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AGENDA ITEM

TO: USJF Promotion Committee, **via e-mail**
USJF Board of Examiners, **via e-mail**
FROM: Robert Fukuda, Executive Director
RE: Posthumous Promotion Requirements
DATE: Fall 2022

On very rare occasions, there are promotions submitted posthumously. They are usually immediately after the promotion candidate has passed, but occasionally they are sometime afterwards.

Here are the current Regulations for Honorary and Posthumous Promotion:

- Honorary promotion to Shodan has a past precedent in USJF. This will be the only honorary promotion considered for a living person.
- All posthumous promotions must reflect the rank integrity of the USJF.
- Regardless of the rank 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 semi-annual meeting to the applicant's passing. Should an individual pass away within 30 days of the semi-annual meeting, the application may be submitted at the next semi-annual meeting. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Only one application for posthumous promotion may be submitted.
- Should a promotion application be submitted to the Promotional Committee as per standard promotion regulations, and the candidate passes after that submission but before the semi-annual meeting. That application will be considered for a full promotion rather than an honorary one.

Some things to consider:

1. USJF Promotion Fee Payment
 - a. As is normal, if the promotion candidate was a USJF Life Member, the promotion fee for is waived.
 - b. If the promotion candidate was a NOT a USJF Life Member, the promotion fee should be paid and fulfilled by the deceased candidate's dojo/yudanshakai.

2. Waiving Of Certification Requirements
 - a. These certification requirements should be waived:
 - i. SafeSport Certification
 - ii. Heads Up/Concussion Certification
 - iii. CPR & First Aid Certification
 - iv. Other new and forthcoming certification requirements

3. Background Screening (BKSC) Must Not Be Waived
 - a. Why?
 - i. BKSC helps to protect our community from bad/dangerous people.
 - ii. BKSC aids in identifying people who are not suitable for promotion.
 - iii. BKSC helps to provide assurance that the recipient may serve as a good representative of judo as there is no record of nefarious/disqualifying activity

 - b. Non-Issue
 - i. This is a non-issue if the candidate has a current clean BKSC on file.

 - c. Problem/Issue
 - i. If there is NOT a current clean background screen on file, this is a problem. BKSC requires the consent and signature of the applicant for the BKSC to be conducted.
 - ii. Thus, it is IMPOSSIBLE to obtain a BKSC of a deceased candidate for the posthumous promotion.

 - d. Acceptable Potential Alternatives If There Is No Current Clear BKSC?
 - i. A history of multiple clear BKSC
 1. 2+ clear BKSC
 2. Most recent clear BKSC is less than 2-years old
 - ii. Written and signed character witness affidavits
 1. Dojo Minor Student - 1
 2. Dojo Adult Student - 1
 3. Dojo Instructor – 1
 4. Yudanshakai – President
 5. Yudanshakai – Promotion/Board of Examiners Chairperson
 - iii. Combination of 3.d.i & 3.d.ii?
 - iv. Other Ideas/Suggestions