

Board of Examiner Discussion Meeting
Zoom Teleconference
Saturday, March 20, 2021
11:00 am Pacific Time

MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
 - a. Mac Takeda- Chairperson called meeting at 11:04a Pacific Time

2. DISCUSSION:
 - a. **USJF Bylaws pertaining to the Board of Examiners presented.**
 - Minutes have not been updated on the website but being worked on.
 - SUGGESTION – compile rules changes as if it’s a by-law. If so, would it then “clog up” the by-laws with BOD approval???

 - b. **What has been accomplished by the current Board of Examiners 2016-2020.**
 - Lower the time in grade requirements to get from white belt to Shodan but kept the promotion requirements the same except the time in grade.
 - Updated USJF by-laws for Board of Examiners.
 - Revised the USJF Promotion Handbook criteria to bring it up to date.
 - Different paths a Judoka can take to achieve the rank of Shodan.
 - A Shodan chart was developed to show the different paths that can be taken. It was passed to be put on the USJF website.
 - Teachers and Coach’s Certification was made part of the promotion requirements.
 - Development of Kata chart requirement showing what kata is required for each dan level for competitor and non-competitor.
 - Question and Answer form to document the type of questions that the National Office is getting and put the common ones on the website for view. Also put more technical questions and answers in a binder at the National Office.
 - Revising Form 20
 - Giving credit for time in grade reductions for certifications such as Self-defense Trainer, Instructor and assistant Instructor; Master level Teacher, Teacher Instructor and Assistant Teacher; Elite National Coach, and National Coach. Credit also for being a member or chair of a USJF Committee and Special Contributions for Judo.

- Developed and passed the criteria for Rokudan thru Judan criteria for promotion.
- Newaza Tournament and rules is currently being tested to see how feasible it is to conduct such a tournament.
- Ad hoc committee looking into modifying USJF Junior rank promotion and curriculum system to meet the grade level physical education outcomes for K thru 12th as set by SHAPE.
- Ad hoc committee looking into Special Needs Judo.
- More standardization and understanding of form 20s completion as submitted to the National Promotion Committee for evaluation and less rejections.
- 45-day submittal of promotion application before the Board of Examiner meeting and if problems with application indicated by National Office, they have two weeks before the meeting to correct the problem or issue.

c. Revised Form 20- Mike Purcell

- New Form 20 completed but consider as a work in progress
- Question raised regarding purpose of occupation and height/weight.
- Suggestion to add signature to first page.
- Suggestion to add special needs certification, IJF academy, police judo, self-defense, 5 star dojo.

d. Shodan requirements Chart

- **6 pathways to Shodan**
 1. Non-competitor for minor
 2. Competitor for minor
 3. Non-competitor for adult
 4. Non-competitor for adult
 5. Mini-dojō for adult
 6. Ambassador of judo

e. USJF Question and Answer Report Form

- A fillable form will be created to any questions by any member

- f. Promotion Committee developing a cheat sheet for a Yudanshakai Board of Examiner or Instructor on to properly complete the Form 20 for Dan promotion.**
 - In the works but cannot skip ranks. Every member needs to be in each rank for promotion to next rank. YDK can promote to authority. No back dating of rank.
 - Suggestion to consider rank validation.

 - g. IJF Academy**
 - Passing the IJF Academy course meets the USJF Teacher's Certification.

 - h. What the Board of Examiners should be tackling now or existing issues that we need to clarify or correct in the Board of Examiners by laws.**
 - Lag in posting minutes online, but being worked on
 - Post kodansha on website.

 - i. Promotion Committee Meeting on April 17, 2021**
 - Motion - add hara-gatame to Sr. and Jr. Nikyu ranks
 - Motion - change pg. 15 to coincide with pg. 7 table. Non-competitor Kime no Kata (Tori & Uke) or Kodokan Goshinjutsu (Tori & Uke) and Ju no Kata (Tori & Uke). On pg. 7 Rokudan Non-competitor Ju no Kata (Tori & Uke) and Itsutsu no Kata (to Tori & Uke) to coincide with pg. 16.
 - Motion - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, JF promotion candidates will not be required to have membership in USJF for year 2020. Back dues for 2020 membership for all promotion candidates will be waived. Time in Grade will be credited for 2020.
 - Motion - accept IJF Academy for USJF Teacher Certification.
 - Promoting more Shodans with USJF Promotion Cheat Sheet
3. Board of Examiners' Spring Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021. If you have any items to be brought up at this meeting. It must be submitted 45 days before the Meeting.
4. Adjournment – **1:15pm Pacific time**