

2024 NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 7-10 JUNE

BUDOKAN JUDO CLUB RESULTS

OPEN AGE CATEGORIES

Athlete Division)	Budokan Athlete	U/11 Boys / Girls		U/13 Boys / Girls		U/15 Boys / Girls		Cadet Boys / Girls		Junior M/W		Senior M/W	
1	Tayden ZHANG	G-11	Gold										
2 (2)	Luke PARK	G-1	Bronze										
3 (3)	Brendan JONES	G-10	Silver										
4 (4)	Levi MURKINS	G-6	Gold										
5 (5)	Aleks DOBRIC	G-6	Silver										
6 (6)	Joy MA			U/38	Bronze								
7 (7)	Alice LEE			U/50	Bronze								
8 (8)	Milica DOBRIC			U/56	Gold								
9 (9)	Gabriel RICHMOND			U/32	Silver								
10 (10)	Leon PARK			U/60	Gold								
11 (11)	William DONG			U/54	5 th								
12 (12)	Isaac CHOI			U/54	Bronze								
13 (13)	Jeremy TAN			O/66	U/P								
14 (14)	Jaslyn DHANOA					U/52	5 th						
15 (15)	Ethan ZHANG					U/40	Gold						
16 (16)	Johnny MA					U/45	9 th						
17 (17)	Daniil SAVYTSKYI					U/45	11 th						
18 (18)	Alex LEE					U/60	Silver						
19 (21)	Bianca TANDEAN							U/63	Gold	U/63	Bronze	U/63	Bronze
20 (22)	Anita NOURASHFAN							O/70	U/P				
21 (23)	Michael RICHMOND							U/55	U/P				
22 ()	Aaron XU							U/60	Bronze	U/60	5 th		
23 (32)	Crosby PEAKE							U/60	Bronze				
24 (35)	Max ZOLLINGER							U/66	Gold	U/66	Gold	U/66	Silver
25 (37)	Billy NYAMDORJ							U/73	Gold	U/73	Bronze		
26 (39)	Flynn MOGILIN							U/73	Bronze	U/73	5 th		
27 (42)	Nicola DOBRIC							U/73	Silver	U/73	U/P	U/73	Bronze
28 (44)	Daniel HOLLEY							U/90	U/P	U/90	U/P		
29 (46)	Clarissa VUMBACA									U/52	Silver	U/52	Silver
30 (47)	Phoenix EDWARDS									U/73	5 th		

SENIOR ADAPTIVE CATEGORIES

20 (22)	Lynne McCREDDEN												G-2	Gold
28 (44)	Bernhard TANDEAN												G-1	Gold

SENIOR KYU GRADES CATEGORIES

20 (22)	Anita NOURASHFAN												U/78	Gold
28 (44)	Daniel HOLLEY												U/90	U/P

BREAKDOWN OF RESULTS BY CATEGORY

Number of Athletes (Divisions)	Age Category	Medals	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	5 th /7 th /9 th /11 th	U/P
0 (0)	Junior Girls U/11		---	---	---		
5 (5)	Junior Boys U/11	5	2	2	1		
3 (3)	Junior Girls U/13	3	1	0	2		
5 (5)	Junior Boys U/13	3	1	1	1	1/0/0	1
1 (1)	Senior Girls U/15	0	0	0	0	1/0/0	
4 (4)	Senior Boys U/15	2	1	1	0	0/0/2	
18 (18)	JUNIORS SUB-TOTAL	13 (72%)	5 (28%)	4	4	2/0/2	

2 (2)	Cadet Women	1	1	0	0		1
8 (8)	Cadet Men	6	2	1	3		2
1 (2)	Junior Women	2	0	1	1		
1 (7)	Junior Men	2	1	0	1	3/0/0	2
0 (2)	Senior Women	2	0	1	1		
0 (2)	Senior Men	2	0	1	1		
12 (23)	SENIORS SUB-TOTAL	15 (65%)	4 (17%)	4	7	3/0/0	

