

Proposal for consideration by USJF Board of Examiners meeting in Dulles, Virginia April 6, 2024.

LIMITED PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the elected president of USJF is a very busy person. He accepts all responsibilities of this office including serving as chairman of the corporate board of directors and Executive Committee, is an Ex Officio member of every USJF committee, corporate CEO whose duties include oversight of the national office staff, in addition to dealing with the common interests of other national judo organizations, and much, much more—24 sevens, 52 weeks, yearly during the presidential term in office AND not to forget the extraordinary and unforeseeable happenings such as a Covid pandemic-national wide shutdown, and recruitment of USJF team members by the competition, etc.;

WHEREAS, the president is expected to give the USJF much of his time and attention, all of his expertise, unquestionable dedication and loyalty with unlimited zoom meetings, travel, etc. all of which severely impacts time for personal life including employment, family and other relationships, obligations and responsibilities as well as an immeasurable negative impact on other personal and financial resources and personal health;

WHEREAS, the leadership and membership of USJF have the highest expectations of their president's carrying out the responsibilities of the office; and

WHEREAS, beginning with a steep learning curve which never seems to end, our leader's long days and limitless discussions with senseis, coaches, judo politicians and others, endless trips to airports and constantly changing airplane schedules, etc., the president's 99.9% volunteer operation, constitutes a challenge few understand or appreciate; and for all of this what does our leader expect in return? Nothing more than loyalty to the USJF from the membership and leadership team!

This proposal aims to offer a modest degree of personal prerogative to our elected leader.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the standards for USJF judo rank are hereby modified for the creation of limited authority for the President of USJF to award a promotion in USJF judo rank to any member of the USJF (including an award posthumously) to be known as a "PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTION";

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following limitations shall apply to PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTIONS:

1. Such promotions shall be based solely on the member's merit for such award as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the President;
2. One such promotion may be at any USJF rank during the president's term in office and may include a "jump" of one rank, i.e., be a two step promotion;
3. Except as provided under paragraph 2 herein above, the number and promotion levels for annual PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTION awards are limited as detailed in this chart:

Godan		Rokudan		Shichidan		Hachidan	
Dan	Maximum Rank per Year						
3 rd	2	4 th	3	5 th	-	6 th	-
2 nd		3 rd		4 th		5 th	-
1 st		2 nd		3 rd	4	4 th	5
	1 st	2	2 nd	2 nd		3 rd	
				1 st	4	2 nd	
						1 st	6

4. The President shall provide the Board of Examiner's Chairman (BE) with a written report detailing all PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTIONS awarded in the most recent year and awards made during the current presidential term in office, such report shall be delivered in advance of the annual BoE meeting every Spring. At a minimum this report shall identify each promotion award showing each recipient's name, age, rank, dojo and yudanshakai as well as any additional information the President felt might have entered into any award decision; and

5. It is recommended that the Board of Examiners review the President's Reports and determine whether, in its opinion, the operation of the PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTIONS program is serving the best interests and highest standards of the USJF.

The effective date of this power shall be the date of its acceptance by the USJF Board of Examiners.