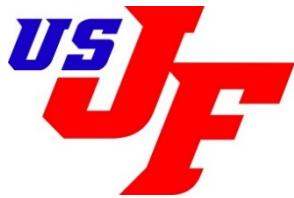




United States Judo Federation  
National Promotional Committee  
Meeting Agenda for November 11, 2024

- I. Opening - Call to Order  
Establish Quorum (See below for attendance at meeting)  
Moment of Silence for those that have passed
- II. Adoption of Agenda motion \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_ passed \_\_\_\_\_
- III.
- IV. Review minutes of meeting on April 5, 2024  
motion \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_ passed \_\_\_\_\_
- V. Review minutes of meeting on October 20, 2024  
motion \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_ passed \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. Promotional Candidate Review -
  - a. Hugh Allain – Shodan to Nidan – Hayashi dojo, ShinNanbu YDK
  - b. Ashley Fernando – Shodan to Nidan – Migato dojo, Makato YDK
  - c. Jeremy Young, Shodan to Nidan – Kodokan dojo, Shinnanbu YDK
  - d. Rolando Fernando, Sandan to Yondan, – Migato dojo, Makato YDK
  - e. Randy Imamura, Yodan to Godan- Fresno State dojo, San Joaquin Valley YDK
  - f. Shannon Hashimoto – Godan to Rokudan -Honolulu dojo, JBAH YDK
  - g. Janet Ashida Johnson, Rokudan to Shichidan – Brockport dojo, Niagara YDK
- VII. Old Business -
  - a. High dan promotion guidelines
  - b. High dan promotion form development
  - c. Dan form 20 and paperwork submissions
  - d. Competitor class for life discussion/revisit
  - e. PC Committee handbook
  - f. Mentoring for younger PC members
  - g. Mentoring volunteers for small YDK
- VIII. New Business
  - a Ad-Hoc Committee report/motion vote on to pass or decline to the BoE  
motion \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_ passed \_\_\_\_\_
  - b Changes/tweaks to current form 20
- IX. Date of next promotional – tentative plan for April ?? 2025 , location: Miami FL
- X. Closing



## DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024

Location: Spring 2024 Meeting at Hyatt Regency, Herndon, VA

### Committee Members:

Ray Imada-50th State, Cal Kitaura-Central Coast, David Matsumoto-Daiheigen, Richard Nakatsu-Hawaii, Anthony Catanese-Hudson, Matsuo Takeda-Hokka, Joshua Kindelberger- Intermountain, Tom Sheehan-Konan, Hayward Nishioka-Nanka Janet Johnson-Niagara, Michael Purcell-Northwest, Larry Tsutsui-San Joaquin, Kevin Tamai-Shufu, Mitchell Palacio-Ex-officio, Robert Brink-Ex-officio.

### Quorum

1. Call to order by Chair Hayward Nishioka: **3:46 EST**
2. Moment of silence for those that have passed.
3. Motion to adopt the agenda. **passed**
4. Motion to approve the minutes 10/26/2023 - **passed**
5. Chairman Nishioka remarks.
6. Motion: All members of the PC shall be eligible to vote, even the chairperson (Palacio). **Withdrawn, BUT motion reinstated: Chair ONLY has ONE (1) vote and IF there is a TIE at the initial vote with the chairs initial vote, then vote FAILS. We reiterate following Robert Rules**  
Discussion on Motion for Limited Presidential Promotions and skipping ranks (Brink). **PC empathizes with the sentiment of this motion but does not agree with the passage with the rank to which the president can promote to including skipping ranks. (PASSED)**
7. **ADD - AD HOC committee revised time in grade promotion – veterans refers to “judo veterans” NOT “military veteran” – motion to approve new (PASSED).**
8. **ADD Discussion on open or closed PC meetings. Motion – At the time of the discussion of the candidates, meeting is closed to any observer or non-voting member except for the advocate at the time of the discussion of the candidate. PASSED but 1 No 1 abstention.**
9. Candidate list for promotion **(Recording paused on discussion of access of recording. Committee discussed and agreed that access is not available to members – Recording resumed)**

