UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION BOARD OF EXAMINERS

FALL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:00 am to 11:30 am

Henderson, Nevada

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER SEATING OF DELEGATES:

B. WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda

Moment of silence for all who have passed.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. November 14, 2026, Fall Meeting, Henderson, Nevada

D. APPROVAL OF May 8, 2026, Spring Meeting Minutes – Honolulu Hawaii

E. Promotion Committee

1. Motion to accept the Promotion Committee minutes of 5-7-26, Honolulu HI
2. PROMOTION COMMITTEE 11-13-26 MEETING REPORT.
    a. Motion to approve updated Promotion USJF Form 20, v7.
    b. Informational: Standard Operating Procedure for Promotion Committee meetings: Open or closed, Meeting structure, Meeting Procedures, Quorum, Meeting Minutes, and Virtual Meeting Guidance.
    c. Promotion Committee Tasks - Indicated that they were waiting for the completion of the Form 20 revision. Stated that it would be completed by the Fall Meeting.

        1’ That USJF Promotion Committee will provide clear and precise promotion guidelines and a checklist for promotion applications

        2’ 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.

        3’ Further, USJF PC members will be assigned as advisors to YDKs that do not have representation on requirements and procedures. – see minutes of previous meeting

4’ 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.

5’ 2nd Reading: 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.

a’ Decline in Shodan promotions since COVID years. Increase in Godan and up promotions.

Goal of increasing Shodan promotions

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.

2x/week practice minimum

No changes to moral and good character

Modified kata 3 techniques per set (3 sets); choice of technique, 1 side only. Determined by instructor and student. Sent to Ad hoc committee

Approved the Junior Shodan requirement in principle without the modified kata requirements.

b’ Motion by Takemori: to separate the modified kata requirements from the Junior Shodan requirements.

c’. 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. They made a report in the Spring. Attach document

F. Junior Youth Development Subcommittee and Athlete Scholar of the Year report

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Self-Defense Committee Report on the progress of the Self-Defense Certification-Chair Joshua Kindelberger.

2. Informational: Small Yudanshakai Vote at Board of Directors meeting –goes to BOD.

   a. 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
   b. Motion for second reading regarding small yudanshakai to amend:

   Have a 4-year trial period to see if giving one vote to small yudanshakai provides more participation at the National Meetings. This will not affect the promotion authority for the yudanshakai. This should be for the BOD meeting

3. Second reading: Report from Janet Johnson on the move to amend the USJF Senior promotion requirement matrix.

   a. If approved by Board of Examiners, the promotional handbook needs to be revised. A copy of the revised Senior matrix is attached.

   b. Goes to Board of Directors to approve for by-law change

4. 2nd reading Motion: Promotion committee to give report at the 2026 fall meeting adopt a minimum instructional (Teacher) certification (current) requirement for promotion eligibility within the United States Judo Federation for the rank of Sandan and higher.
   a. Effective upon approval and implementation by the USJF Promotion Committee, all candidates seeking promotion to Sandan or higher must possess and maintain, at minimum, a valid USJF Teacher Certification (or equivalent certification recognized by the USJF Promotion Committee) in good standing at the time of application and promotion review.
   b. The purpose of this requirement is to promote instructional competency, uphold national teaching standards, reinforce athlete safety and risk

management principles, and ensure that senior-ranked judoka demonstrate continued commitment to the educational and developmental responsibilities associated with Advanced rank.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion: To conduct a survey to determine why girls and boys Judokas separately in the age range of 13 to 20 are not staying in Judo and why they are. It would give us the main reasons why they are quitting and why they are staying with Judo. The study will help us with where we need to focus to retain them.

   If we don't have the number of youth students participating in Judo, how can we increase the number of youth Shodans. The youth shodans are our future in helping our Judo grow. I don't think our continuing to lower our requirements to get more Shodans is the answer. We should establish an Ad Hoc committee to develop a survey questionnaire for that group and how to gather the data. The Ad Hoc Committee should report back within 60 days go the Board of Examiners with their report.

   Rationale: There have been a lot of motions passed to increase the number of youths to shodans by lowering the standards. Is that the answer to increase their retention. Maybe it is something else. The survey will help us. It is important to understand this before we continue to lower our standards.

2. Janet Johnson: To establish an exit survey via text message to former USJF members using mobile survey builders, gym management software or dedicated SMS marketing platforms. To collect information regarding USJF members exiting the organization. It would provide information for marketing purposes to increase our membership. Would be a good way to help the marketing committee gain data to increase membership. Discussion.

3. Motion to request increase of promotion authority to Yodan for San Joaquin Valley Yudanshakai by President Larry Tsutsui. SJV Yudanshakai has been in existence since the 1980's and our current membership is 285 members with 5 clubs. Our current high ranking members are: Rodney Imamura, 6th dan, Larry Tsutsui, 6th dan, Robert Imamura, 5th dan, Richard Imamura , 5th dan, Randy Imamura, 5th day, David Wolenik, 4th dan and Julia Tsutsui, 4th dan

4. Motion to adopt the Senior Balance and Falls as a certification program contigent on approval for the USJF Medical Committee.

5. Motion for USJF to endorse C.R.A.W.L. as an early motor, social and emotional development program that prepares toddlers for future engagement in Judo.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION – Boise, Idaho. Date to be determined**
- **Adjourn**