

Items passed by the USJF Board of Examiners that are equivalent to By-Laws that were in the Meeting minutes from 2016 to 2021.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016, Marriott Dallas Las Colinas Hotel, Irving, TX

1. Review & Discuss Proposed Bylaw Amendment: The Board of Examiners Chairperson (BOE Chair) and all former BOE Chair(s) shall be ex-officio member(s) of the Promotion Committee. 16-0407-1 (page 12) A motion to accept the proposed Bylaw Amendment was made by Mitchell Palacio and seconded by Jeff Takeda. The motion passed on a voice vote.
2. Proposal to Reduce Time-In-Grade & Points Requirement to Achieve Rank of Shodan. 16-0407- 2 (page 13 & separate document) A motion to accept the proposal was made by Jeff Takeda and seconded by Low Dong. An amendment to the proposal on reduced time-in-grade requirements, to include Coaching Certification, so the #9 reads "Assistant Teacher, Teacher, or Coaching Certification" was made by Mike Purcell and seconded by Harry Kaneakua. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The proposal as amended was passed on a voice vote
3. Approve & Accept the Creation of The Mini-Dojo Instructor Program. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson. Rationale: The USJF Mini-Dojo Instructor Program will facilitate the implementation of Judo within the YMCA/YWCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Urban Recreation Centers, etc. For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard. A motion to accept the program, specifying that the person in charge of such a program be eighteen years of age and possess the minimum rank of Shodan, was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Mac Takeda. The motion was passed on a voice vote

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2016, Double Tree Seattle Airport Hotel, Seattle, WA

A. Judan (10th Dan) Promotion Procedure & Criteria (16-1028-1)

1. NOMINATION for JUDAN: Requires no less than 50% of the yudanshakais (7) represented on the Promotion Committee at the time on nomination. Each Yudanshakai joining in a judan nomination shall have its action pre-approved by its Yudanshakai board of directors prior to submission A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Palacio and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.
2. MINIMUM TIME-IN-GRADE: Candidates for judan shall have held the USJF rank of kudan for no less than 10 years. There shall be no judan promotion awarded for any candidate not holding USJF kudan rank. A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Palacio and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.
3. POSTUMOUS AWARD: All posthumous promotions must reflect the rank integrity the USJF prides itself in maintaining. Regardless of the rank being considered, posthumous promotion can only be for honorary rank. A completed promotion application must be submitted to the Promotion Committee for

review at the subsequent semiannual meeting to the applicant's passing. Should an individual pass within 30 days of the semiannual meeting, the application may be submitted at the next semiannual meeting. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Obviously, only one application for a posthumous promotion may be submitted.

4. WHEN JUDAN NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED: Judan nominations may be considered by the Promotion Committee and Board of Examiners only at the annual (Spring) corporate meeting in even numbered years (i.e., 2018, 2020, etc.). A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Glaze and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote. 5. APPROVAL or TBLING: A vote of 100% of both the Promotion Committee and the Board of Examiners shall be required for approval of judan rank. No judan application can be rejected. Any judan promotion not approved must be tabled. Tabled judan application may be taken from the table for reconsideration at any scheduled meeting according to the timing limitation set forth in paragraph 4 above; or may be withdrawn at any time by the yudanshaai responsible for its original submission. A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Glaze and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote'

6. TWO CATEGORIES OF JUDAN

A. JUDAN: An Olympic or Senior World Medalist, OR U.S. National Champion and other international medalist in no less than twelve events, OR World and/or USA renowned leader and Judo pioneer (e.g., Keiko Fukuda, Judan).

B. HONORARY JUDAN: All other judan candidates meeting the criteria (to be defined) A motion to refer to ad hoc committee and second was made by Glaze and Purcell, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

7. LONGTIME USJF YUDANSHA LOYALTY: Absence of lifelong USJF loyalty can be considered one reason for tabling a candidacy for judan. A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Hanashiro and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

CDC Heads Up and USOC Safesport Certifications required for ONLY shodan promotions. A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Takeda and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

B. Honorary/Posthumous A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote for the following:

1. Honorary promotion to Shodan has a past precedent in the USJF. This will be the only honorary promotion considered for a living person.

All posthumous promotions must reflect the rank integrity the USJF prides itself in maintaining. Regardless of the rank being considered, posthumous promotion can only be for honorary rank. A completed promotion application must be submitted to the Promotion Committee for review at the subsequent semiannual meeting to the applicant's passing. Should an individual pass within 30 days of the semiannual meeting, the application may be submitted at the next semiannual meeting. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Obviously, only one application for a posthumous promotion may be submitted.