| Rank, Candidate, YDK                         | Motion | 2nd | Pass | Fail | Postpone | Reason Tabled/Failed              |
|--|--------|-----|------|------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Godan</b><br>Mark Staniszewski<br>Niagara |        |     | X    |      |          |                                   |
| <b>Rokudan</b><br>Dwayne Fujitani<br>Hawaii  |        |     | X    |      |          |                                   |
| Harvey Takeda<br>Hokka                       |        |     | X    |      |          |                                   |
| Ralph Palmer<br>Hokka                        |        |     | X    |      |          |                                   |
| <b>Hachidan</b><br>Masao Fukuma<br>Nanka     |        |     | X    |      |          | Motion to postpone, but withdrawn |
| Rank, Candidate, YDK                         | Motion | 2nd | Pass | Fail | Postpone | Reason Tabled/Failed              |

|   |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>JUDAN</b><br>Hayward Nishioka<br>Nanka   |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| YDK Approval for<br>JUDAN candidate<br><b>50<sup>th</sup> state -yes</b><br><b>Central coast - yes</b><br><b>Daiheigen - No</b><br><b>Hawaii - yes</b><br><b>Hudson - yes</b><br><b>Hokka - yes</b><br><b>Intermountain -yes</b><br><b>Konan -yes</b><br><b>Nanka - yes</b><br><b>Niagara - yes</b><br><b>Northwest - yes</b><br><b>SanJoaquin - yes</b><br><b>Shufu -yes</b><br><br><b>45 min discussion</b> |  |  |   |  |  |  |

**10. Adjournment 6:20p**



National Promotion Committee Zoom Meeting

Oct 20, 2024

**MINUTES DRAFT**

Promotion Committee Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 20, 2024 09:00 AM Hawaiian, 11:00 AM Alaskan, 12:00 PM Pacific, 1:00 PM Mountain, 2:00 Central & 3:00 Eastern

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 844 9276 9493

Passcode: 524861

Attendance: K Chu, M Purcell, K Tamai, R Nakatsu, M Takeda, T Sheehan, J Johnson, J Kindleberger, A Catanese, R Brink, M Palacio

1. Call to order by Chair Tamai. 9:10 HST
2. Moment of silence for those you have passed.
3. Motion to approve or disapprove the Fall Ad-Hoc Committee report-motion to the Board of Examiners. Attached report-motion. **Approved**
4. Spread sheet. Updated made. **To be presented at PC Board meeting**
5. YDK information how to fill out the form 20. Zoom or Webinar meeting. **In progress**
6. How can we help the smaller Yudanshakai? **In progress**
8. Adjournment. 9:46AM HST

**CURRENT HANDBOOK**  
**(5/1/21)**  
**FOR COMPETITION**  
**CLASSIFICATIONS**

- A.** Team member of the Olympic, World Championship and/or Pan-American Games. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at Class A international tournament.
- B.** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at a Grand Slam, or Grand Prix. A Kata competitor who places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the World Kata Championships.
- C.** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at regional black belt divisions. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fall Classic Tournament, President's Cup, National Collegiate, Youth and Scholastic Nationals, US Senior Nationals, USJF/USJA Summer and Winter Nationals or any non-point qualifying international competition. Kata competitors that have been invited to officially represent the United States in an IJF or PJC sanctioned international events.
- D.** Competes in shiai and/or kata in any sanctioned tournament and earns points based on performance, according to the number of wins and rank of opponents, which includes Veteran's competition at local, regional, state, national and international competition.

**Minimum Time in Grade and Age**

| Class     | A<br>(See information above for details) | B<br>(See information above for details) | C<br>(See information above for details) | D<br>(See information above for details) | Age   |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Shodan    | None                                     | None                                     | None                                     | Points earned                            | 14-16 |
| Nidan     | ½ year                                   | 1 year                                   | 1 ½ year                                 | Points earned                            | 17-18 |
| Sandan    | 1 year                                   | 2 years                                  | 2 ½ years                                | Points earned                            | 19-20 |
| Yodan     | 1 ½ years                                | 3 ½ years                                | 4 years                                  | Points earned                            | 21-22 |
| Godan     | 3 years                                  | 5 years                                  | 6 years                                  | Points earned                            | 23-24 |
| Rokudan   | 5 years                                  | 7 year                                   | 9 years                                  | Points earned                            | 27    |
| Shichidan | Not in current table                     | ?  | ?  | ?  | 33    |

