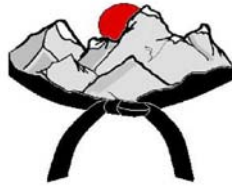


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The 2010 IBSA World Championship Team Including Ryan Jones and Erin Daley!

Results

[World Team Named at the U.S. Open for the Visually Impaired](#)

Nicole Jomantas September 27, 2009

2009 World Team. [View Photo Gallery](#)



(Colorado Springs, Colo.) – The first-ever U.S. Open Championships for the Visually Impaired offered athletes not only an opportunity to compete against an international contingent, but also served as the Trials for the 2010 World Championships that will be held in Antalya, Turkey, March 25-29.

At the conclusion of the U.S. Open and World Team Trials on Saturday at the McEnery Convention Center, 12 athletes were named to the team that will compete in Turkey, including six former World and Paralympic Team members.

Gregory Dewall (Chico, Calif. / Stanford Judo) won a bronze medal at the 2008 Paralympic Games as a +100kg player, but moved down to 90kg earlier this year. DeWall looked comfortable at the new weight, winning three of his four matches by ippon (instant win) and only dropping the final match in a close loss to German Paralympian **Sebastien Junk (GER)**.

According to the World Team selection criteria, if the top seeded player also was the highest finishing American in a division, he or she would be named to the World Team. Otherwise there would be a best-of-three fight-off.

As Greg was a newcomer to the division, the top seed was **Robert Deese (Billings, Mont. / Martial Arts Academy)** who DeWall threw early in the first round with a drop seoi nage (dropping shoulder throw) for ippon. Deese declined to participate in the fight-off, giving DeWall a berth on his second World Team.

Myles Porter (Colorado Springs, Colo. / NYAC / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center) placed fifth at his first World Championships in 2006 and again at the 2008 Paralympic Games as a 100kg player. One of the top-five players in the United States among sighted athletes, Porter defeated **Tim Rees (CAN)** twice by ippon to qualify for the Worlds.

The first U.S. female judo player to win a medal at the Paralympic Games when the sport was introduced in 2004, **Lori Pierce (Austin, Texas / Cahill's Judo Academy)** fought in the 78kg division at the Nationals and Pan American Games earlier this year, but moved back down to 70kg for this tournament where she won the gold medal and qualified for her third World Team after winning a silver medal in 2002.

Ron Hawthorne (Kansas City, Kans. / Cahill's Judo Academy) qualified for his second World Team after winning both of his matches in the 60kg division, defeating **Andriy Butenko (UKR)** and **Toshiro Yamamoto (San Francisco, Calif. / Cahill's Judo Academy)** by yuko (quarter-point) and waza-ari (half-point) scores, respectively.

Jordan Mouton (Houston, Texas / Diamondback Judo) competed as a teenager at the 2006 Worlds in the 52kg division and the 2007 Worlds at 57kg. The 2008 Paralympian and former wrestler fought **Christella Garcia (Sacramento, Calif. / Sacramento Judo)** twice in the Open, throwing Garcia in the first match and pinning her in the second. As the top seed, and a top-five finisher at the 2007 Worlds, Garcia was given a fight-off, but Mouton pinned her twice more to qualify for the 2009 Worlds.

Christina Thomas (Los Angeles, Calif. / Mojica Judo) lost both of her matches in the 48kg division against Paralympic medalist **Carmen Brussig (GER)**, but as the only American in her division, qualified for her third World Team.



A silver medalist at the Pan American Games for the Blind, **Ryan Jones (Aurora, Colo. / Denver Judo)** barely made the minimum cut-off weight for the +100kg division in July, but didn't struggle in pinning **Kenneth Davis (Hillsboro, Ore. / Ojukan)** twice to qualify for his first World Team as the top seed.

"I'm ecstatic," Jones said after the match as he texted family and friends with the good news, including brother **Scott Jones (Little Rock, Ark.)**, a two-time Paralympian. "I'm hoping to get more experience under my belt between now and then and go all out in Turkey."

The top-ranked player in the 81kg division, **Adnan Gutic (St. Louis, Mo. / White Dragon Judo Club)** moved down to 73kg where he pinned **Mike Davis (Sacramento, Calif. / Team Sacramento)** twice to win the U.S. Open gold medal and twice more to take the fight-off matches.

