

Dr. Ron Tripp

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USA Judo

Nominating and Governance Committee

Mr. Richie Endow, Chair



Distinguished Members of the USA Judo Nominating and Governance Committee,
I am submitting the requested information for your review as an At-Large Member Candidate in the upcoming election to the USA Judo Board of Directors. I am extremely excited about this opportunity and humbled to be nominated and have the chance to contribute in the future.

I look forward to bringing my experiences from leadership and management opportunities in sports, public service, and private business to the conversation to move us toward an elite “best practices” Board.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and for your efforts to our great sport.

Respectfully,
Dr. Ron Tripp

USA JUDO CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

“Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for the At-Large Director position to the USA Judo Board of Directors. I have a proven track record of success in my past service to USA Judo, as well as in sports management, business, and state and national professional organizations. I am an out of the box thinker and embrace challenges with solutions, not excuses. Since November of 2024 I have been sharing with members of the USA Judo Board new approaches in fundraising, marketing and sponsorship opportunities. We have discussed new revenue generating opportunities to meet our financial needs not only at the national level, but also the states and grass roots clubs and coaches. In January of 2025 I agreed to serve on the USA Judo By-laws Committee understanding the urgency to address the areas of concern expressed by the USOPC and IJF. We are successfully moving forward each week. I have always had the ability to bring people together as a unified team, both in spirit and effort towards a common goal. I am excited about this opportunity to be a positive force as a member of the Board and build a successful team for the future of judo in America. Let’s work together and achieve great and unimaginable things in 2025. Thank you for your time and consideration and I ask for your support and your vote on April 30th.” Respectfully, Ron Tripp

Ron Tripp is the former President of USA Judo, serving from 2000-2008. He served as the organizations Vice-President 1996-2000 under President Yosh Uchida and as USA Judo Athlete’s representative 1992-1996 under President Frank Fullerton.

Dr. Tripp represented USA Judo at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and at the World Judo Championships and IJF Congress in Paris, Birmingham, Munich, Osaka, Cairo, and Rio De Janeiro from 1997-2008. At the 2005 World Judo Championships in Cairo, Egypt, he was awarded the IJF Medal of Honor by President Marius Vizer, recognizing his contributions and service to the sport.

As an elite athlete for more than a decade, he represented the United States at the World Judo Championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He was a Bronze Medalist at the 1991 Pacific Rim Judo Championships and represented the U.S. in the 1995 Kano Cup and as a member of the Bronze Medal team at the 1995 Mifune Cup. In U.S. competitions he won 6 consecutive National Ladder Tournament Championships at 4 different weights. He was the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival Champion and won 8 U.S. Olympic Festival medals in his career. A 7-time World Medalist in the Russian sport of Sombo, he took home the Gold Medal in 1994 and captured the FIAS World Championship at age 41. At the 1993 World Championships he was voted Outstanding Sportsman. He remains the only person to defeat legendary BJJ champion Rickson Gracie.

Under Dr. Tripp's leadership and guidance as President, the Board of Directors of USA Judo experienced success and saw highly impacting organizational changes that took USA Judo to the next level. These included:

- Creation of the first operational USA Judo Business plan
- Created and launched regional training centers across the U.S.
- Developed and implemented the USA Judo U23 in Judo's High-Performance program that resulted in America's first Olympic Gold Medal.
- Expanded the athlete point system for judo competitions for athlete rankings.
- Engaged external marketing professionals who were successful in sponsorships and fundraising.
- Established a USA Judo Coach Certification Program that standardized technical instruction and coaching competency on a national level
- Led the mandated reorganization of USA Judo by the United States Olympic Committee on membership and Board of Directors structure and operations.
- Unified the 3 US Judo organizations bringing the USJA and USJF under one operational umbrella during the turbulent struggle that had plagued American Judo for decades.

COMMUNITY, SPORTS, AND BUSINESS

His successful coaching career spans decades and contributed to the success of NCAA, World, and Olympic wrestling champions like Andre Metzger, Mark Schultz, and Dan Chaid, and many others while coaching at the University of Oklahoma. He served as the USA Coach at the 1996 FIAS World Championships in Tokyo, Japan and holds a 10th degree FIAS rank.

In 2008, he founded C3Fights, a professional Mixed Martial Arts sports company, and later joined the coaching staffs of UFC stars Joe "Daddy" Stevenson and Melvin "The Young Assassin" Guillard.

He served as President of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners for 14 years and under his leadership the OBCE was recognized as the nation's Outstanding Regulatory Board by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

In 2003, Dr. Tripp was elected to the Federation Board of Directors and served as Chairman of the Board in 2009. He received the George W. Ardvison World Leadership Award in 2010, the organization's highest honor for contributions to the profession. He also served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners until 2018. He has served in officer roles and as a Member of the Board of Directors of Broadband Wireless International Corporation, International Oil and Gas Holdings Corporation, and OICINTRA.