

USA Judo Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: March 11, 2024, 2:00 pm MT

Attendees:

Committee Members Present:

Ben Goodrich
Marti Malloy
Matthew Parker
Dominic Rodriguez

Guests:

Keith Bryant, USA Judo CEO

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Matthew Parker at 2:06 pm MT.

Scheduling meetings on a more consistent basis

The AAC would like to meet on a monthly basis, starting with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 25 at 3pm Eastern/2pm Central/1pm Mountain/12pm Pacific. A meeting invite will be sent and if the time doesn't work, another doodle poll will be distributed to find a different date/time.

Transgender policy

USA Judo transgender policy was posted on the website today. No questions and overall support of the policy.

Athlete engagement

Discussion of best ways for AAC to engage the USA Judo athlete population and for the USA Judo athlete population to be aware of the AAC, overall governance, and engage in discussions/decision making.

The idea of a virtual town hall meeting for athletes was agreed upon with additional desire to host athlete meetings at training camps. Virtual town halls will last one hour and can be attended by junior, senior, veteran and visually impaired athletes. Questions will be requested in advance, but general topics may include, but not be limited to the following:

- Overview of the AAC and its role
- Overview of USA Judo and Olympic/Paralympic Governance Structure with increasing responsibility and voice given to athletes
- Importance of athlete engagement and upcoming election/committee appointments
- Update on USA Judo initiatives:
 - Engagement with Paris Olympic/Paralympic watch parties
 - Judo in Schools & Communities
 - US Performance Center
 - Pipeline development
 - Preparations for Paris/Los Angeles

The frequency of the town halls is still TBD, but tentatively, the first two will occur in late June following the Junior Olympics and late August, following the Paralympic Games

Board Election

The first terms for athlete representatives, Marti Malloy & Nicole Stout, will expire at the end of 2024. They are able to run for re-election and other athletes are also invited to run for election.

The rough, tentative schedule for the election is as follows:

April – meeting with nominating committee (TBD if AAC rep will be invited to meeting)

May – election schedule and processes finalized by the nominating committee

June – virtual athlete town hall to include discussion of upcoming election

July – announcement of election nomination and voting process

August – virtual athlete town hall at end of month and launch of election process

September – acceptance of board nominees

October – election to occur by mid-October

November – newly elected board members to join in-person November Board meeting in Texas

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm MT