A 16-year-old wrestler who has placed in the able-bodied Junior Olympics for wrestling, **Joshua Farra (Coatesville, Pa. / Liberty Bell Judo)** qualified as the youngest member of the World Team when he defeated **Craig Chavez (Temecula, Calif. / Southwest SD)** twice to win the U.S. Open title and qualify for the Worlds.

After competing as a heavyweight at the Nationals, **Katie Davis (Sacramento, Calif. / Daiheigen / Team Sacramento)** moved down to 78kg to win the U.S. Open and qualify for the Worlds.

First-time competitor **Erin Daley (Littleton, Colo. / Denver Judo)** won the +78kg division and also qualified for her first World Team.

Although she lost to two-time Paralympic medalist **Ramona Brussig (GER)**, her second place finish in the 52kg division qualified **Cindy Simon (Wayne, N.J. / Kokushi Kai)** for her first World Team.

Complete results are as follows with World Team members denoted with an asterisk:

Men's 60kg

1. Ron Hawthorne (Kansas City, Kans. /Cahill's Judo Academy)*
2. Andriy Butenko (UKR)
3. Toshiro Yamamoto (San Francisco, Calif. / Cahill's Judo Academy)

Men's 66kg

1. Joshua Farra (Coatesville, Pa. / Liberty Bell Judo)*
2. Craig Chavez (Temecula, Calif. / Southwest SD)

Men's 73kg

1. Adnan Gutic (St. Louis, Mo. / White Dragon Judo Club)*
2. Michael Davis (Sacramento, Calif. / Team Sacramento)

Men's 90kg

1. Sebastien Junk (GER)
2. Gregory Dewall (Chico, Calif. / Stanford)*
3. Chris Jones (Hawthorne, Calif. / Cahill's Judo)

Men's 100kg

1. Myles Porter (Colorado Springs, Colo. / NYAC / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center)*
2. Tim Rees (CAN)

Male +100kg

1. Ryan Jones (Denver, Colo. / Denver Judo)*
2. Kenneth Davis (Hillsboro, Ore. / Ojukan)

Women's 48kg

1. Carmen Brussig (GER)
2. Christina Thomas (Los Angeles, Calif. / Mojica Judo)*

Women's 52kg

1. Ramona Brussig (GER)
2. Cindy Simon (Wayne, N.J. / Kokushi Kai)*

Women's 63kg

1. Jordan Mouton (Houston, Texas / Diamondback Judo)*
2. Christella Garcia (Sacramento, Calif. / Sacramento Judo)

Women's 70kg

1. Lori Pierce (Austin, Texas / Cahill's Judo Academy)*

Women's 78kg

1. Katie Davis (Sacramento, Calif. / Daiheigen / Team Sacramento)*

Women's +78kg

1. Erin Daley (Littleton, Colo. / Denver Judo)*

2009 US Open Championships

Women's 44kg

1. Taylor Ibera (Honolulu, Hawaii / Hawaii Tenri)
2. Veronica Prado (Coral Springs, Fla. / USA Judo National Training Site at North Miami)
3. Urimare Bracho (VEN)
3. Alexa Liddie (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)
5. Ibeth Heredia (ECU)
5. Teshya Alo (Honolulu, Hawaii / Kamehameha)

Women's 48kg

1. Katelyn Bouyssou (Hope, R.I. / NYAC / Mayo Quanchi Judo Club)
2. Ann Shiraishi (El Cerrito, Calif. / East Bay Judo Institute)
3. Marie-Pier Gauvreau (CAN)
3. Diana Ortiz (VEN)
5. Orlinda Ortiz (VEN)
5. Diana Cobos (ECU)

Women's 52kg

1. Jeanette Rodriguez (Davie, Fla. / USA Judo National Training Site at North Miami)
2. Flor Velazquez (VEN)
3. Natalie Lafon (Glenville, N.Y. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Jason Morris Judo Center)
3. Amelia Fulgentes (United States / Simi Valley, CA / Mojica Judo Club)
5. Jordan Poliakiwski (CAN)
5. Glenda Miranda (ECU)



