

USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting
July 6, 2024, 12:45pm – 1:45 ET; 11:45am CT; 10:45 MT; 9:45 PT
MEETING NOTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES –

- A. Welcome by Chair. verify committee quorum (>50%)
- B. Present: Diane, Claudia, Theo, Carla, Frances, Karen W, Eiko
- C. Absent: Barb, Lisa, Takeuchi sensei,
- D. Observers: Karen N, Alain W, R. Wayne Brown, Blane B, Alan P, C. Willet, T Sheehan, Ken D

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve agenda Theo, Karen W. approved

III. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - n/a

IV. BUSINESS

A. USA Kata events:

- a) **7 / 13 – 14 – Nage no Kata (Sat) and KDK Goshin Jutsu (Sun) clinic with Andre Parent** (coach, French national kata team), [International Judo Center](#), Flushing/Queens, NY, register on Smoothcomp
- b) **8 / 9-11 – USJF Kata Conference: Ju no kata and Koshiki no kata with Wolfgang Dax-Romswinkel and Ulla Loosen** (Ju no kata world champion team), San Diego State U, CA, POC: Bill Caldwell & Ben Ott. register on Smoothcomp.
- c) **Weekend of End of Aug and beg of Sept – CAN training camp**
- d) 8 / 18-25 – International Judo Camp, NY State (kata is part)
- e) 9 / 19-20 – PJC Kata Championship and Veterans, Bogota, Colombia
- f) 11 / 8-10 – IJF World Kata Championship and Veterans, Las Vegas, NV

B. 2024 Sr Nationals divisions

	Nage	Kat	Ju	Kim	GoS	
Inter	4	5	3	0	1	13
U23	2	1	1	0	1	5
Open/Sr	3	5	5	4	5	22
	9	11	9	4	7	

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2023 Sr Nationals divisions

2023	Nag	Kat	Ju	Kim	GoS	
Intermediate	3	3	2	1	2	11
U33	2	0	1	n/a	n/a	3
Open / Sr	3	4	5	2	3	17
	8	7	8	3	5	31

- a) Prize \$\$ - first place \$500 per team for U23 and Open categories (from anonymous donor) – for Open/Sr and U23 divisions with at least 2 teams
- b) Criteria for category:
 - World team members in their kata, even with new partner, compete in Open/Seniors
 - World team members can compete in intermediate if it is in a different kata than in their World or PJC level kata(s)
 - Once medaled in Open/Seniors, team for that kata is Open/Seniors category
 - If medaled in Intermediate previously, can be Intermediate again
 - If medaled in Open/Seniors previously, team cannot be Intermediate in that kata

V. 2024 Worlds and PJC team members

- A. 2023 / 2024 year – 6.5 PJC and 7.0 Worlds

VI. 2024 judges for PJC, and Worlds

- a) PJC – Judge request: Alain W., Karen N Candidate: Einhard
- b) Nov 4 – 7, 2024, IJF Worlds – Las Vegas, NV (judges: 4, if a team; candidates; 4-5)

VII. Motion for mandatory attendance for national-level judges and higher to attend a high-level clinic 1 – 2 per year. No second. Did not move forward

- A. Note of Ken Durand's Tuesdays kata discussions
- B. Think on high-level offerings for judges for future, including criteria.

VIII. Next USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting – Sunday, Sept 15, 11:00am ET, 10:00am CT, 9:00am MT, 8:00am PT

IX. End of meeting – Frances motion, Clara seconded. Approved.

- 2024 PJC Kata Championships, Bogota, COL
 - spreadsheet
- 2024 IJF World Championship, Las Vegas, NV
 - spreadsheet

End of Agenda Items

Kata Calendar:

► USA Kata events:

- **7/ 13 – 14 – Nage no Kata and Goshin Jutsu clinic with Andre Parent** (coach, French national kata team), [International Judo Center](#), Flushing/Queens, NY
- **July – Joshi Camp**
- **8 / 9-11 – USJF Kata Conference:** Ju no kata and Koshiki no kata with Wolfgang Dax-Romswinkel and Ulla Loosen (Ju no kata world champion team), San Diego State U, CA, POC: [Bill Caldwell & Ben Ott. Smoothcomp.](#)
- 8/18-25 – International Judo Camp, NY State (kata is part)

- ▶ 9 / 8 – [2024 North American Judo Championships](#) (Kata and shiai), Wayne, NJ
- ▶ 9/19-20 – PJC Kata Championship and Veterans, Colombia
- ▶ 11/ 8-10 – IJF World Kata Championship, Las Vegas, NV

- ▶ International kata tournaments/ events:
 - ▶ July 13 – 20 – Kodokan summer kata course
 - ▶ August 24 – Nordic Open kata tournament (clinic 8/25 by Dax-Ulla)
 - ▶ September 7 – Madrid, Spain

Previous items as reminders:

- X. 12/2023 Kata Committee meeting - Decided on: Selection moving forward for IJF and PJC Judges. yellow highlight approved, with some level of hierarchy
 - a) For IJF: must have judged at PJC championship within last three years (or at least volunteered to go).
 - b) For PJC: judge at Nationals within last two years
 - c) Judge selection from previous year(s) – allow for rotation / opportunities.
 - d) Active kata service (judge, administrative...)
 - a. Active in USA kata community: in committees, judge, clinician, coach, monthly kata discussions, instructor, team manager, “advanced student” (e.g., attending seminars with internationally credentialed clinicians)”
 - b. Active in practice with IJF criteria for judging: as judge (national and international), clinician, coach, monthly kata discussions, instructor, volunteer positions at IJF Worlds or PJC
 - c. Quality/level as judge, athlete, other (level and recency)
 - e) Rank – only if all other things are equal (12/30)
 - f) If PJC has role in selecting/naming judges or candidates, then adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Recap with results update yellow highlights for results/medal:

