

## **USA Judo High Performance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Details: November 6, 2025, at 2:30pm MT (Microsoft Team Meeting)

Attendees: Ed Liddie, Angelica Delgado, Jim Hrbek, Danny Rodriguez, Mark Vink, Ari Miller

Absent: Gerry Navarro, Christiopher Velazco

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Reminder of 2026 IJF Grand Prix/Slam and Continental Open Event Selections**

- Athletes must be on the current Senior Elite National Roster and hold at least a “D Level” ranking or higher to qualify for Continental Opens, OR have met the eligibility criteria for Grand Prix/Slam events
- Athletes must have 300+ points on the IJF WRL at the conclusion of the 2025 Tokyo Grand Slam to be eligible to compete in Grand Prix/Slam
- Review of athlete previously approved for a medical exemption to be able to attend Grand Prix/Slam events (Jan-Jun)
- Notice of event selections forms are now posted on the USA Judo website.

#### **2. Review of the Athlete Selection Criteria for the 2026 Cadet/Junior and Senior Pan American Championships**

- Members reviewed criteria to be posted on the USA Judo website for both the Cadet/Junior and Senior Pan American Championships

#### **3. Preliminary discussion of the Athlete Selection Criteria for the 2026 Cadet/Junior and Senior World Championships**

- Seniors: TBD based on IJF rules for top 100 WRL cutoff date
- Cadets/Juniors: Trials to be conducted at the 2026 USA Judo Junior Olympic National Championships

#### **4. Review of U23 athletes for 2025**

- General overview provided on events that were attended by USA Judo pipeline athletes during the year

#### **5. USA Judo National Resident Team Updates**

- General updates provided for 2025 and planned initiatives for 2026

6. LA 2028 Athlete Trials Updates

- USA Judo to post athlete qualification procedures as soon as the IJF/IOC release the qualification guide

7. Updates to the 2026 Athlete Stipend Criteria

- In addition to the posted WRL stipulations, athletes must either now have a top 7 finish in an IJF Grand Prix/Slam OR at top 5 finish at the IJF Junior World Championships within the 12 months preceding each stipend review date

8. 2025 Winter Camp Update

- Announcement made that the camp will not be held this year

9. Review of High Performance Committee Guidelines

- General reminders of mandated committee requirements