

Athletes deserve a representative with the fearlessness of someone with nothing to hide and the passion of someone with everything to lose.

It is my continued promise to be that representative even, and especially, when facing the seemingly insurmountable odds of a system built to dictate its athletes, not support them.

I ask that you consider electing me for yet another representative position, this one being the USOPC AC representative. This position will not only allow me to serve as a liaison between the USOPC and USA Judo and give greater weight to the athlete voices within that process, it also allows me to serve on the USA Judo Athlete Advisory Committee.

The AAC is a committee I had helped originally create to act essentially as an “athlete’s union” within the organization. It was meant to continually poll athlete opinions, weigh in on barriers to entry for athlete competitions, and bring greater weight to athlete issues on the board level while ensuring greater levels of athlete representation. My presence on this committee will ensure that this actually happens and that the AAC’s purpose is fulfilled.

It is my opinion that I am best suited for this role given my track record, but the entire premise of being your representative, is that the choice is yours.

I thank you for your consideration,
Nicole Stout-Berliner