

Christine Levine

Candidate for USA Judo USA Judo Athletes' Advisory Council - Kata representative

- US National Kata Team - 2022 - present
- International Pan-Am and multi-time Nationals Kata medalist

As an international competitor I understand the demands and challenges all athletes face in their pursuit of this sport. The normal list of travel, cost, tournament selection, coaching, etc. is amplified in the kata world with limited coaches, a changing kata competition landscape (creation this year of the Kata World Series of Events and World ranking system) and a fresh movement to keep kata as an important training tool in our local clubs. It has made myself acutely aware that the challenges I am facing are inherent to the judo world for both competitors and club participants.

I have challenged myself to expand kata in our region by teaching and giving clinics at various clubs in our Northeast area. Bridging the gap between the business side of judo and advancing the sport is essential to lifting US Judo. It has been a lesson in diplomacy that I hope to apply in my role.

In my past professional career as an executive administrator for youth soccer, I have insights gained in how organizations face the challenge of meeting their needs within the limited resources available and growing a sport that is popular internationally but delayed in its popularity within the US. Since soccer is further down the pathway then judo, I hope to apply what I have learned from their successes and failures.