30 (41)	30 athletes competing in 41 divisions excl. Kyu, Adaptive, Kata	28 (68%)	9 (22%)	8	11	5/0/2	6
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Number of Athletes (Divisions)	Age Category	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	5 th /7 th /9 th	U/P
1 (1)	Adaptive Women	1				
1 (1)	Adaptive Men	1				
0 (1)	Kyu Snr Women	1				
0 (1)	Kyu Snr Men					1
2 (4)	SUB-TOTAL	3 (75%)	0	0		1

TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES

Number of Athletes (Divisions)	Age Category	Medals	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	5 th /7 th /9 th /11 th	U/P
32 (45)	32 athletes competing in 45 divisions incl. Kyu & Adaptive	31 (69%)	12 (27%)	8	11	5/0/2	7

Please note the significance of the 5 x 5th places. 5th place means the athlete fought for a Bronze medal, in some cases athletes placing 5th at the Nationals won 3 matches out of 4 to get to the Bronze match.

KATA COMPETITION

32	Bernhard and Bianca TANDEAN	Ju-No-Kata	Silver
32	Bernhard TANDEAN	Nage-No-Kata	Gold

This year Budokan had 30 athletes competed in 41 age divisions winning:

28 medals: 9 Gold, 8 Silver and 11 Bronze

Including Adaptive Judo and Senior Kyu Grade divisions, we had:

32 athletes compete in 45 divisions winning:

31 medals: 12 Gold, 8 Silver and 11 Bronze.

Additionally, 2 of our athletes competed in 2 Kata divisions winning a Gold and Silver.

This would total 13 Gold, 9 Silver and 11 Bronze

Unfortunately, we had no representation in Veterans divisions this year.

We also had 4 Officials at the Nationals:
Dale, as NSW Kata Coach and Judge
Liam, as NSW Junior Coach
Franz, as NSW Kyu Grades and Adaptive Coach, and
Bjorn, as NSW Manager

Including Rob & Kerrye who were able to focus exclusively on Budokan athletes this year, Budokan had 38 club members participating at the Nationals. This represents nearly 18% of the total club membership, which is quite amazing for a large club of over 200 members. Nathan and Josh had also planned to support our athletes; however, a last-minute requirement for Josh to compete in Africa had to take precedence.

Budokan's Contribution to NSW's Medal Tally (from JudoManager.com)

NSW had 260 division entries (unsure if this included Kata); Budokan entered 45 divisions (excluding Kata) which means we comprised 17% of NSW's total division entries.

U/11s: NSW	27 medals	12 Gold	9 Silver	6 Bronze
Budokan	5 medals (19%)	2 Gold (17%)	2 Silver	1 Bronze
U/13s } NSW	32 medals	12 Gold	10 Silver	10 Bronze
U/15s } Budokan	8 medals (25%)	3 Gold (25%)	2 Silver	3 Bronze
Cadets }				
JM/JW } NSW	44 medals	12 Gold	10 Silver	22 Bronze
SM/SW } Budokan	18 medals (41%)	7 Gold (58%)	4 Silver	7 Bronze
Kyu }				

TOTAL: NSW	103 medals	36 Gold	29 Silver	38 Bronze
Budokan	31 medals (30%)	12 Gold (33%)	8 Silver	11 Bronze

Budokan Comparison to Other States

NSW	103 medals	Budokan	31 medals (5th from 8 States)
QLD	92 medals	ACT	22 medals
WA	75 medals	NT	16 medals
VIC	49 medals	SA	15 medals
		TAS	11 medals
NSW	36 Gold	Budokan	12 Gold (5th from 8 States)
WA	35 Gold	ACT	10 Gold
QLD	28 Gold	SA	5 Gold
VIC	15 Gold	TAS	5 Gold
		NT	4 Gold

There is no ranking available for clubs that participated at the Nationals; however, I suspect we would have been amongst the top 3 overall Nationally. I am fairly confident that we were the best performing club in NSW.

2023 Nationals Results Comparison

This is the first year that the Junior Boys/Girls age category was split into U/11s and U/13s so there were possibly more divisions available, albeit this would make no difference to the number of athletes we entered. We also had representation in the winning NSW Team for the National Junior Teams event and in a demonstration event against Olympians, Tayden Zhang got matched up against former heavyweight Semir Pepic. Tayden won easily – great work.

