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2015 Pan Am Judo Championship

Media Release

To: News outlets
From: Judo Alberta
RE: Edmonton wins Bid to Host
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Judo Alberta, the City of Edmonton and the province of Alberta are pleased to announce the successful bid to host the 2015 Pan Am Judo Championship. This prestigious international event will take place at the Saville Sports Centre in Edmonton on April 24 – 26, 2015.

With over 30 Pan American countries, 250 competitors and officials, this will be the highest level judo competition that Alberta has ever hosted and will include individual male and female weight divisions and a team competition.

The Championship is also a qualifier for the 2016 Brazil Olympics with many of the Canadian judo athletes using the competition to secure attendance in Brazil. During the London Olympic Games in 2012, Antoine Valois-Fortier of Quebec won a bronze in the -81kg men's division.

Judo is a Japanese martial art that has been in the Olympics since 1964, and since then has evolved into a sport with strict rules of competition. Judo consists of throws, hold-downs, and submission techniques.

Judo Alberta is a non-profit provincial sport association. Its mandate is to promote active living and high performance through judo programs throughout the province. There are 25 clubs and over 1400 members of all ages practicing judo in Alberta. To contact Judo Alberta, please email judo@judoalberta.com or visit www.judoalberta.com.

Judo Canada is a non-profit organization working to promote the principles and teaching of the sport of Judo and to work towards the advancement of Judo throughout Canada - www.judocanada.org.

