

USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting
April 21, 2024, 11:00 – 12:00 ET; 10:00 CT; 9:00 MT; 8:00 PT
MEETING NOTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES – 11:02 am
 - A. Welcome by Chair. verify committee quorum (>50%) Diane, Claudia, Theo, Carla
 - B. Absent: Frances (teaching Kime clinic), Barb, Karen W, Takeuchi sensei, Eiko, Lisa
 - C. Observers: Margie K, Ken D, Karen N, Alain W, R. Wayne Brown, Rob S, Blane B, Doug N, Alan P.
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - A. Motion to approve agenda – no quorum
- III. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL– no quorum
- IV. BUSINESS
 - A. Highlight of dates
 - a) April 27, Sat, 11:00 – 12:30 Monthly Kata Discussion – finish KDK Goshin jutsu and discuss IJF evaluation criteria and changes for 2024
 - b) May 11, Sat, 11:00 – 1:00pm – USAJudo zoom discussion on scoring using Smoothcomp for judges and anyone
 - B. May 24 – 27, 2024 Senior Nationals (and Golden State Open) –Ontario, California [USAJudo Events| Sport:80 \(sport80.com\)](#)
 - a) Diane's contact #: 301-385-7146
 - b) Theo #: 214-985-7353
 - c) Karen N, Theo, Diane, Margie, Carla – Wednesday afternoon / night
 - d) THURSDAY
 - a) 10:00 – 12:00 – USAJudo Kata Committee mtg (location confirmed by USAJudo)
 - b) 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm - check in for athletes (lobby at venue, est.)
 - c) 5:00 pm – head table meets with USAJudo to convert and verify registration from check-in (at venue, firm)
 - e) FRIDAY
 - a) 10:00 am doors open for warm up and set up
 - b) 11:15 am judges meeting
 - c) 12:00 pm bow-in for competition
 - d) After competition - feedback time and awards
 - e) 5:00 pm (or as soon as awards completed) – judge or instructor certification - Must let Diane know before. – 1 Ju no kata
JudoDTJackson@gmail.com
 - C. 2024 categories

2024	Nag	Kat	Ju	Kime	GoS
Intermediate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

U23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open/ Senior	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

a) Prize \$\$ - first place \$500 per team for U23 and Open categories (from anonymous donor)

- 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, team for that kata is Open category
- If medaled in Intermediate previously, can be Intermediate again
- If medaled in Open previously, cannot be Intermediate in that kata
- World team members in their kata, even with new partner, compete in Open

V. 2024 Worlds and PJC team members

A. 2023 year – 6.5 PJC and 7.0 Worlds

VI. Discussions / recommendation from Theo

- A. I ran the numbers from all the teams competing at World's last year, and the 7.0 minimum for the regular division still seems go, as only a few teams at World's score below that level.
- B. U23 we can make the qualifying minimum score 6.5
- C. I recommend that the score for qualification at Nationals be calculated by looking at BOTH the average of the total scores of all the judges on the Kata AND the average score of the IJF judges on the Kata, and if either score is 7.0 or higher the team should be eligible. This is to balance out for judges not scoring at IJF standard level.
- D. I also recommend a second round for eligibility, after Nationals, for any slots still open (those qualifying at Nationals should have first priority for spots on the team). The second round would be if a team is recommended by two or more IJF judges, and then has a live performance (either at a tournament, online, or recorded at a tournament), judged by a panel of at least three IJF judges and gets the 7.0 score (or 6.5 for U23).
- E. Also, if a team at Nationals, just misses the mark or does not qualify due to a one time issue in the Kata, may also request to try again using the second option above.

VII. Request to judge at Nationals, PJC, and Worlds

- a) Nationals – Barb, Diane, Frances, Carla, Karen W, Karen N, Theo, Alain, Einhard, Eiko, Greg F, Takeuchi (if needed), Blane
 - a) Maybe: Jan
 - b) Not available: Claudia, Jolie
- b) PJC – Judge request: Alain W. Candidate: Einhard
- c) Nov 4 – 7, 2024, IJF Worlds – Las Vegas, NV (judges: 4, if a team; candidates; 4-5)
- B. Next USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting – June 29 or 30 next USAJudo Kata Committee mtg
- C. End of meeting – approved. 11:51 am

End of Agenda Items

Kata Calendar:

► USA Kata events:

- 4 / 21 – USAJudo Kata Committee meeting 11:00 – 12:00 ET
- 4 / 27 date changed – Monthly Kata Analysis and Discussion meeting (finish PJC team KDK Goshin Jutsu, Newcomer / Fiston Kabuya AND IJF rules and rule changes)
- 5 / 4 – Seattle dojo tournament, Bellevue, WA
- 5 / 5 – Kata Festival: U of NH, Durham, NH, POC: Ken Durand
- 5/11 – Nagase Cup, Dallas, Texas
- 5/18 – Ju no kata clinic, San Diego, POC: Bruce Knight
- **5 / 24-27 – Senior Nationals and Golden State Open, Ontario, California, U23, Open, Intermediate**
- 6/15 – Tohkan classic, Chicago, IL
- June 20 – 22, Greatest camp, NC
- **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
- Date TBD – PJC Kata Championship and Veterans, location TBD (not Colombia)
- 11/ 9-10 (kata) – IJF World Kata Championship, Las Vegas, NV

Clinics in Canada:

May – Fukushima sensei (Portland May 14 something around for Obikan practice)

June 7 – 9, Montreal, Koshiki no kata/ itsutsu

► International kata tournaments/ events:

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

2023 Senior Nationals – Spokane, WA – first year with intermediate and U23

2023	Nag	Kat	Ju	Ki	GoS	
Intermediate	3	3	2	1	2	11

U33	2	0	1	n/a	n/a	3
Open/ Senior	3	4	5	2	3	17
	8	7	8	3	5	31

Previous items as reminders:

- VIII. 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.
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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

Team#	tori	Uke	PJC by kata
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 – Diane, Eiko, Frances, Lisa - 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, B. Bellerud, L. Capriotti, T. Schwalm
 - 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
- On-line judge exams and quizzes – Blane, Leah
- USAJudo Kata Team ‘normal times’ criteria: PJC / IJF – Diane
- Future Infrastructure – create a Judge Commission (similar to Referee Commission)
 - Odd number 3 or 5

- ii. Experienced international
 - iii. Fairness
 - 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
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IX. 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
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Kata resource links:

- Kodokan kata textbooks: [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
- 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)