In 2023, 34 Budokan athletes participated in 37 mainstream divisions, 2 “No Limits” divisions, 1 Veteran’s division and 3 Kata divisions. This year 32 athletes competed in 45 divisions.

In 2023 Budokan athletes won 18 medals in the mainstream age divisions: 4 Gold, 5 Silver and 9 Bronze. This is compared to 28 medals this year: 9 Gold, 8 Silver and 11 Bronze a significant improvement.

Adding the “Adaptive” and “Veterans” divisions of 2023, the tally became 20 medals: 6 Gold, 5 Silver and 9 Bronze, compared to 31 medals in 2024: 12 Gold, 8 Silver, and 11 Bronze. Which ever way you look at it, Budokan athletes really excelled this year.

Since 2002, the club has participated 22 National Championships, with 534 of the club’s athletes contesting 768 divisions.

These athletes have won 415 national medals comprising:

153 Gold, 110 Silver, and 152 Bronze

Comparison with Previous Nationals (over 15 years)

Year	Athletes	Divisions	Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5 th Place
2010	19	25	15	5	3	7	3
2011	23	30	17	4	8	5	3
2012	24	35	21	8	6	7	6
2013	28	42	23	10	3	10	7
2014	29	43	28	8	10	10	6
2015	26	41	25	11	8	6	4
2016	31	47	24	8	6	10	8
2017	37 (+1 SN + 2 Kata)	52	23	6 (+1 Kata)	8 (+1 SN +1 Kata)	9	7
2018	24 (+1 Kyu +1 SN + 2)	29	15	6 (+2 SN +2 Kata)	2 (+1 SN +1 Kata)	7 (+1 Kyu + SN +3 Kata)	3 (+1 Kata)
2019	28 (+1 Kyu +2 NL + 2 Veterans + 4 Kata)	33 (+7 = 40) + 6 Kata)	16 (+1 Kyu +3 NL + 3 Veterans = 23 + 7 Kata)	7 (+1 Kyu +2 NL + 1 Veterans = 11 + 3 Kata)	5 (+1 NL + 2 Veterans = 8 + 2)	4 (+2 Kata)	6
2020	Not held						
2021 *(no Victoria)	21 (+4 Kyu/ Masters +2 NL + 2 Kata)	32 (+9 = 41) + 6 Kata)	21 (+2 NL + 2 Kyu + 1 Masters = 26) + 4 Kata)	7 (+1 Kyu +2 NL + 1 Masters = 11) + 2 Kata)	6 (+1 Kyu = 7) + 1 Kata	8 (+1 Kata)	2 x 4 th /5 th (+1 Kata)
2022	23 (+2 Kyu/ Masters +2 NL + 5 Kata)	32 (+4 Kyu/Masters + 3 NL = 39) + 4 Kata)	14 (+2 NL + 4 Kata) = 16	5 (+1 NL) + 1 Kata = 6	4 (+1NL) + 3 Kata	5	7 x 5 th
2023	34 (+1 Masters + 2 NL + 5 Kata)	37 (+1 Masters + 2 NL + 3 Kata)	18 (+2 NL + 3 Kata)	4 (+2 NL + 2 Kata) = 6	5 (+1 Kata)	9	5 (+1 Masters)
2024	30 (+2 Adaptive)	41 (+2 Adaptive + 2 Kyu + 2 Kata) = 45	28 (+2 Adaptive + 1 Kyu + 2 Kata) = 31 + 2 Kata	9 (+2 Adaptive + 1 Kyu + 2 Kata) = 12 + 1 Kata	8 (+1 Kata) = 8	11	5