4. Should a promotion application be submitted to the Promotion Committee as per standard promotion regulations, and the candidate passes after that submission but before the semiannual meeting, that application will be considered for a full promotion rather than an honorary one.

A. Judan (10th Dan) Promotion Procedure & Criteria (16-1028-1) A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then tabled as only 6 YDKs provided input for the following. The ad hoc committee to pursue input from the remaining YDKs and make a final recommendation for the Fall 2017 BOE meeting:

1. For #6 - TWO CATEGORIES OF JUDAN a. JUDAN: An Olympic or Senior World Medalist, OR U.S. National Champion and other international medalist in no less than twelve events, OR World and/or USA renowned leader and Judo pioneer (e.g., Keiko Fukuda, Judan). b. HONORARY JUDAN: All other judan candidates meeting the criteria (to be defined).

2. For #8 - JUDAN RANK CRITERIA: It may be difficult but none-the-less helpful to set out a list of factors including such matters of highest-level lifetime achievements in judo, leadership at all levels of USJF judo, long record of the highest level of competitive, coaching, officiating successes, unimpeachable character, major contributor in multiple areas of judo development, promotion, support, etc.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 2017, Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, Irving, TX

Judan Promotion (6th part) A motion to accept and a second (Brink/Kaneakua) was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote for the following: "Highest level lifetime achievements in judo; Leadership at all levels of USJF judo; Long record of the highest level of competition; Coaching; Officiating successes; Impeccable character; Major contributor in multiple areas of judo development; Promotion; Support; Publication of promotional materials, etc."

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Thursday, MAY 10, 2018 Hyatt Place, Austin, Tx

1. No equivalent By-Laws

United States JUDO FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 9, 2018. Double Tree Seattle Airport Hotel, Seattle, Tx

- A. 9 dan promotion criteria: BOE motion passed, approved, and sent on to BOD with amendment to eliminate time-in-grade requirement AND add publication/research/ technical area of judo as a requirement.
- B. 6-dan additional requirement for promotion: a. Exemplary moral character. b. Certifications (i.e., teaching, coaching, self-defense, kata, referee), c. Attending/Sharing skills beyond dojo (i.e., sanctioned clinics); THEREFORE, kata and time-in-grade is not enough. Effective after Spring 2019 meeting. BOE motion passed and approved and to be passed on to BOD 1 abstention.
- C. Certification to be a USJF club USJF: a. Need at least Shodan. b. Safesport /concussion training c. Background check.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 15, 2019, Hampton Inn Tropicana, Las Vegas, Nevada

B. APPROVED - Senior promotion rank criteria as proposed; HOWEVER, compared to 2017 version for Spring 2020 meeting. C. APPROVED – Add promotion recommendations for 6 to 8-dan promotion criteria.

Rokudan: Demonstrative moral character and skills such as: • Sharing of an historical and philosophic perspective of Judo • Increased expertise in one or more areas • Leadership in the dojo, yudanshakai, USJF, and the community • Recognition by one’s peers • Direct participation in on-the-mat activities in uniform

Shichidan: Demonstrative moral character and skills such as: • Invoking purpose and meaning to what we do • Providing higher and personalized motivation and inspiration • Regional, national, and international contribution and experiences • Developing all students to help achieve higher levels • Direct participation in on-the-mat activities in uniform

Hachidan: Demonstrative moral character and skills such as: • The ability to inspire and organize • Recognition for a lifetime of Judo • National and international recognition of expertise • Being a life coach • Being an extraordinary individual

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 31, 2019, Hilton Dulles North/Loudoun, Dulles, Virginia

Minutes of the November 9, 2018 (Seattle) approved and second. The motion passed on a voice vote. CORRECTION - ADD Fee for Coaches/Teacher Certification to \$125. ADDITIONAL CORRECTION - An

additional correction that was not addressed at the Board of Examiners Meeting was brought up at the Board of Director's meeting before the report which was submitted by chair Matsuo Mac Takeda and was accepted and approved by the Board of Directors. The November 9, 2018, minutes were not correct in the time in grade requirement for Kudan. The minimum time in grade should read as follows: Candidates for Kudan shall have held the USJF rank of Hachidan. There shall be no Kudan promotion awarded for any candidate not holding the USJF rank

