



San Antonio Judo Parent Booster Inc.

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In 2015 San Antonio Judo Parent Booster Inc. was created by parents and Judo Athletes in San Antonio that train under Coach Jim Hrbek. The purpose and goal of this Non-Profit 501c3 is to raise awareness and funds to support our San Antonio Judokas. San Antonio is home to several National Champions as well as Cadet, Junior, Pan American, and World Team members! The cost of travel and competitions have been born by parents and athletes and has limited the opportunity and growth of our San Antonio Athletes.

Judo is an Olympic sport and is the second most practiced sport in the world only after Soccer. Our International competitors have a far greater opportunity to train and compete with the best in the World in Europe and Asia. Most of the International Athletes receive funding and support from their countries. Here in the United States funding is primarily reserved for those athletes that train at one of the Olympic Training Centers. The athletes here in San Antonio that want to continue to live and train in San Antonio are frequently left off the funding lists for International Tournaments and Training camps. These International competitions are critical as the points contribute to the World Rankings that are used as the qualifier to make the US Olympic Team for Tokyo. In San Antonio we have 5 Athletes that will be competing for a spot for the 2020 Olympics in Japan. The estimated cost for such a run is staggering. Our goal is to raise some if not all of those costs to allow our athletes to train and compete against the worlds best and represent the US and San Antonio in Tokyo!

Over the past few years all of the National Competitions for Juniors and Seniors have been in Dallas Texas. Starting in 2017 the sites will move to Reno, Nevada, Spokane Washington, and Salt Lake City Utah. If we want our young and older San Antonio Judoka to continue to excel Nationally and have the opportunity to compete Internationally they will need help with the costs of travel for these tournaments. We do not want any athlete to miss the opportunity to represent San Antonio and the USA because of money!