Budokan's Best Current Performers

This list is limited only to athletes who have competed for Budokan at National level or higher over the last full 12 months. If you believe there is an error in the data, please let me know - it's not easy to keep accurate records over many years. Budokan's top performing athletes at National Championships in terms of Gold medals and total medal tally is as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
Josh Katz	12	2	4	18
Nathan Katz <small>(now retired)</small>	10	3	4	17
Max Zollinger	4	3	3	10
Clarissa Vumbaca	4	3	1	8
Bianca Tandean	4	2	6	12
Nicholas Platonov	3	1	1	5
Will Zollinger	2	1	2	5
Crosby Peake	1	0	4	5
Ali Yuldashev	1	0	3	4
Note that we also have 2 distinguished "Adaptive Judo" athletes who have also excelled at Nationals and competed internationally				
Bernhard Tandean	4			4
Lynne McCredden	3	1		4
We also have some current Juniors who are starting to establish themselves at Nationals level which is very encouraging				
Ethan Zhang	1	2		3
Leon Park	1	1	1	3

Of course we have other athletes training at the club who have also won Nationals and medalled at Nationals representing other clubs prior to joining Budokan but as mentioned, I have limited the list above to athletes who have competed in the last full 12 months period for Budokan. In time we might put together a complete collection over 22 years of Nationals, but that will take some work.

Some interesting facts about Budokan at the 2024 Nationals

- Club participation was amongst the highest of 3 years in the club's history at Nationals
- Total medal count and total Gold medal tally is our best on record. Our results seem to cycle depending on a number of factors, like: how new our athletes are to the Nationals, whether they are in a new age category, injuries, whether our Senior international representatives are overseas, changes in age categories, and so on.
- Overall, the trend in both participation and results for the club is very encouraging and we look forward to seeing more of our athletes develop to international level competition.
- Levi Murkins is the first Budokan athlete who graduated from the Budokan Dino class and won the Nationals – a significant milestone for the club
- 6 families with multiple siblings participating: Dobric (3), Zhang (2), Lee (2), Richmond (2), Park (2), Tandean (2)
- All 5 Under 11 athletes medalled

- Max Zollinger won 2 Gold and 1 Silver medal in 3 age categories winning 11 of his 12 matches. Bianca Tandean won 1 Gold and 2 Bronzes (winning 6 of 9 matches) + Silver in Kata
- Billy Nyamdorj, Nikola Dobric and Clarissa Vumbaca won medals in 2 age categories
- We had 3 athletes in Cadet Men U/73, winning Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Numerous first-time medallists and National Champions, too many to list at the risk of leaving someone out.

Where to from here?

Each year at the Nationals Budokan takes great pride in having a large representation of athletes from the club in the NSW State Team. By encouraging our athletes who are ready to take on greater challenges to participate at Nationals, seeing them work over the 5 weeks of State Squad and then apply themselves at the competition, we can clearly see the growth and development of each individual. In the end, nothing improves Judo and individual strength of spirit like the right level of competition where everything is tested on the mat, one athlete versus another, building individual resilience and competitiveness. This year's group demonstrated again that Budokan athletes show grit and commitment, whether winning a medal or just a match, or just by going through the whole preparation process and getting in some strong attacks in their matches. Since the Nationals, all Budokan athletes have already moved forward in a positive way, now back on the mat, wanting to improve. What more can a coach want? With all that said, for many, the Nationals is just the first step. We have a number of athletes looking at National Team selection, with an announcement just made that Max Zollinger and Bianca Tandean have been selected to the Cadet World Championships 28-31 August in Lima Peru – congratulations guys! Kerrye has also been selected National Cadet Coach to this competition. There are other events in Hong Kong, Macau and a senior camp at Budo University (Japan) where we will also have significant representation.

The Nationals weekend was also very historic for the club for a number of other reasons:

- With his result in the Abidjan African Open over the Nationals weekend, Josh qualified for the Paris Olympic Games, his second Olympic representation – a truly remarkable effort, especially given the many challenges and obstacles he has had to overcome along the way.
- After 11 years since our last grading and with 5 months of preparation, at the “High Dan” grading held just prior to the Nationals competition, Kerrye and I presented for our 6th Dan grading and were very (happily) surprised at the large group of Budokanis who were present to support us, with support signage and cheers.
- During the weekend, the King's Birthday honours list was released and I am very proud that Kerrye is the recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) which is wonderful recognition of her service to Judo as an athlete and Coach.

Until next Nationals....

Onwards.....

Rob

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