

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Saturday, April 6, 2023, 1:30 pm  
Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA.

AGENDA 2v.

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:  
i. October 27, 2023

**V. REPORTS**

- A. President
- i. Organizational Strategy
    - Long and Short term goals and objectives
    - Provide Better Services
    - Membership
  - ii. Leadership Transition
    - Emphasize on communication, collaboration and problem solving.
    - Navigate Challenges
  - iii. Committee Appointment
    - Scholarship Committee – Gene Nakashima (Chair)
  - iv. Webinar: Smoothcomp Tutorial – Rome Acopan Jr.
    - Development: YDK Representative Expert
  - v. Risk Management
    - Excess Medical Insurance/3<sup>rd</sup> Party Insurance
    - \$4.00 Excess Medical for USA Judo member
    - USJF By-law Revision Update
    - Reaffirm No Double Knee Drop Seoi-nage, 12 yrs. Old younger
    - Background checks for Dojo Head Sensei
    - Breach of Endowment Trust By-laws Term Limit
    - YDK - Tournament Directors

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- B. Program Development
  - i. Development Director: Josh Kindelberger
    - Jr. Rank: Study Guide
    - Sr. Rank: Janet Johnson
    - Thursday Night Workshop
  - ii. Friday Night Workshops
    - Judo in Madagascar - Brandon Kindelberger
    - Marketing Waza for Club/YDK - Chase Morinaka
    - Smoothcomp – Rome Acopan Jr.
- C. Financial Report
  - i. Rome Acopan Jr. Treasurer
  - ii. Update: Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- D. Executive Director
  - i. Update
- E. Broad of Examiners
  - i. Promotion Committee – Nishioka, Chair
  - ii. Takeda – Chair
- F. Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement
  - i. Neil Simon - Chair
- G. Appointments
  - i. Gene Nakashima – Scholarship Committee Chair
  - ii. Parliamentarian – Chase Morinaka

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

- A. Accept all reports, actions and appointments.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Motion:** Reaffirmation of NO Double Knee Drop Seoi-nage in USJF sanction tournaments for 12 yrs. old and younger.
  - i. **Rationale:** USJF Medical Committee agrees with continuing this policy.
- B. **Motion:** Standardize USJF Age Group and Weight Divisions
  - i. **Rationale:** Standardizing Smoothcomp USJF Age Group and Weight Divisions will facilitate the processing of tournament sanctions.

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- C. **Motion:** Required Background checks for all club sensei's renewing their USJF Charter Club Membership
- i. **Rationale:** Overall, mandatory background checks for club sensei's help create a safer and more accountable environment within the USJF community, promoting trust and confidence among its members.
- D. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Motion:** The United States Judo Federation (USJF) will introduce a recurring monthly membership priced at \$9.99, effective from the start of the fiscal year 2025, which begins on September 1, 2024. Furthermore, all short-term memberships will be discontinued.
- E. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading Motion:** Increase regular membership from \$70 to \$80. The addition \$10 will contribute to USJF Scholarship Grant for Education program benefiting both the competitor and non-competitor.
- i. The USJF Scholarship Grant for Education objective is to cultivate a strong collaboration between the USJF Charter Club Sensei and their students.
- ii. 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.
- **Rationale:** Program to increase membership in the USJF by providing another reason to belong to the USJF.
- F. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading Motion:** USJF By-Law Revision
- i. First Reading: USJF By-Law revision, "Red" edits are to be deleted, "Blue" edits are revisions.
- G. **Motion:** Election of All Endowment Trustees to be in alignment with ET By-Laws term of office.
- i. 2 members to 4-year term (only for this election)
- ii. 3 members to 2-year term
- **Rationale:** In this scenario, electing two individuals for a four-year term (in only this election cycle) and three individuals for a two-year term is done to ensure continuity and stability within the committee. By staggering the terms, the committee can maintain a balance of experienced members while also allowing for some turnover and the infusion of new ideas and perspectives.

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- H. Election of Board of Director Officers
  - i. President
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - iv. Secretary
  - v. Treasurer
- I. Election of Promotion Committee – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
  - i. Election of Chair
- J. Election of Board of Examiners – Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary
  - i. Election of Chair
- K. Election of Endowment Trustees
  - i. Election of Endowment Trustees – 2-year term
    - Election of All Trustees
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- L. Future Spring & Fall Meeting Location
  - i. Yudanshakais interested in having the Spring or Fall meetings
    - 1. Fall 2024  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Thursday, 10/31/24 to Saturday, 11/2/24
    - 2. Spring 2025  
Konan?????  
April/May 2025
    - 3. Fall 2025  
Florida State???  
October/November 2025
    - 4. Spring 2026  
Seattle?????

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April/May 2026

- 5. Fall 2026  
Shufu????  
October/November 2026
- 6. Spring 2027  
Hudson????  
April/May 2027

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Sunday, Clinic with Neil Adams
- B. Special Meeting: USJF Budget Teleconference
  - i. August 4, 2024

**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.