



United States Judo Federation

National Promotional Committee

Meeting Agenda for November 11, 2024

MINUTES

Robert Brink-50th State, David Matsumoto-Daiheigen, Richard Nakatsu-Hawaii, Anthony Catanese-Hudson (ZOOM), Matsuo Takeda-Hokka, Joshua Kindelberger-Intermountain, Tom Sheehan-Konan, Keith Chu-Nanka; Janet Johnson-Niagara, Michael Purcell-Northwest(ZOOM), Larry Tsutsui-San Joaquin, Kevin Tamai-Shufu, Hector Estevez – Florida (ZOOM), Michael Purcell – Northwest (ZOOM) Mitchell Palacio-Ex-officio

- I. Opening - Call to Order **16:00 PST**
Establish Quorum (See below for attendance at meeting)
Moment of Silence for those that have passed
- II. Adoption of Agenda motion **__Tsutsui__**, second **__takeda__** passed **__yes__**
- III. Review minutes of meeting on April 5, 2024
motion **__johnson__**, second **__sheehan__** passed **__yes__**
- IV. Review minutes of meeting on October 20, 2024
motion **__johnson__**, second **__sheehan__** passed **__yes__**
- V. Promotional Candidate Review –
 - a. Todd Hugh Allain – Shodan to Nidan – Hayashi dojo, Shinnanbu YDK **Sheehan/Tsutsui passed unanimous**
 - b. Ashley Fernando – Shodan to Nidan – Migato dojo, Makato YDK **Sheehan/Tsutsui passed unanimous**
 - c. Roland Fernando, Sandan to Yondan, – Migato dojo, Makato YDK **Takeda/Sheehan passed**
 - d. Randy Imamura, Yodan to Godan- Fresno State dojo, San Joaquin Valley YDK **Takeda/sheehan passed**
 - e. Shannon Hashimoto – Godan to Rokudan -Honolulu dojo, JBBAH YDK **7-6 motion to waive current rules. Vote 6-4-1-to pass**
 - f. Janet Ashida Johnson, Rokudan to Shichidan – Brockport dojo, Niagara YDK **passed unanimously**
 - g. Nathan Hiraoka - Rokudan to Shichidan - **Nakatsu motion, Brink second; 9-0-2 passed**
 - h. Jeremy Young – **Motion Matsumoto, Brink second to waive rules and vote – 8-4 -pass – Reject application motion Matsumoto Brink second. Reject.**
From the Floor
 - i. Noboru to Kudan – **Motion brink; Matsumoto second – 12-0-1- passed**
 - j. Robert Fukuda to Shichidan – **Motion Matsumoto; Brink second - passed**
 - k. Michael Tad Nalls- to Shichidan – **Motion Tamai; Brink second – 10-2 passed**
 - l. Roy Englert, Jr – to Shichidan- **Motion Tamai Brink second – 11-0-1 passed**

- VI. Old Business -
- a. High dan promotion guidelines – ongoing discussion
 - b. High dan promotion form development – Matsumoto, Kindleberger, Johnson to work on form
 - c. Dan form 20 and paperwork submissions - ongoing
 - d. Competitor class for life discussion/revisit - ongoing
 - e. PC Committee handbook – ongoing revisions
 - f. Mentoring for younger PC members – in the works
 - g. Mentoring volunteers for small YDK – in the works
- VII. Date of next promotional – TENTATIVE plan for April 24/25/26, 2025 , location: Miami FL
- VIII. Closing 18:10 PST



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 refer 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
Godan Mark Staniszewski Niagara			X			
Rokudan Dwayne Fujitani Hawaii			X			
Harvey Takeda Hokka			X			
Ralph Palmer Hokka			X			
Hachidan Masao Fukuma Nanka			X			Motion to postpone, but withdrawn

Rank, Candi date, YDK	Mo tion	2 nd	P a s s	F ai l	Ta ble d	Reason Tabled/ Failed		N o t i c e					Pass	Fail	Postpone	Reason Tabled/Failed	



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 COMPETITON
CLASSIFICATIONS**

- A. Team member of the Olympic, World Championship and/or Pan-American Games. Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at Class A international tournament.
- B. Placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd at a Grand Slam, or Grand Prix. A Kata competitor who places 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the World Kata Championships.
- C. Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at regional black belt divisions. Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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 (See information above for details)	B (See information above for details)	C (See information above for details)	D (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

(5/1/21)

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 st	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.0
2 nd	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
3 rd	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3
4 th	1.0	0.5	0.3	0
5 th	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 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the World Kata Championships will increase them to a “B” level competitor.