*Shiai Promotion Points Awarded According to Opponent Rank and Type of Win*

| Score    | 2 Ranks Lower | 1 Rank Lower | Same Rank | 1 Rank Higher | 2 Ranks Higher | 3 Ranks Higher |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ippon    | 1/3           | ½            | 1         | 1-1/2         | 2              | 3              |
| Waza-ari | 1/6           | ¼            | ½         | ¾             | 1              | 1-1/2          |

### MINIMUM TIME IN Class D GRADE AND AGE

| For Promotion to the Rank of | Time in Grade       | Non-Competitor | Competitor 5 pts | 10 pts   | 15 pts    | Batsu-gun 20 pts | Min Age     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| Gokyu                        | 12 classes/ 1 month |                |                  |          |           |                  |             |
| Yonkyu                       | 24 classes/2 month  |                |                  |          |           |                  |             |
| Sankyu                       | TIG as Yonkyu       | 5 months       | 3 months         | 0 months |           |                  |             |
| Nikyu                        | TIG as Sankyu       | 9 months       | 6 months         | 3 months | 0 months  |                  |             |
| Ikkyu                        | TIG as Nikyu        | 1 year         | 9 months         | 6 months | 3 months  | 0 months         |             |
| Shodan                       | TIG as Ikkyu        | 2 years        | 1 year           | 9 months | 6 months  | 0 months         | 14-16 years |
| Nidan                        | TIG as Shodan       | 4 years        | 3 years          | 2 years  | 1.5 years | 1 year           | 17-18 years |
| Sandan                       | TIG as Nidan        | 6 years        | 4 years          | 3 years  | 2.5 years | 1.5 years        | 19-20 years |
| Yodan                        | TIG as Sandan       | 8 years        | 5.5 years        | 4 years  | 3 years   | 2 years          | 21-22 years |
| Godan                        | TIG as Yodan        | 10 years       | 6.5 years        | 5 years  | 4 years   | 3 years          | 23-24 years |
| Rokudan                      | TIG as Godan        | 12 years       | 8 years          | 6 years  | 5 years   | 4 years          | 27 years    |
| Shichidan                    | TIG as Rokudan      | 15 years       | 10 years         | 8 years  | 6 years   | 5 years          | 33 years    |

Kata Promotion Points are typically earned through placement in kata competitions. The amount of points earned is a function of the level of competition and placing earned. Please use the matrix below to determine the points earned.

#### *Kata Promotional Points Awarded According to level of Competition and Placement*

| Place/Points    | International | National | Regional | Local |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 3.0           | 2.0      | 1.5      | 1.0   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2.0           | 1.5      | 1.0      | 0.5   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 1.5           | 1.0      | 0.5      | 0.3   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 1.0           | 0.5      | 0.3      | 0     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 0.5           | 0.3      | 0        | 0     |

If there are fewer than five (5) teams competing in an International, National, Regional or Local Kata competition, the points awarded using the matrix above will be decreased by ½.

Kata Competitors that have been selected by USA Judo to represent the USA in International Kata competition will be in the “C” level competitor classification. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World Kata Championships will increase them to a “B” level competitor.

**Suggested Change****(First at spring Meeting 4/6/24)****PG. 3****Second at fall meeting 11/12/24 with some changes****FOR COMPETITORS****Classifications**

- A.** Team member of the Olympics, (Need to add Para Olympics), World Championship and/or Pan-American Games. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at Class A international tournament.
- B.** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at a Grand Slam or Grand Prix. A Kata competitor who places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the World Kata Championships.
- C.** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at regional black belt divisions. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fall Classic Tournament, President's Cup, National Collegiate, Youth and Scholastic Nationals, US Senior Nationals, USJF/USJA Summer and Winter Nationals or any non-point qualifying international competition. Kata competitors that have been invited to officially represent the United States in an IJF or PJC sanctioned international events.

