



USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 5, 2024 via Teleconference

Attendees:

Joe Ragan, Chair
Colton Brown
Joon Chi
Ben Goodrich
David Johnson
Jeff LeForce
Marti Malloy
Ari Miller
Gerry Navarro
Nicole Stout

Absent:

Shannon Hondl
James Webb

USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant, Executive Director/CEO
Nicole Jomantas, Director of Communications, Marketing & Development
Melissa Jones, Director of Finance, Compliance & Office Operations
Vaughn Anderson, Events & Technology Manager

I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Conflicts of Interest

Quorum was established and Board Chair Mr. Ragan called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm MT. No conflicts were announced.

II. Point Events

The board and staff discussed the criteria for hosting a point event and how the sanction requests for point events are reviewed and decided upon. A larger number of point events were approved recently so that event hosts could see what goes into hosting these events with the hope of creating more quality events across the country. Allowing several events to be held in the same area resulted in the quality of some events being diluted. We are now taking that information and being more thoughtful in selections and considering the athlete experience and referee staffing when awarding these events.

a. General philosophy discussion points

- i. Overall number of point events each year
- ii. New vs. established events
- iii. General Sanction vs. Points for start-ups
- iv. Overall point allocations for each level of event
 - 1. Why not all letters or numbers for consistency?
 - 2. How many levels should there be?
 - 3. What is appropriate progression of points?
 - 4. When can a point tournament move up to the next level?
- b. Criteria considered
 - i. Location
 - ii. Number of participants
 - iii. History
 - iv. Operational efficiency and fulfillment of requirements/overall performance
 - v. Strategic
- c. 2024 Point events awards
- d. National events considerations
 - i. Limit # of multiple event entries to reduce time of events?
 - 1. Consider need for more matches or better customer experience
 - ii. Youth Nationals – remove Novice Bantam 1,2,3 – same athletes, same matches

Motion by Mr. LeForce, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Battle in the Square for a junior level event for 2024. If the date of the event is moved to not conflict with Senior Nationals by two weeks, they will be awarded both junior and senior point events. Motion passed.

A working group will be created to define the criteria for 2025 and going forward to be completed by the November 2024 board meeting.

III. Membership

The board discussed the event only membership type that was approved at the November 16-17, 2023 board meeting.

\$15 event only membership

- Valid for individuals who have not held a USA Judo membership.
- Can be used to attend one USA Judo non-point sanctioned event annually.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm MT.