



Committee Name: Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC)

Date & Time: March 15, 2023 12pm MT

Committee Members Present:

Matthew Parker

Kristin El Idrissi

Ben Goodrich

Hannah Martin

Committee Members Absent:

Dominic Rodriguez

Marti Malloy

Guests:

Keith Bryant

Melissa Jones (left meeting at 12:50PM MT)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Keith Bryant at 12:07pm MT

AAC Meeting Goal: to determine recommendations for TBD spots for the committees.

AAC recommendations are as follows:

- **Coaches & Education:** Katelyn Jarrell, Aaron Kunihiro, Conor Ueykawa
- **Rank & Certification:** Yasmin Alamin, Adam Moyerman, Alex Jacobson
- **Referee:** Ari Berliner, Lisa Capriotti
- **Veteran:** Amber Jones, Anna Fegina,
- **Kata:** Francis Glaze, Heiko Rommellmann, Leah Fisher
- ****Committee wants to add Francis Glaze ****
- **Ethics & Grievances:** Arash Soofiani, Peter Stanley
- **Nominating Committee:** Christine Lavigne
- **Referee Education Committee:** Mackenzie Williams, Alyssa Zawack, Ramon Hernandez Jr.



- **Background Screen Committee:** Nadine Encarnacion, Nate Keeve, Hannah Martin – if needed**
- **High Performance:** Angelica Delgado, Marti Malloy, Ricky Ties, Andre Watson
- **Medical Committee:** Chantal Wright, Nicole Stout

**Another Member needs to be elected for AAC- Para Shai Rep

AAC members suggested to reach out to Andre, Ricky, Nathan, or Robert. A call to action will be posted on website and USA Judo social media for people to send in their own nominations along with letter of intent.

- Keith spoke about SafeSport and USOPC resources and opened the floor for any questions we had.
- Keith was asked about ways to offer self-defense to Firefighters and there was a point that Dojo owners are interested in self-defense techniques and how to get certified Keith mentioned there is a training program and certification in the “works” but not yet ready to be released.
- Spoke about Veterans Judo events, and ways to have better communication with the Veteran community.
- *Judo Alliance agreement is no longer valid – Athlete safety and insurance issue- reason why the agreement has not been renewed. Participating members are not following SafeSport policies which is an insurance and auditing issues for the NGB (USA Judo) It was addressed that all organizations need to find ways *

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. MT

Pending & Future Agenda Items:

- How can we Activate Athlete Involvement – transition to referee and/or coaching
- Partnership with French Federation – looking for Judo Trainers (maybe a topic for AAC to speak about in a future meeting to find trainers and promote this?)
- Financial Policy
Funding
Fundraising and Sponsorships
- Athlete Pipeline
What next steps can athletes take to improve their journey?

i.e.: What resources and steps can a Jr. athlete use to transition into the Sr. ranks