| Class     | A<br>(See information above for details) | B<br>(See information above for details) | C<br>(See information above for details) | D             | Min Age |
|-----------|--|--|--|---------------|---------|
| Shodan    | None                                     | None                                     | None                                     | None          | 14-16   |
| Nidan     | 1/2 yrs.                                 | 1 yrs.                                   | 1 1/2 yrs.                               | Points earned | 17-18   |
| Sandan    | 1 yr.                                    | 2 yrs.                                   | 2 1/2 yrs.                               | Points earned | 19-20   |
| Yodan     | 1 1/2 yrs.                               | 3 1/2 yrs.                               | 4 yrs.                                   | Points earned | 21-22   |
| Godan     | 3 yrs.                                   | 5 yrs.                                   | 6 yr.                                    | Points earned | 23-24   |
| Rokudan   | 5 yrs.                                   | 7 yrs.                                   | 9 yrs.                                   | Points earned | 27      |
| Shichidan | 7 yrs.                                   | 9 yrs.                                   | 11 yrs.                                  | Points earned | 33      |

Additional reduction of 5% time in grade with Regular Life Membership and 6% to 10% for level dependent President's Club Life Membership.

Calculation of points for class D, Sr. & Veteran Competition

| Score    |  | 2 Ranks Lower | 1 Rank Lower | Same Rank | 1 Rank Higher | 2 Ranks Higher | 3 Ranks Higher |
|----------|--|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ippon    |  | 1/3           | 1/2          | 1         | 1 1/2         | 2              | 3              |
| Waza-ari |  | 1/6           | 1/4          | 1/2       | 3/4           | 1              | 1 1/2          |

Class D Shiai Competitors in local Competition in Sr. Division

| For Promotion to the rank of | Time in Grade       | Non competitor | 5 pts    | 10 pts   | 15 pts   | 20 pts | Min Age |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Gokyu                        | 12 classes/ 1 month |                |          |          |          |        |         |
| Yonkyu                       | 24 classes /2month  |                |          |          |          |        |         |
| Sankyu                       | TIG as Yonkyu       | 5 months       | 3 months |          |          |        |         |
| Nikyu                        | TIG as Sankyu       | 9 months       | 6 months | 3 months |          |        |         |
| Ikkyu                        | TIG as Nikyu        | 1 year         | 9 months | 6 months | 3 months |        |         |

| Shodan    |  | None     | None 5pts | None 10pts | None 15pts | None 20pts | 14-16 |
|-----------|--|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Nidan     |  | 4 years  | 3 yrs. 6m | 3 yrs.     | 2 yrs. 6m  | 2 yrs.     | 17-18 |
| Sandan    |  | 6 years  | 4 yrs. 6m | 4 yrs.     | 3 yrs. 6m  | 3 yrs.     | 19-20 |
| Yodan     |  | 8 years  | 6 yrs.    | 5 yrs. 6m  | 5 yrs.     | 4 yrs. 6m  | 21-22 |
| Godan     |  | 10 years | 8 yrs.    | 7 yrs. 6m  | 7 yr.      | 6 yrs. 6m  | 23-24 |
| Rokudan   |  | 12 years | 11 yrs.   | 10 yrs. 6m | 10 yrs.    | 9 yrs. 6m  | 27    |
| Shichidan |  | 15 years | 13 yrs.   | 12 yrs. 6m | 12 yrs.    | 11 yrs. 6m | 33    |

Additional reduction of 5% time in grade with Regular Life Membership and 6% to 10% for level dependent President's Club Life Membership.

