

Michael Ari Miller

I am currently your Coach representative on the USA Judo Board of Directors. I am also a club owner and coach; my club consists of beginners through international competitors. I would like to highlight the efforts of my last 3 years on the Board of Directors.

- Keeping the American Judo System from being force fed to our membership. Keeping it as optional training on our platform for anyone that wants to purchase it. I believe that there is excellent content but should remain optional training for coaches and referees.
- I have fought to keep the integrity of women's sports. I am the father of three daughters and while on the board I have helped ensure that the gains made in women's sports continue. It is important to keep the lines between men's and women's sports in competition clearly defined.
- I have and will continue to support increasing women coaches at all levels.
- I have continued to work to increase participation in USA Judo senior events. Implementing money for travel and camps for the winners of Senior Nationals and Presidents Cup. I also supported and donated cash for Senior National Medalist.
- I have and continue to work toward finding ways to get clubs to register all their members with USA Judo. That is where most of our revenue comes from.

The next 4 years

- Primary focus on LA 2028 Olympics. Raising money and ensuring that all eligible athletes and coaches get the resources they need.
- I will support letting the current American Judo System contract expire and using that money to fund athletes for 2028. This could bring approximately \$700,000- \$1,000,000 additional funds leading up to the Olympics.
- I support giving clubs bigger cash returns for registering new USA Judo members. This seemed to be the most popular idea among coaches I surveyed to get 100% USA Judo registration at every club.

Additional Information

1983-1987 Student athlete, wrestling, University of Oklahoma

1995-2004 National and International judo competitor

1997 National and Pan American Sambo Champion

2016 Assistant Coach, Cadet and Junior Pan Am Championship, Cordoba, Argentina

2017 Assistant Coach, Ladies Belgian Open, Arlon, Belgium

2017 Head Coach, Infantile Pan Am Championship, Lima, Peru

2018 Co-Head Coach, Infantile Pan Am Championship, Guayaquil, Ecuador

2019 Co-Head Coach, Junior World Championship, Marrakech, Morocco

2019-present, Coach Liaison, Youth Nationals and Junior Olympics

USA Judo International Gold Coach Certification

IJF Academy Level 1 and 2 Certified

2021- present, USA Judo Board of Directors Coach Board Member