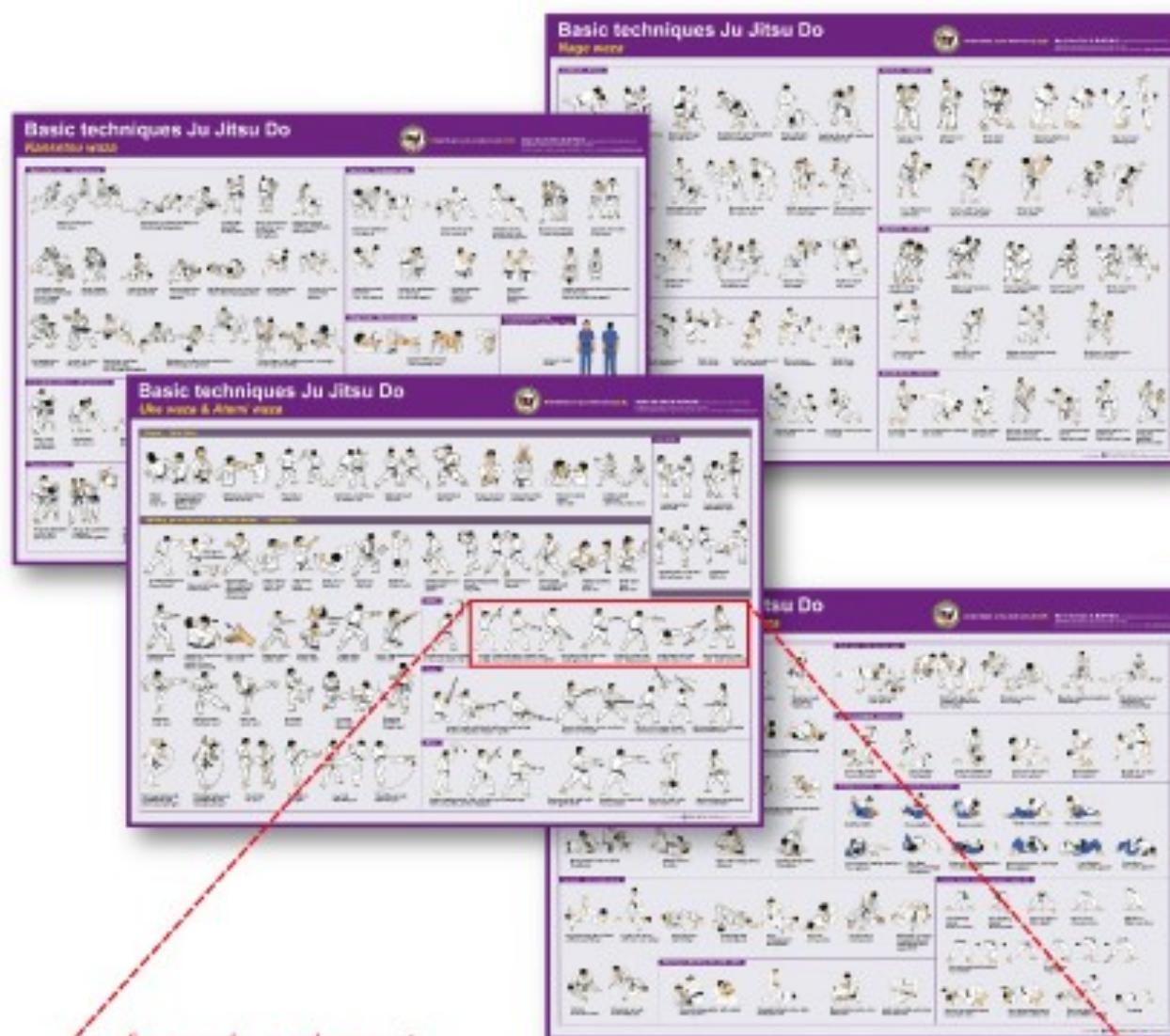
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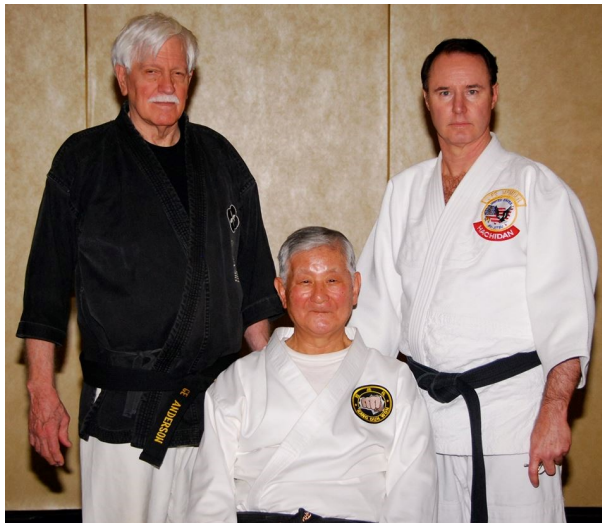
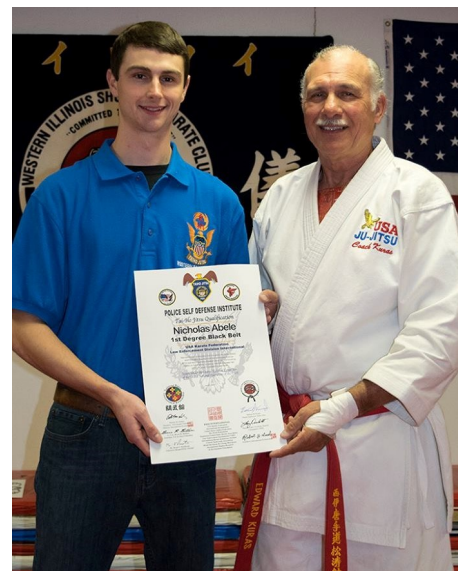
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## **USJJF IS THE USA JU-JITSU ® MEMBER OF THE WORLD JU-JITSU FEDERATION - WORLD JU-JITSU KOBUDO ORGANIZATION..!!**