Women's 57kg

- 1. Marti Malloy (San Jose, Calif. / USA Judo National Training Site at San Jose State University)**
- 2. Angelica Delgado (Miami, Fla. / USA Judo National Training site at North Miami)**
- 3. Hana Carmichael (Wakefield, Mass. / USA Judo National Team FORCE)**
- 3. Hannah Martin (Glenville, N.Y. / NYAC / USA Judo National Training Site at the Jason Morris Judo Center)**
- 5. Mindy Chow (United States / Honolulu, HI / Hawaii Tenri Judo)**
5. Diana Villavicencio (ECU)

Women's 63kg

1. Isis Barreto (VEN)
2. Maria Perez (PUR)
- 3. Paola Genao-Butler (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**
- 3. Janine Nakao (Wakefield, Mass. / USA Judo National Team FORCE)**
5. Emily Lilly (San Francisco, City College of San Francisco)
- 5. Christal Ransom (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**

Women's 70kg

1. Marie-Eve De Villers-Matte (CAN)
- 2. Katie Sell (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**
3. Munguntuya Bantuu (MGL)
3. Aneta Mozden (CAN)
- 5. Laquinta Allen (Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. / Onikusu Judo)**
5. Lisa Nakajima (CAN)

Women's 78kg

- 1. Kayla Harrison (Wakefield, Mass. / NYAC / USA Judo National Team FORCE)**
2. Keivi Pinto (VEN)
- 3. Kaitlyn McKim (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**
- 3. Suzie Rizek (Naperville, Ill. / Fox Valley Judo & Jujitsu)**
- 5. Allison Clifford (San Jose, Calif. / USA Judo National Training Site at San Jose State University)**
5. Jaya Creavalle (CAN)

Women's +78kg

1. Carmen Chala (ECU)
2. Yuliana Bolivar (VEN)
- 3. Toni Geiger (Dumont, N.J. / Tech Judo)**

Men's Open

- 1. Iavor Kostadinov (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**
2. Leonardo Allen (BRA)
- 3. Daniel McCormick (Wakefield, Mass. / NYAC / USA Judo National Team FORCE)**
3. Luis Bermeo (ECU)
- 5. Scott Chapman (Oklahoma City, Okla. / USA Stars)**

5. James Kannianen (Evans, Colo. / Northglenn)



Men's 55kg

1. Miguel Medrano (PUR)
2. Hiram Cruz (PUR)
- 3. Joshua Prado (Coral Springs, Fla. / USA Judo National Training Site at North Miami)**
- 3. Aaron Fukuhara (Torrance, Calif. / Gardena Judo)**
- 5. David Honda (Torrance, Calif. / South Bay Judo)**
5. Alexandre Dibartolo (CAN)

Men's 60kg

1. Issam Nour (FRA)
- 2. Vitaliy Vanyan (North Hollywood, Calif. / Mojica Judo Club)**
3. Jose Romero (ECU)
- 3. Everet Desilets (Providence, R.I. / Mayo Quanchi Judo Club)**
- 5. Jeff Fujimoto (Berkeley, Calif. / Sawtelle Judo)**
5. Blake Tsuyuki (CAN)

Men's 66kg

1. Ricardo Valderrama (VEN)
2. Adil El-Mani (FRA)
- 3. Alisher Mantobetov (Kansas City, Mo.)**
3. Roberto Ibanez (ECU)
5. David Lebron (PUR)
- 5. Kenny Hashimoto (Thornton, Colo. / Northglenn Judo)**

Men's 73kg

1. Hashbaatar Tsagaanbaatar (MGL)

2. Ludwig Ortiz (VEN)
3. **Michael Eldred (Fruitland, Idaho / Western Idaho Judo Institute)**
3. **Andrew Porras (Miami, Fla. / USA Judo National Training Site at North Miami)**
5. **Alfred Raymond (Scituate, R.I. / Mayo Quanchi Judo Club)**
5. **David Torres (San Jose, Calif. / USA Judo National Training Site at San Jose State University)**