Suggested Change

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(First at spring Meeting 4/6/24

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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at Class A international tournament.
- B.** Placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd at a Grand Slam or Grand Prix. A Kata competitor who places 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the World Kata Championships.
- C.** Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at regional black belt divisions. Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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 (See information above for details)	B (See information above for details)	C (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	24classes /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

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Class D Sr. Shiai Division Shiai 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. ½ year B. 1 year C. 1 ½ year D. 3 ½ yrs. V-K 3 yrs. 9m	A. ½ year B. 1 year C. 1 ½ year D. 3 yrs. V-K 3 yrs. 3m	A. ½ year B. 1 year C. 1 ½ years D. 2 ½ yrs. V-K 2yrs 9m	A. ½ year B. 1 year C. 1 ½ year D. 2 yrs. V-K 2 yrs. 3m	17-19 years
Sandan	6 years	A. 1 year B. 2 years C. 2 ½ years D. 4 ½ yrs. V-K 4 yrs. 9m	A. 1 year B. 2 years C. 2 ½ years D. 4 years V-K 4 yrs. 3m	A. 1 year B. 2 years C. 2 ½ years D. 3 yrs. 6m V-K 3 yrs. 9m	A. 1 year B. 2 years C. 2 ½ years D. 3 years V-K 3yrs 3m	19-20 years
Yodan	8 years	A. 1 ½ years B. 3 ½ years C. 4 years D. 6 yrs. V-K 6 yrs. 3m	A. 1 ½ years B. 3 ½ yrs. C. 4 years D. 5 ½ yrs. V-K 5 yrs. 9m	A. 1 ½ years B. 3 ½ yrs. C. 4 years. D. 5 yrs. V-K 5yrs. 3m	A. 1 ½ years B. 3 ½ yrs. C. 4 years D. 4 ½ yrs. V-K 4 yrs. 9m	21-22 years
Godan	10 years	A. 3 years B. 5 years C. 6 years D. 8 years V-K 8 yrs. 3m	A. 3 years B. 5 years C. 6 years D. 7 ½ yrs. V-K 7 yrs. 9m	A. 3 years B. 5 years C. 6 years D. 7 year V-K 7 yrs. 3m	A. 3 years B. 5 years C. 6 years D. 6 ½ yrs. V-K 6yrs 9m	23-24 years
Rokudan	12 years	A. 5 years B. 7 years C. 9 years D. 11 yrs. V-K 11yrs.3m	A. 5 years B. 7 years C. 9 years D. 10 ½ yrs. V-K 10yrs.9m	A. 5 years B. 7 years C. 9 years D. 10 years V-K 10 yrs. 3m	A. 5 years B. 7 years C. 9 years D. 9 ½ yrs. V-K 9 yrs. 9m	27 years

Shichidan	15 years	A. 7 years B. 9 years C. 11 years D. 13 years V-K 13 yrs.3m	A. 7 years B. 9 years C. 11 years D. 12.6 yrs. V-K 12yrs. 9m	A. 7 years B. 9 years C. 11 years D. 12 years V-K 12yrs. 3m	A. 7 years B. 9 years C. 11 years D. 11.6 yrs. V-K 11yrs. 9m	33 years
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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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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 st place	1.0 pt.	1/2 pt.	1/2 pt.
2 nd place	1/2 pt.	1/3 pt.	1/3 pt.
3 rd place	1/3 pt.	1/6 pt.	1/6 pt.

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