- A. Ambassador of Judo Certification Program (M. Palacio) – Another track for black belt. – Approved
- B. FORM 20 – Coach changes to (National -3% and Elite – 5%) and Teacher's Certification and Fee is \$120 (Coaches – 2 year and Teacher's 4-year) - Approved C. Change of Coach's Classification to National Coach and Elite Coach. Also, addition of percentages for the reductions in time in grade

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING Saturday, May 30, 2020 – Teleconference

- 1. By-law changes: Coach's and Teacher's Certification, the committee can charge up \$120 for the certification. The coach and teacher's certification are now valid for 2 years. Motion to Adopt and second. Passed
- 2. Dojo Shodan promotion requirements- Tom Sheehan Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.
- 3. Propose Time in Grade Reduction for service as a Committee Chair of USJF and active member of a USJF National Committee. National Chair- 5%, Active member of National Committee- 3% (attendance at more than 50% of the meetings during Time in Grade) by Miki Takemori. Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.
- 4. Minutes of the Board of Director and Board of Examiners must be published 45 days after conclusion of the meeting. Mitchell Palacio. Motion to Adopt and second. Passed
- 5. Consider option inholding the Board of Examiners meetings by teleconference/video conference or any other acceptable remote conferencing format instead of in person. This will allow for a more comfortable and thorough Board of Directors meeting which will be held in person. Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING Saturday, October 31, 2020 –Teleconference

- 1. Senior Promotion Rank Requirements and criteria was approved on December 15, 2019. Ad hoc committee needed to compare it with the language in 2016 since it was not done. Also, they were working on the handbook revisions up to godan. Also, the Ad hoc committee will incorporate the rank requirements for Rokudan to Judan. Other changes made in the Handbook -Chair Miki Takemori. (Attachment 1) Revision of handbook approved with the revisions made

by M. Takeda and Tom Sheehan. Several motions were made by Tom Sheehan and passed as follows.

- a. Pan-American Games competitor classification are in two sections both as A and B on page 16 of 20. Motion to put as "A" classification in both sections. Seconded by Miki. Motion passed.
 - b. Motion Nidan and above put in First aid and CPR in general requirements. Seconded by Miki. Motion passed.
 - c. Motion to put in Dojo Shodan promotion in on page 20 of 20. Seconded by Miki. Motion passed.
 - d. Motion to put in promotion candidates will have two weeks after the deadline of submission to rectify any missing or incorrect information on top of page 20 of 20. Seconded by Miki. Motion passed.
- D. Motion to add techniques to the Senior Rank Requirement- Shinmesho-no-waza by the Handbook Ad hoc committee- Chair Miki Takemori. (Attachment 3.) Approved.
- E. The motion is coming off the floor since it was not submitted within the 45 days before the meeting. The Dojo Shodan promotion requirements that were submitted by Tom Sheehan and passed by the Board of Examiners at the last meeting. Tom Sheehan felt the language as passed was vague and he is submitting a motion to clarify it. (Attachment 4.) Approved.
- F. Motion coming off the floor since it was not submitted within the 45 days before the meeting. Motion by Tom Sheehan that the promotion candidates will have two weeks after the deadline of submission to rectify any missing or incorrect information. (Attachment 5.) Approved.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING Saturday, May 1, 2021, Teleconference

1. New Form 20 to include changes such as Time in Grade Reductions for Self Defense certification- 5% for Trainer, 3% for Teacher; and 1% for Assistant Teacher. Promotion criteria for 9th and 10th dan and honorary and posthumous promotions. Coach certifications change to 3% National, 5% Elite. Time in Grade Reduction for service as a Committee Chair of USJF and active member of a USJF National Committee. National Chair- 5%, Active member of National Committee- 3% (attendance at more than 50% of the meetings during Time in Grade). Report by Mike Purcell. The revised form 20 was provided to all the Board of Examiners for review and comment last year at the October 31, 2020, meeting. Any further comments or revisions will be discussed at this meeting. Motion to approve the Form 20 with any additional changes if needed and form will be utilized by the National Office. Approved – form to be used by the National Office and membership from now on. It is a living document so it will be tweaked as we use it.
2. Junior and Senior promotion criteria corrections in Handbook by the Ad hoc Committee- Chair Miki Takemori. - Hara-gatame into the Sr. & Jr. Nikyu rank requirements was missed. - 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. Approved and will be updated soon in the promotion handbook on the website

3. USJF Promotion Cheat Sheet for obtaining a Shodans. It is the chart on the various pathways to obtain a Shodan in the USJF. The chart compiled by Mac Takeda is to be placed on the USJF website. Recommended by the Promotion Committee. Approved.