World Ju-Jitsu Federation - World Ju-Jitsu Kobudo Organization 1976 - 2018. As the WJJF - WJJKO reaches its 42nd anniversary, some of you are wondering what the WJJF-WJJKO is and how works. The birth of the federation was almost like a childhood dream come true for Spartaco Bertoletti & Robert Clark who worked very hard together, travelling the meeting with many people and seeking out clubs and organizations with the same aims. Exploring new ideas and old established customs was not an easy task either, by any manner of means. The aims of the federation are to foster good relation throughout the World, to develop and control ju-jitsu in order to unify standard of competency and to cooperate and support other bodies with similar aims and objectives. Like all official bodies, the federation is run under a democratic process. It is formulated by a Presidential Board which ensures the smooth running and consistent and continual development – a financial committee to look after the financial business and registry to keep tally and records of all those in membership. With over 250.000 people in membership it is certainly a mammoth task. The success of the federation has come about primarily because of the non-political stand it takes, particularly in the light of differing government policies of various countries and also through the development and nurturing of a friendship bond between the member, club or organization and the federation. The federation now boasts that it is one of, if not the biggest world body in martial arts, with over 50 Member Countries, including: USA, Australia, New Zealand, America, Zambia, Nigeria, Mauritius, Kenya, Hungary, Poland, Lapland, all the Scandinavian and European countries in membership, and the federation is still growing. WJJF-WJJKO has had remarkable success consistent with the input of hard work in development in the Scandinavian areas such as Finland, Norway etc., in fact throughout the life of the federation, Messrs. Bertoletti and Clark achieved incalculable amount of progress, which simply shows that with much understanding, great things can be achieved. On the Japanese front, Saburo Masanori Minali 17<sup>th</sup> Hontai Yoshin Ryu prior to retiring met with Mr Bertoletti (President) and Mr Clark (Director) in Japan and bestowed upon them 'very valued advisor to the Hontai Yoshin Ryu. Soke, Tsuyoshi Munetoshi Inoue 18<sup>th</sup> Soke Hontai Yoshin Ryu – successor to Saburo Minaki and the world famous Reushi Hayabuchi 9<sup>th</sup> dan Dai Nippon Keitenshiya Ryu are two of the most revered men in Japan and are still considered the most personal military advisor to the Emperor. These Masters are directly connected to the WJJF-WJJKO and therefore confirm and guarantee the pedigree of its membership.

## - THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORT FOR ALL - (TAFISA)

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TAFISA is the leading international Sport for All association, with over 300 members in 170 countries from all continents. TAFISA focuses on lobbying internationally for Sport for All, and providing global programs, events and networking platforms. TAFISA is recognized and supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Since 1969 experts from more than 170 countries worldwide have met biannually to share experiences in the development of national programs of Sport for All. The conferences of Oslo, Arnhem, Frankfurt, Washington, Paris, Lisbon, Mürren, Stockholm, Isle of Man and Toronto have spread knowledge and impulses into all continents. The Trim and Fitness Conferences became the world's leading "fair" for Sport for All promotion.

With its World Congresses every two years TAFISA serves the national directors of Sport for All in terms of spreading knowledge and information about various aspects of Sport for All. Hundreds of persons have been reached this way. However, due to the many requests from the members TAFISA has identified a great demand for special education and training courses for experts in Sport for All which go far beyond the possibilities of the congresses. There are many thousand leaders in Sport for All not only on the national but also on the regional and local level who are in need of special education. We can reach them today, we can offer them specific ongoing education in different aspects of Sport for All e.g. management through the internet but also in the traditional offline way. In order to meet the expectations of this target group and to offer extended services to its members TAFISA at present is investigating in various fields and in conjunction with different partners of the academic world to establish a comprehensive educational system – online and offline.

