



11th World MasterAthlete Judo Championships



July 16, 2009

Fellow Judoka:

There is now barely more than a month until the first day of the 11th World MasterAthlete Championships. There is no doubt that the World Masters went through some growing pains this year. However, whatever minor discomfort this tournament might have endured, I assure you, it was worth it. All of those who are fortunate enough to be involved with the production of the World Masters are encouraged, and quite often amazed with the near exponential flourishing of support from competitors, referees, and volunteers. And we are especially elated to see all of the countries that are entering the World Masters for the first time. Over 40 countries will be represented as of the writing of this letter.

Just to let you know a little of what we have in store this year:

- Thanks to Jimmy Pedro and Zebra Mats, we will be running five mat areas (the mats from the tournament will be made available to the public for sale at a discounted price—contact Zebra Mats and mention the World Masters).
- Last count, we are approaching 30 confirmed referees.
- To further ensure that this year's tournament will be run as expeditiously as possible, we will be using the match-numbered Texas Match pooling system.
- From opening to closing ceremonies, this tournament will be something that is different in a positive and engaging way.

Your official 2009 11th World MasterAthlete Championship t-shirts are available now online! Go to the tournament website to pre-order:
www.AtlantaJudoMidtown.com/WorldChampionships

Just a few days ago we had nearly 150 people sign up in one day. Please pre-register!!! This helps everyone but it helps you the most!

This is really going to be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta. Remember to check out the tournament website for further information and updates, www.AtlantaJudoMidtown.com/WorldChampionships. Safe training and safe travels.

Sincerely,

R. Matt Scheib
Tournament Director,
2009 World MasterAthlete Championships