



**Committee Name:** Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC)

**Date & Time of Meeting:** November 21, 2022. 1:00 pm MT

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Matthew Parker
- Kristin El Idrissi
- Marti Malloy
- Hannah Martin
- Dominic Rodriguez
- Ben Goodrich

**Committee Members Absent:**

- Dominic Rodriguez

**Guests:**

- NA

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Matthew Parker at 1:04 pm MT

Discussions raised

- Bringing up recap on the board meeting and any ramification that may affect athletes and our role as the AAC
  - Funding of athletes for international tournaments - how should USA Judo handle the dilemma of fronting the costs of tournaments.
    - Providing resources to athletes so that they can be better prepared to budget for tournament schedule
      - Budget calculator
      - Adding information about total costs when athletes sign up for tournaments
    - Options
      - The aspect of using contracts need to be involved in the process?
      - The majority of the committee believes that the ability of athletes who deserve funding to be restricted from getting funding because of overdue invoices is unacceptable



- Review other sports and their processes in this matter such as Taekwondo and wrestling
- Recommendation –
  - Pay to play along with any time period allotted by USA Judo
  - If not received in allotted time the athlete loses opportunity for participation in future period constituted by contracts with in the signup process.
- Amp
  - Athlete excellence this is the platform that will try to provide more resources to athletes and connections to the business world and sponsorships

**The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. MT**

**Tabled & Future Agenda Items:**

- Review results from state sport and see if similar questionnaire could be beneficial to Judo
- Developing on going communication tools to activate athlete engagement
- Providing resources to athletes
- Tournament progression
- Continue resource discussion what exactly is missing
- Amp services and what they provide for us
- Financial Policy
  - Funding
  - Fundraising and Sponsorships
- Athlete Pipeline
  - What next steps can athletes take to improve their journey
  - i.e.: What resources and steps can a Jr. athlete use to transition into the Sr. ranks