



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021 – Via Zoom Videoconference

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

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| Mark Hill, President | Gerry Navarro |
| Serge Bouyssou | Joe Ragan |
| Dave Johnson | Christal Ransom |
| Marti Malloy | Barbara Shimizu |
| Joe Marchal | Jim Webb |

USA Judo Staff:

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| Keith Bryant, Executive Director/CEO | Ed Liddie, Director of High Performance |
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Roll Call

President Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 4:32pm ET.

1. Rank & Certification Committee Updates Since Last Meeting

In recent years the committee has struggled insufficient guidelines for advancement in judo rank. To that end, it has made the following changes to guidelines:

1. The sub-committee recommends that once an individual accepts a promotion from outside the United States, the USA Judo Promotion Board will continue to use the criteria set by USA Judo. This will serve to limit those who seek rank outside of our country.
2. The minimum times from shodan to promotion to:
 - a. Rokudan is 25 years for non-competitors
 - b. Shichidan is 30 years for non-competitors
3. These revised guidelines since the last board meeting reward both competitors and non-competitors who serve USA Judo, and Judo in general, much more actively than those who do not. The standards closely follow those of the International Judo Federation.
4. Veteran competitors are competitors and will be advanced based upon their points earned in competition and may be given special consideration should they also fall within the revised guidelines for non-competitors as referenced above.

Motion by Jim Webb to accept and approve the recommendations of the USA Judo Rank & Certification Committee, seconded by Joe Marchal. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

2. United States Performance Center

USA Judo has been invited to be one of the national governing bodies to have a custom built training venue and lodging, educational and sport science resources for its athletes and coaches at the US Performance Center being built in North Carolina. Staffing and operational costs will be incurred when the facility opens in 2023. USA Judo needs to commit to the USPC now to be considered for the NC State Appropriations being determined at the end of June 2021.

2. United States Performance Center (continued)

Motion made by Mark Hill to move forward with USA Judo's Commitment to the US Performance Center while also creating a business plan and budget to be reviewed and agreed upon by the board. Seconded by Jim Webb. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

3. 2021 JA/JF Summer Nationals Request for USA Judo Senior Points

2021 JA/JF Summer Nationals Host, John Paccione, requested USA Judo Senior Points in addition to the Junior Points awarded by USA Judo per the American Judo Alliance Agreement.

Motion by Dave Johnson to award Sr. Points to the 2021 JA/JF Summer Nationals if the USA Judo Sr. Point Sanctioning Fee is submitted. This is a one-time approval for the 2021 JA/JF Summer Nationals that will be further discussed among the American Judo Alliance for future considerations. Seconded by Joe Marchal. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

4. COVID Protocols for USA Judo Sanctioned Events

The Board reviewed the COVID-19 Protocols recommended by the USA Judo Medical Advisory Committee as well as information from other states, sports, businesses and health organizations.

Motion by Joe Ragan to implement the following COVID-19 guidelines for all USA Judo sanctioned events, following the 2021 USA Judo Jr. Olympics National & International Championships:

- Follow the jurisdictional COVID-19 guidelines provided by the local/state health department and/or appropriate government entities
- International competitors from outside of the United States will need to follow COVID-19 Testing and other protocols as required by the US State Department/CDC.
- COVID Participation Waivers will be required for all USA Judo sanctioned events
- If an individual is symptomatic and/or has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they must have a negative PCR Test before entry to the event
- If an individual is known to have a positive COVID Test result during the event, they must be isolated and contact tracing should be activated immediately in concert with local health department guidelines and regulations
- The following COVID-19 guidelines provided by the USA Judo Medical Advisory Committee are recommended but not required:
 - Negative PCR Test result before travel for unvaccinated individuals
 - Negative COVID Testing Result (Rapid Antigen or PCR) for all competitors within 48 hours prior to competition
 - Masks worn by all, especially those unvaccinated individuals – competitors and fully vaccinated referees may remove masks just before stepping upon the mat for a match and re-apply them upon leaving the mat
 - Temperature checks for everyone at entry to venue
 - COVID Symptom forms completed by everyone prior to entry to venue
 - Social Distancing (6-feet)
 - Cleaning of mat areas on an hourly basis using the established method implemented at USA Judo National Events.

Seconded by Serge Bouyssou. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

5. American Judo System Proposal

Dave Johnson shared a proposal from the American Judo System created by Travis Stevens and Jimmy Pedro to offer its resources to USA Judo Members.

Motion by Serge Bouyssou to investigate this opportunity further. Seconded by Gerry Navarro. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. ET