

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION BOARD OF
EXAMINERS SPRING MEETING AGENDA

Friday, May 8, 2026
8:00 am to 11:30 am

Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

REVISED AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER SEATING OF DELEGATES:
- WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda
- Moment of silence for all who have passed.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA. May 8, 2026, Spring Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii
- APPROVAL OF November 8, 2025, Fall Meeting Minutes – Henderson, Nevada
- PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Special Needs Committee be place under Teachers’ Committee indicated by Miki Takemori.
 - i. Parkinson and Falls/Balance will be covered by Alex Campo.
 - ii. Neurodivergent/Autism spectrum disorder presentation by Serena Guttridge (She would need screen share to present her materials.)
 - b. Self-Defense Committee Report on the progress of the Self-Defense Certification-Chair Joshua Kindelberger. Self Defense program will be presented at the Spring Meeting in Hawaii.
 - c. Promotion Committee Tasks. Have they been completed? Indicated that they were awaiting the completion of the Form 20 revision.
 - i. That USJF Promotion Committee will provide clear and precise promotion guidelines and a checklist for promotion applications
 - ii. Further, that prior to the next USJF PC meeting, the USJF PC will conduct seminars with all YDK Promotion Committee chairs and all other interested parties concerning the application requirements.
 - iii. Further, USJF PC members will be assigned as advisors to YDKs that do not have representation on requirements and procedures.
 - iv. Further, that an announcement be made to all members of the USJF, YDK presidents, and YDK promotion committee chairpersons that the USJF PC may no longer consider for promotion incomplete or untimely submitted application at their semi-annual meetings effective the Spring 2026 meeting.
 - v. That the USJF PC will develop and disseminate clear and concise guideline and a checklist for promotion applications
 - vi. Further, that prior to the next USJF PC meeting, the USJF PC will conduct seminars with all YDK promotion committee chairs and all other interested parties concerning the application requirements.
 - vii. Further, that USJF PC members will be assigned as advisor to YDKs that do not have representation on the USJF PC, and to other YDKs who request so, to advise concerning

- promotion application requirements and procedures.
- viii. Further, that an announcement be made to all members of the USJF, YDK presidents, and YDK promotion committee chairpersons that the USJF PC may no longer consider for promotion incomplete or untimely submitted applications at their semi-annual meeting effective the Spring 2026 meeting.
- d. EXCO formed an Ad Hoc Committee. The committee members appointed were Chris Reid, Alex Campo and Hannah Tsutsui. Since the change to keep smaller Yudanshakai involved in the USJF organization by giving them a vote is a bylaw change, it must be approved by the Board of Directors. The Ad Hoc Committee will present their report at the spring meeting in Hawaii.
- e. Report from Janet Johnson on the move to amend the USJF Senior requirement matrix. She was to receive any inquiries on the revision/questions regarding USJF Senior requirement matrix. The inquiries were to be sent to Janet at Judojanet@gmail.com. Janet did not receive any inquiries on the revision/questions on the USJF Senior requirement matrix.
- i. Update white to Godan senior promotion rank requirements.
 - ii. Online for review pending motion to pass final updates at November 2025 meeting.
 - iii. Kata's requirements have changed for the promotional ranks.
 - iv. If approved by the Board of Examiners, the promotional handbook must be revised.
 - v. Josh: no feedback since Spring Meeting on promotion senior requirement matrix. Will present to pass amend USJF Senior requirement matrix at 2026 Spring meeting.
 - vi. National office will email and distribute the Promotion Senior Requirement Matrix for review.
 - vii. Motion to table until Spring 2026. Motion accepted.
- f. Addition to agenda by Promotion committee: Motion to amend promotion requirement for junior shodan: reduce time and grade junior Shodan requirements. Reduce 2 years to 1 year. Motion by David Matsumoto.
- i. Decline in Shodan promotions since COVID years. Increase in Godan and up promotions.
 - ii. Goal of increasing Shodan promotions
 - iii. Minimum age 14 years old. Time and grade 1 year non-competitor/competitor. Competitor 6 months 5 points. Competitor 3 months 10 points. Batsugun 5 ikkyu opponent wins.
 - iv. 2x/week practice minimum
 - v. No changes to moral and good character
 - vi. No changes to kata requirements: Nage no kata 3 sets
 - vii. Modified kata 3 techniques per set (3 sets); choice of technique, 1 side only. Determined by instructor and student.
 - viii. Motion by Takemori: to separate the modified kata requirements from the Junior Shodan requirements.
 - 1. Accept motion to amend junior shodan promotion requirement to separate the modified kata requirement. Motion accepted.
 - ix. Approved the Junior Shodan requirement in principle without the modified kata requirements.
 - x. Ad-Hoc Committee formed to look at the modified kata requirements for junior Shodan

requirement recommendation. The members of the Ad-Hoc committee are Chair Janet Johnson, Frances Glaze, Diane Jackson, and Karen Nagai. They will be making a report at the Spring Meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The concept presented at the Fall meeting about replacing the junior award trophies at the Summer Nationals with traveling banners that every participant could take advantage of for photo opportunities highlighting the morals and values of the USJF.

Rationale: The awards previously given are nearly impossible to select in an unbiased, truly worthy way and be able to be presented in a timely manner at the tournament. Nobody on the JYDS wants to try to make the trophy selections again.

- b. Ms. Berends will be addressing the BOE and will provide information and updates on KDCS progress, new/upgraded programs etc.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

- Las Vegas

- **Adjourn**

