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Happy New Year 2022 to U.S. Judo Federation Members!

The U.S. Judo Federation is in its 70th year, and we celebrate the resilience of the USJF community across local, regional and national boundaries. I am excited to be able to lead us in celebration of the strengths we have demonstrated as we enter the year 2022.

We share in the celebration of the total experience of our past with current dojo senseis and Yudanshakai leaders who share their personal expertise and knowledge. We celebrate the diversity of the USJF community who come from all walks of life, ages, experiences and ranks, and who share the judo maxim of mutual welfare and benefit (Jita-kyoei).

We celebrate all the sectors of the USJF membership community across all demographics — youth, teens, young adults, older adults, competitors, non-competitors, and masters.

We share the vision of the USJF in focusing on building strong wellness communities by empowering its members to make known and promote Jita-kyoei through safe and positive judo experiences. And we celebrate the mission of the USJF to promote and support Judo as a physical, mental, and moral practice.

I am also happy to report to you that the U.S. Judo Federation has been working hard to continue its programs and guidance to its membership in these difficult times. The USJF has been working to reset, expand, and refine its programs.

The new and upgraded USJF website provides transparency of membership services and member benefits with platforms & pathways for health and well-being, fitness, and exercise programs for all ages. The launch of the new USJF website, complete with content-based education programs and online and hybrid judo training clinics, also provides advantages such as dojo reopening guidance and health protocol instruction, especially important during this time of Covid.

USJF membership fees remain unchanged, giving what is clearly the best combination of member benefits of any of the national judo organizations. This would be a great time to renew your membership through the fast-track renewal on the membership services tab!

Above all, in these times when community and personal connectivity means everything, the USJF defines value by our total commitment to our community of members, clubs, dojos, and Yudanshakais. No other organization even comes close.

I am looking forward to 2022 with as much excitement as I have ever had in my years of service to judo. Follow the USJF on the social media platforms of Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok. It will be an enjoyable experience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Palacio".

Mitchell Palacio
President, USJF