

## USA Judo Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time of Meeting:** May 15, 2024, 1:00 pm MT

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ben Goodrich  
Marti Malloy  
Matthew Parker  
Kristen El Drisi

**Guests:**

Keith Bryant, USA Judo CEO

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Matthew Parker at 2:05 pm MT.

### U13/U15 Non-citizen AAC Recommendations

The AAC held a discussion on the Proposal for the USA Judo Cadet and Jr. Refugee athletes. The AAC's recommendation is agreeable to the language presented in the drafted document presented to the AAC by USA Judo's CEO Keith Bryant prior to today's meeting. The AAC is agreeable to send the document as-is to the USA Judo Board for reviewal.

### Board Election

The first terms for athlete representatives, Marti Malloy & Nicole Stout, will expire at the end of 2024. They can run for re-election and other athletes are also invited to run for election.

The AAC recommends waiting on voter registration and process education campaign until the Nominating Committee completes their upcoming tasks over the next few months. The AAC also recommends delaying the virtual town hall to September when 10-year athletes will be able to register to vote for a call-to-action. Rough timeline for the Board election with the AAC involvement:

September – acceptance of board nominees from the Nominating Committee, Registration system goes live with USA Judo, and the AAC holds a Virtual Town Hall

October – election to occur by mid-October

November – newly elected board members to join in-person November Board meeting in Texas

### Scheduling Monthly Meeting

The AAC discussed the monthly meetings and will send out a meeting poll for June and July.

### Pending Topics:

Athlete Engagement, Athlete Resources

### Athlete engagement

Discussion of best ways for AAC to engage the USA Judo athlete population and for the USA Judo athlete population to be aware of the AAC, overall governance, and engage in discussions/decision making.

Potential Town Hall Agenda:

- Overview of the AAC and its role
- Overview of USA Judo and Olympic/Paralympic Governance Structure with increasing responsibility and voice given to athletes
- Importance of athlete engagement and upcoming election/committee appointments
- Update on USA Judo initiatives:
  - Engagement with Paris Olympic/Paralympic watch parties
  - Judo in Schools & Communities
  - US Performance Center
  - Pipeline development
  - Preparations for Paris/Los Angeles

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm MT