

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION
FALL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Embassy Suites, South San Francisco, Ca.
Friday, October 27, 2023, 1:00 pm

AGENDA

NOTE: Each Yudanshakai president is to certify to the USJF Secretary (c/o the National Office) the identity and address of each Yudanshakai Delegate and Alternate to the Board of Directors.

Registration of Delegates

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES (Executive Committee acts as a committee on credentials)

- A. Welcome by the Chairperson

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

IV. MINUTES FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL

- A. Minutes: August 6, 2023
- B. Minutes: September 10, 2023

V. REPORTS

- A. President

- Welcome: *“Education in Leadership”*

- B. USJF National Office

- Purchase

- C. Committee Appointments:

- Endowment Investment Committee

- Bryan Matsuoka, Eric Spears, Tom Sheehan, Ex Officio: Rome Acopan Jr.

- Scholarship Committee Appointments

- Rome Acopan Jr., Josh Kindelberger, Bryan Matsuoka, Jennifer Badertscher, Sheldon Konno, Dekin Hom, 2nd Vice President

- D. Treasurer Report: Rome Acopan Jr.

- Financials

- Smoothcomp Tournament Management Agreement: Rome Acopan Jr.

- Credits

- Federation Platform

- E. Board of Examiners: Mac Takeda

- Update

- Promotions

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- F. Executive Director
 - Update
- G. Presentations
 - Director of Development: Josh Kindelberger
 - Jr. Rank Requirement Matrix
 - Jennifer Badertscher
 - 50th State Presentation: Ed Hanashiro

VI. BOARD RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Reports
- B. Endowment Investment Committee Appointment
 - Bryan Matsuoka, Eric Spears, Tom Sheehan, Ex Officio: Rome Acopan Jr.
- C. Scholarship Committee Appointments
 - Rome Acopan Jr., Josh Kindelberger, Bryan Matsuoka, Jennifer Badertscher, Sheldon Konno, Dekin Hom, 2nd Vice President

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2nd Reading: Motion: Motion: Reduce the YDK rebate of \$17.50 to \$10.00 with \$7.50 going to operation cost effective for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be retroactive of all 2024 membership.
 - Rationale: Increase revenue for Fiscal year 2023 – 2024

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Motion:** National Point Roster Scholarship/Grant Program
 - **Rationale:** The USJF will award annual college (higher education) scholarships to the top three athletes (male and female) in Championship Categories; Bantam(s) 4-5-6, Intermediate, Juvenile, IJF Jr., USJF Youth Referees and Jr. Kata (up to age 17 yrs. old).

Funding: The earnings generated from the USJF National Championships in both Fall and Spring are directed to fund the USJF Point Roster Scholarship Program.

USJF National Point Roster Scholarship/Grant Program

- B. **Motion:** Increase regular membership from \$70 to \$80. The addition \$10 will contribute to USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award (HESA) benefiting both the competitor and non-competitor.
 - The USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award, otherwise known as **HESA**, objective is to cultivate a strong collaboration between the USJF Charter Club Sensei and their students.
 - The USJF through their Charter Club sensei will grant scholarship(s) to their competitor and/or non competitor members who have demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility in shaping their own path to future success. The sensei acknowledges that the foundation for planning their student's educational future can be laid early on during their judo studies.

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- The Scholarship Committee and Endowment Investment Committee will assist in guidance.
- **Rationale:** Program to increase membership in the USJF which also provides the USJF Charter Club to grant scholarships for their student's post-secondary education.

USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award (HESA)

C. **Motion:** By-Law revision - Art. II, Sect 4, #4, Probationary Period to 6 months.

- Every applicant admitted to YDK membership shall be on probation for a period of 6 months. The probationary period may be extended by the Board of Directors for additional one year period.
- **Rationale:** New YDK are given a greater opportunity to participate in governance.

D. By-Law Article II: Membership Section

1. Type A. YDK
 - **Motion:** Creation of Promotion Committee (PC) at Large Club/Association
 - The PC at Large Club Association could be a State association, group of clubs or one club wanting to belong to the USJF but not sure which YDK to join.
 - One PC member and One BoE member would be assigned to the association to assist in their growth and development.
 - The PC at Large Club Association is a Non-voting member in the USJF.
 - This association is composed of nonspecific geographical territory or association. The association is based on the common grounds as the club and judoka believe will promote the best interest of the judo within the USJF. The express purpose of this provision to enhance and otherwise promote membership in the USJF and affiliation of clubs
 - Each association shall operate under its own written constitution, By-laws or written Articles of Association.
 - After Further, after nurturing the association, they would seek voting rights as a new YDK.
 - What rights do they have: The PC at Large Club/Association will have the;
 - Opportunity for Dan promotion ranks, Shodan and higher
 - Rights of promotion through the PC and BoE representative
 - Eligible for scholarships and grants
 - Eligible for Certifications

Art. II. Sect I

- B. Other 1. Club Membership
 - A: A club member is a group of judoka having 10 or more currently registered members, which includes a head instructor with rank recognized by the USJF of shodan or higher.
 - B: the club which operates under written constitution or by-laws if incorporated, or written articles of association if unincorporated, and be registered with the USJF for the current fiscal year.
- **Rationale:** Program to increase USJF clubs and membership

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IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. USJF Spring Nationals: Open for Bid
- B. USJF Summer Nationals Open for Bid

X. ADJOURNMENT

XI. REMINDERS

- A. All committee members and other interested USJF members are welcome to attend USJF committee and board meetings. USJF meetings are open. Committee Chairpersons and Yudanshakai Presidents should, as a matter of course, routinely communicate all USJF meeting schedules and related National Office information/notices to all dojos.
- B. In accordance with the USJF by-laws, the deadline for member agenda item requests is 45 days prior to the meeting.