2023 PJC Kata Championship and Veterans Tournament, Mexico: [Outline](#)

- a) September 22, Veterans is September 23 -24, 2023
- b) Judges: Martin, Glaze, Schwalm, Jackson (4 max)
- c) Candidates: Shimizu (+1), Nagai (+1), Koyama (+2), Wilkerson (+4), Gouthro (+5), Schmidt (5 max)
- d) Officials: Takeuchi, Shimizu
- e) Pre-trip team manager: Schwalm
- f) Coaches & on-site team managers: Capriotti, Gouthro (offered to zoom and watch videos for prep)
- g) For Seniors: max 2 teams per kata, max 10 teams. For U23: no team limit
- h) Photos for USAJudo website: Nicole.Jomantas@usajudo.us
- i) Team below:

Team#	tori	Uke	PJC by kata
1	Dagdagan	Pasteris	Ju
2	Latimer	Levine	Ju
3	Newcomer	Valcik	Katame
4	Pasteris	Dagdagan	Katame
5	Kabuya	Coleman	KDK Goshin
6	Schultz	Sternick	Kime
7	Tello	Suguieda	Kime
8	Levine	El Idrissi	Nage
9	Tello	Suguiedo	Nage
U23	Buskerud	Buskerud	U23 - Ju – 1 – medaled
U23	Buskerud	Buskerud	U23 - Nage – 1 – medaled
U23	Maeda	Horita-Nguyen	U23 - Nage

- B. IJF [World Kata Championships](#)– UAE – October :28
- Judges: Glaze, Smith, Shimizu, Shepherd. (4 max)
 - Candidate: Jackson (+5)
 - Officials. coaches: Martin, Schwalm, Takeuchi
 - Team manager: Schwalm

Kata	division	tori	uke	IJF team
Ju	Open	Dagdagan	Pasteris	Ju - 1

2023 USAJudo Kata Committee members (33% athlete rep): Diane Jackson (chair/athl); Eiko Shepherd (vice chair); Lisa Capriotti (secretary/athl); Barbara Houston-Shimizu (past chair); Kuniko Takeuchi; Frances Glaze; Carla Martin; Claudia Smith; Theodore Schwalm (athl); Karen Whilden

On-going work, leads and members:

- Ad-hoc committee on Judge certification – tabled - Next - continuing education / maintaining certification
- Ad-hoc committee on Virtual / Video Competition – Lisa C., Theo, Leah, Carla
- Ad hoc committee on Kata People Resource Network (contact info to support promotion) & judge list update – Christine Levine, K. Nagai,
 - those willing to have name and some way to contact: club website published as a person willing to help judoka to learn kata for promotion, competition, etc. (K. Nagai)
 - Let her know if you are willing to be listed as a person that is willing to help judoka learn kata
- Means of sharing of seminar / clinic information with all three judo organizations and without an organization – OUTSIDE of the kata community - lead?
- Ability from USAJudo (USOC platform)
 - Links for USAJudo webpage and other: Blane, Leah, Lisa
 - USAJudo log-in section with tests, competition
 - Tournaments

- f. On-line judge exams and quizzes – Blane, Leah
- g. USAJudo Kata Team ‘normal times’ criteria: PJC / IJF – Diane
- h. Future Infrastructure? – create a Judge Commission (similar to Referee Commission)
 - i. Odd number 3 or 5
 - ii. Experienced international
 - iii. Fair, unbiased
 - iv. Strategic planning for who goes where
 - v. Minimize conflict of interest in decisions
 - vi. Example: Referee Commission – charter: tracks judge quality; who goes where; conflict of interest: only non-working A’s; communication/ tracking who is going where
 - vii. Discussion:
 - 1. Referee Commission: Coordinates refereeing at national/international. Evaluates / tracks evaluations.
 - 2. Need metrics for judges – post-tournament analysis – Alain W. created for Excel – need to work on input of data – email Karen N for sample of Excel data
 - 3. Use of Google sheets for monthly kata analysis – created by Blane – need to try to use them
- i.

XI. Parking lot of ideas

- a) Create new educational resources (beginner video series?) – start with Blane’s resources
- b) “Job aids” for kata studying
- c) Build independent website while USAJudo mirrors it
- d) Kata newsletter (email list)
- e) Instructor/Coach education program outline (how can we teach new instructors)
- f) Improve Attainability of Promotional requirements through resource simplicity – start with kata people network
- g) Competitor development pathway (youth, senior, handicap)
- h) Find-a-coach program, (network potential students to interested coaches) – start with kata people network
- i) Nage no Kata Tour (youth and adult sessions separate) – can be offered through kata network; Following year - Katame no Kata Tour with Nage competition

Kata resource links:

- Kodokan kata textbooks: [Documents / IJF.org](#) (broken link: [Kodokan KATA Textbook | Kodokan Judo Institute](#))
- Kodokan videos and kata clinics – Youtube;
- IJF scoring evaluation criteria (2022) – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF kata judge guidelines – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF tournament rules / guidelines – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF World Kata Championships performances: 2021 and previous - Youtube; 2022 – IJF; JudoTV
- EJU kata festival (history and practical presentations) by Wolfgang Dax –Youtube
- Other handy links at shufujudo.org
- Judges for 2023 Worlds (can send 4)

- IJF judges (order of cert): Takeuchi (5), Claudia (5), Carla (5), Frances (5), Barb (4), Eiko (5), Theo (4)
- PJC judges: Karen W (5), Diane (5), Karen N, Blane, Fran
- Judged at recent PJC: 2022 (Brazil): Carla (IJF) and Theo (as PJC); 2019 (Peru): Takeuchi (IJF), Carla (IJF), Theo (PJC)