

## USA Judo High Performance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details: June 9, 2025, at 11:00am MT (Microsoft Team Meeting)

Attendees: Ed Liddie, Angelica Delgado, Jim Hrbek, Danny Rodriguez, Christopher Velazco, Ari Miller

Voted on Topics via Email: Marc Vink, Marti Malloy

Absent: Gerry Navarro

### Agenda Items and Voting Outcomes

#### 1. Athlete Eligibility for Senior Continental Opens (Effective Jan. 1, 2026)

##### Proposal:

- 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

##### Voting Outcome:

- Passed Unanimously

#### 2. Athlete Eligibility for Senior IJF Grand Prix/Slam (Effective Jan. 1, 2026)

##### Proposal:

- Athletes must hold at least 300 points or higher on the Senior IJF World Ranking List (WRL) as of the designated cut of date for first/second half event selections. The cutoff date for WRL points will be announced in advance and publicly available on the USA Judo website as part of the event selection procedures.
- Athletes must hold 300 points on the WRL as of the designated cutoff date to be eligible for Grand Prix/Slam events. Athletes are still eligible to compete in Grand Prix/Slam events should their WRL point totals fall below 300 points after the cut off dates.
- Open spot requests for Grand Prix/Slam events can only be made by athletes who held at least 300 points on the WRL as of the designated cutoff date for that specific selection period OR currently hold 300 points on the WRL.

##### Voting Outcome:

- Passed Unanimously

#### 3. USA Judo Refugee Program Athletes Receiving Points on the National Ranking Roster

Proposal:

- Allow athletes who have been accepted into the *USA Judo Refugee Program* to receive points in all USA Judo point events on the national ranking roster.

Voting Outcome:

- Passed Unanimously

4. Medical Exception to the Athlete Eligibility Criteria for IJF Grand Prix/Slam

Proposal:

- Athletes may petition the High Performance Committee for a waiver to the aforementioned criteria should they have recently undergone a major medical procedure.

Voting Outcome:

- Passed - 6 in favor, 2 not in favor, 2 did not vote

5. Exception to the Athlete Eligibility Criteria for IJF Grand Prix/Slam for #1 Ranked Athletes

Proposal:

- Athletes ranked #1 in their respective divisions on the USA Judo Senior National Ranking Roster would not be required to meet the aforementioned criteria and would be eligible to compete Grand Prix/Slams.

Voting Outcome:

- Failed unanimously