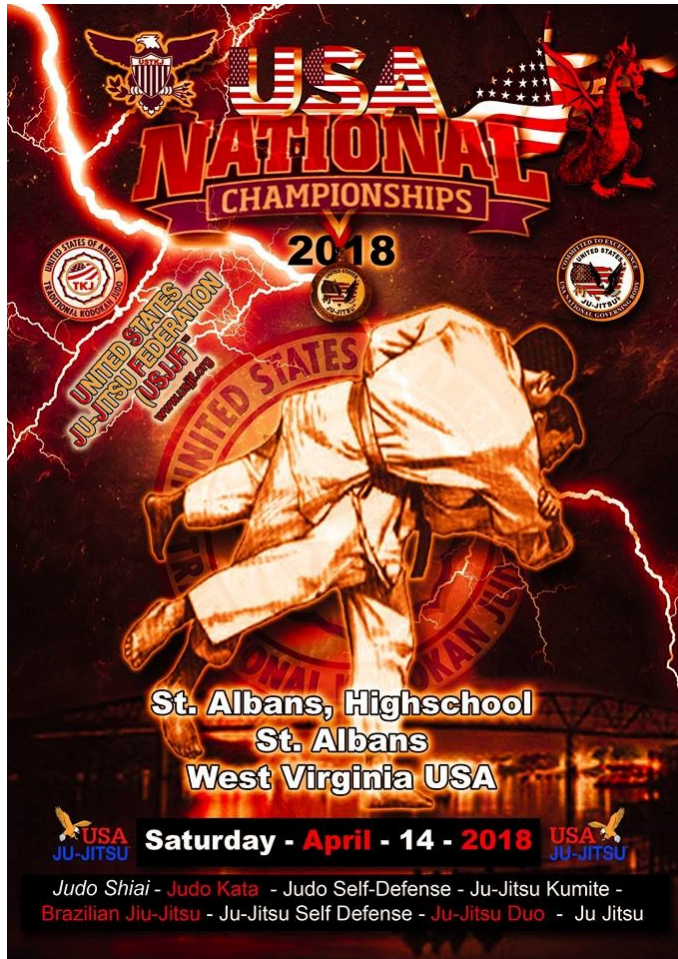
TAFISA sees its special task in the rediscovery, preservation and promotion of traditional sports and games worldwide. As a result, TAFISA launched the **World Sport for All Games**. The Festival is a vibrant and entertaining experience, offering a unique opportunity for the public to discover the traditional games and sports of various world cultures. The first edition of this unique event was held in Bonn, Germany in 1992, and has since been held every four years. TAFISA World Sport for All Games' typically attract up to **50,000 participants and visitors from up to 100 countries**, and has often been under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The next Games will be in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2020.





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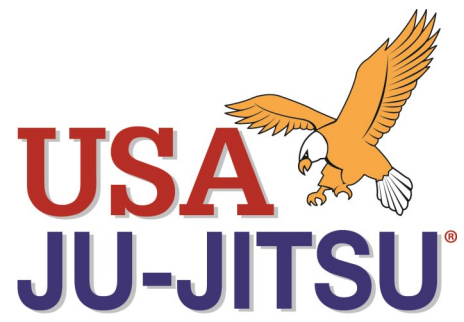
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## **- USJJF OVERVIEW -**

### ***Our History -***

*United States Ju-Jitsu ® Federation was established in 1971. Over the past 47 plus years, USJJF has provided multiple national training and certification programs for traditional focused Ju-Jitsuka as well as competition training & events at the state, regional, national and international level for sport focused Ju-Jitsuka.*

### ***Our Mission -***

*The Mission of the United States Ju-Jitsu ® Federation (USJJF) is to unify American Ju-Jitsuka & Judoka with a foundation of mutual respect for all styles or systems of Ju-Jitsu (in its many spellings), as well as provide services and guidance to foster Technical Excellence, Fellowship and Human Character Development.*

### ***Our Vision -***

*The United States Ju-Jitsu ® Federation is a World-Class Organization comprised of highly skilled and dedicated Ju-Jitsuka rich in tradition of excellence. We will provide our members unparalleled opportunities for personal growth, development and pride. We will always strive to exceed the expectations of Our Members, the World Ju-Jitsu Federation (WJJF) - World Ju-Jitsu Kobudo Organization (WJJKO) and the Martial Arts Community.*

### ***Our Values -***

*United States Ju-Jitsu ® Federation (USJJF) is committed to effective communication and continuous improvement to foster technical excellence, an environment of trust & teamwork which promotes personal & organizational growth and the achievement of clearly prioritized goals.*

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