Men's 81kg

1. **Jose Bencosme (San Jose, Calif. / USA Judo National Training Site at San Jose State University)**
2. Mervin Rodriguez (VEN)
3. **Ryan Reser (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center / Boulder Judo Training Center)**
3. Kazuma Katabuchi (JPN)
5. Justin Imagawa (CAN)
5. Adderramim Aloui (FRA)

Men's 90kg

1. Robert Edward (CAN)
2. Jose Camacho (VEN)
3. Dyliver Sheykhislamov (CAN)
3. Carlos Martinez (PUR)
5. Lukasz Mozdzen (CAN)
5. **Iavor Kostadinov (Colorado Springs, Colo. / USA Judo National Training Site at the Olympic Training Center)**



Men's 100kg

1. Tokuzo Takahashi (JPN)
2. Carlos Santiago (PUR)
3. Anthony Pena (VEN)
- 3. William Worthington (Richmond, Calif. / Cahill's Judo Academy)**
5. Nedjo Sarenac (CAN)
- 5. Armen Babayan (Alendale, Calif. / Valley Judo Institute)**

Men's +100kg

1. Cedric Medeuf (FRA)
2. Ricardo Blas (GUA)
- 3. Daniel McCormick (Wakefield, Mass. / NYAC / USA Judo National Team FORCE)**
- 3. Matthew Walker (Tacoma, Wash. / Ippon Judo)**
- 5. Connor Driscoll (San Jose, Calif. / USA Judo National Training Site at San Jose State University)**
5. Miguel Soto (VEN)

Promotions



Remember, the next rank test is scheduled for October 31, 2009. If you cannot make it, you need to be sure to make arrangements to test at another time BEFORE October 31. Please talk to your head instructor!



Upcoming Events



October 3, 2009

Coaching Certification Clinic at Denver Buddhist Temple.

9:00 – 3:00pm.

All brown and black belts are strongly encouraged to attend. We will cancel the 10/3 practice so everyone can participate.

October 10, 2009

Denver Buddhist Temple Novice Championships

Denver, CO

http://www.coloradojudo.org/events/2009_DBT_Judo_Tournament.pdf

All competitors under brown belt!



October 24, 2009



Denver Judo is pleased to announce
CASH AWARDS for winners of the senior IJF
and open divisions at the 2009 Denver Classic!

Winners of the IJF divisions will receive **\$150.00** cash!
Winners of the men's and women's open divisions will receive **\$500.00** cash!

All athletes who register by October 15, 2009 will have their name on the back of the tournament t-shirt!

Register on-line at <http://www.denverjudo.com/mto/register.asp>

October 31, 2009

Rank Testing

10:00am

\$10.00

Requirements can be found at www.denverjudo.com/rank.asp

Please ask your instructor if you are eligible to test!

Dallas Invitational

Dallas, TX

November 21, 2009

If you are interested in participating in this tournament, please let me know ASAP. Colorado Judo League is planning on renting a bus and we need to know who is interested in going. CJL MAY help subsidize the cost of the bus ride!

October Birthdays

Corinne Vannatta 10/2
Paul Archibald 10/6
Chris Ninete 10/15
Austin Shindoll 10/16
Graeme Strachan 10/21
Rebecca Becker 10/27
Bandi Davaadorj 10/28



Did we miss your birthday? Email heidi@denverjudo.com!

Coming Events

October 3, 2009
Coaching Certification
Denver Buddhist Temple
Denver, CO

October 10, 2009
Denver Buddhist Temple Novice Tournament
Denver, CO

October 24, 2009
9th ANNUAL DENVER CLASSIC!
PARKER, CO

[http://www.coloradojudo.org/events/9th Annual Denver Classic-a.pdf](http://www.coloradojudo.org/events/9th%20Annual%20Denver%20Classic-a.pdf)
<http://www.denverjudo.com/mto>

October 31, 2009
Rank Testing
10:00am, Denver Dojo

November 21, 2009
Dallas Invitational
Dallas, TX

<http://www.denverjudo.com/pdf/2009DallasInvitational.pdf>

If you are interested, please let us know ASAP as the Colorado Judo League may be able to help cover the cost of transportation!

November 21, 2009
All Women's Championships
Cleveland, OH

December 5, 2009
Boulder Mountain Tournament
Boulder, CO