USA Judo Kata Committee Summary
November 15, 2026, zoom
12:00pm ET / 11:00am CT / 10:00am MT / 9:00am PT

USA Judo Kata Committee members attendance: Diane Jackson, Doug Newcomer, Barbara Shimizu, Karen Whilden

Members not available: Jim Sternick, Theo Schwalm

Observers: Ken Durand, Karen Nagai, Carla Martin, David Barrett

1. Welcome, established quorum. Time: 12:05 pm
2. Motion to approve Agenda: B Shimzu, K Whilden - motion passes
3. 2027 Calendar preview

- **January**
- 9-10, Nanka Winter Nationals, Loa Angeles, CA
- 16-17, Kata clinic w/ E Shepherd, Fresno Judo Club, CA
- 16, Ju and Katame no Kata clinic w/ B Shimizu & K Nagai, Seiwakan Judo Club, Portland, OR
- 23, Kata Worlds Series (KWS), Aviles, ESP
- 30-31, Eastside high-level kata training camp (by invitation), Dallas (Plano), TX
- **February**
- 6, Western Kata Championship, SF, CA
- 27-28, Lone Star Classic, Fort Worth, TX
- 27-28, Eastern Canadian Championship, St Jean sur Richelieu, CAN
- 28, Pan American Adaptive Judo Games, Riverside, CA
- **March**
- 6 (est), KWS, Louvain-la-Neuve, BEL
- 20, US Youth Nationals, Salt Lake City, UT
- **April**
- (tentative), KWS, FRA

- 23-25, Golden State Open, Los Angeles, CA
- April, New England Kata Festival w/ K Durand, (U of NH) Durham, NH
- **May**
- 15-16, US Kata Championship, Sr. Nationals, TX
- May, August or September – PJC Kata Championships, Cartagena, COL
- **June**
- June, USJF Kata Conference
- June, USJA Greatest Camp, NC
- June/ July, Nutmeg Games, Cromwell, CT
- **July**
- 3, KWS, Laval (Montreal), CAN
- 10-11, USJF Summer Nationals, San Francisco, CA
- July, Jr. Olympics
- July ~11-18, Kodokan summer Kata course, Toyko, JPN
- 24-25, US Open, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- **August**
- August, Koshiki no kata clinic with D McFall, DC area
- August, Texas Kata Festival
- August, USJA International Judo Camp, NY
- **September**
- September, Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, PA
- September/October (typically), IJF World Kata Championship
- **October**, JMAC Kata Classic, MI
- 10, Jason Morris Cup, Scotia, NY
- **October**, JMAC Kata Classic, MI

- October (tent), Mid-Western Kata Championship
- **November**
- 19, Dallas Open, TX
- **December**, Katapalooza Kata festival, DC area
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4. Motion to adjourn: 12:38pm, K Whilden, D Jackson - motion passes