PG. 4

Class D Sr. Shuai Division Shuai use **D** TIG classification. Veterans & Kata Competitors use **V-K** TIG classification. For Kyu ranks use class D TIG in local competition

| Rank    | Non-Competitor | 5 pts   | 10 pts  | 15 pts  | 20pts  | Age         |
|---------|----------------|---|---|---|--|-------------|
| Shodan  | 1 year         | None  | None  | None  | None   | 14-16 years |
| Nidan   | 4 years        | A. $\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>B. 1 year<br>C. $1\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>D. $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 3 yrs. 9m | A. $\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>B. 1 year<br>C. $1\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>D. 3 yrs.<br>V-K 3 yrs. 3m                | A. $\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>B. 1 year<br>C. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>D. $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 2 yrs 9m | A. $\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>B. 1 year<br>C. $1\frac{1}{2}$ year<br>D. 2 yrs.<br>V-K 2 yrs. 3m                 | 17-19 years |
| Sandan  | 6 years        | A. 1 year<br>B. 2 years<br>C. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>D. $4\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 4 yrs. 9m           | A. 1 year<br>B. 2 years<br>C. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>D. 4 years<br>V-K 4 yrs. 3m                         | A. 1 year<br>B. 2 years<br>C. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>D. 3 yrs. 6m<br>V-K 3 yrs. 9m                     | A. 1 year<br>B. 2 years<br>C. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>D. 3 years<br>V-K 3 yrs 3m                           | 19-20 years |
| Yodan   | 8 years        | A. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>B. $3\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>C. 4 years<br>D. 6 yrs.<br>V-K 6 yrs. 3m          | A. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>B. $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>C 4 years<br>D. $5\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 5 yrs. 9m | A. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>B. $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>C. 4 years.<br>D. 5 yrs.<br>V-K 5 yrs. 3m          | A. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years<br>B. $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>C. 4 years<br>D. $4\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 4 yrs. 9m | 21-22 years |
| Godan   | 10 years       | A. 3 years<br>B. 5 years<br>C. 6 years<br><u>D. 8 years</u><br>V-K 8 yrs. 3m                            | A. 3 years<br>B. 5 years<br>C. 6 years<br>D. $7\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 7 yrs. 9m                         | A. 3 years<br>B. 5 years<br>C. 6 years<br>D. 7 year<br>V-K 7 yrs. 3m                                    | A. 3 years<br>B. 5 years<br>C. 6 years<br>D. $6\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 6 yrs 9m                           | 23-24 years |
| Rokudan | 12 years       | A. 5 years<br>B. 7 years<br>C. 9 years<br>D. 11 yrs.<br>V-K 11 yrs. 3m                                  | A. 5 years<br>B. 7 years<br>C. 9 years<br>D. $10\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 10 yrs. 9m                       | A. 5 years<br>B. 7 years<br>C. 9 years<br>D. 10 years<br>V-K 10 yrs. 3m                                 | A. 5 years<br>B. 7 years<br>C. 9 years<br>D. $9\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.<br>V-K 9 yrs. 9m                          | 27 years    |

|           |          |   |  |   |  |          |
|-----------|----------|---|--|---|--|----------|
| Shichidan | 15 years | A. 7 years<br>B. 9 years<br>C. 11 years<br>D. 13 years<br>V-K 13 yrs.3m | A. 7 years<br>B. 9 years<br>C. 11 years<br>D. 12.6 yrs.<br>V-K 12yrs. 9m | A. 7 years<br>B. 9 years<br>C. 11 years<br>D. 12 years<br>V-K 12yrs. 3m | A. 7 years<br>B. 9 years<br>C. 11 years<br>D. 11.6 yrs.<br>V-K 11yrs. 9m | 33 years |
|-----------|----------|---|--|---|--|----------|

Additional reduction of 5% time in grade with Regular Life Membership and 6% to 10% for level dependent President's Club Life Membership.

#### Kata Competition

Kata competitor placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pan American Kata Championship.

| Nidan    | Sandan   | Yodan    | Godan    | Rokudan  | Shichidan |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 yrs.3m | 2 yrs.3m | 3 yrs.8m | 5 yrs.8m | 8 yrs.8m | 10 yrs.8m |

Additional reduction of 5% time in grade with Regular Life Membership and 6% to 10% for level dependent President's Club Life Membership.

#### Kata point system for class D

| National                      | Regional | Local   |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place 1.0 pt. | 1/2 pt.  | 1/2 pt. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 1/2 pt. | 1/3 pt.  | 1/3 pt. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 1/3 pt. | 1/6 pt.  | 1/6 pt. |

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