

Candidate Statement for USA Judo Athlete Representative

My name is Lincoln Han. I began my judo in the California at the age of nineteen in 2001 and now I am the head coach at Judo Link International, a judo school I founded in Caserta, Italy. As a long-life martial art enthusiast, I didn't grow up with the opportunity to practice judo until I became an adult. Once I started, I never wanted to stop. My judo reflects my life, where I spent between the US, Asia and Europe. My passion and dedication to judo allowed me to arrive twice on the podium at the World Judo Championships for Veterans/Masters (2015 and 2025) representing the US in the competitive -73kg category. For me, judo is a great way to link people from different countries and cultures to achieve constant self-improvement. As an athlete representative, I would like to encourage American athletes and foster opportunities for them to exchange and improve their judo in Europe and beyond. With my judo school located in an area with some of the best judo players in Europe, I want to be a link between the two sides of the Atlantic for further development, especially in adult judo.