

USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting
February 17, 2024, 11:00 – 12:00 ET; 10:00 CT; 9:00 MT; 8:00 PT
MEETING NOTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES -11:02

- A. Welcome by Chair. verify committee quorum (>50%) Diane, Takeuchi sensei, Frances, Claudia, Theo, Barb, Karen W, Carla
- B. Absent: Eiko (at Tohkan clinic), Lisa
- C. Observers: Al P, Karen N, Alain W, R. Wayne Brown

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve agenda by Frances, second by Takeuchi - approved

III. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – secretary absent.

IV. BUSINESS

I. Calendar

- A. 2024 Senior Nationals (and Golden State Open) – May 24 – 27, Ontario, California
 - i. KATA on FRIDAY (pending – tentative venue open at 11:00am; start at noon); check-in Thursday afternoon (only one per team is needed or can use a surrogate to verify team roles and katas are correct). Thursday night: scheduling mats, judges, and kata order
 - ii. Changes for 2024 for categories

II.

2024	Nag	Kat	Ju	Kime	GoS
Intermediate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
U23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- a) Reminder: Team numbers from 2023 Senior Nationals – Spokane, WA

2023	Nag	Kat	Ju	Ki	GoS	
Intermediate	3	3	2	1	2	11
U33	2	0	1	n/a	n/a	3
Open	3	4	5	2	3	17
	8	7	8	3	5	31

- World team members can compete in intermediate if it is in a different kata than in their World or PJC level kata(s)
- Once medaled in Open, team for that kata is Open category
- If medaled in Intermediate previously, can be Intermediate again
- If medaled in Open previously, cannot be Intermediate in that kata
- World team members in their kata, even with new partner, compete in Open

- B. Request to judge at Nationals, PJC, and Worlds

- i. Nationals – Barb, Diane, Frances, Clara, Karen W, Karen N, Theo, Alain, Einhart,
 - a) Maybe Greg F, Julie K, Jolie, Elko
 - b) Not available: Claudia
 - ii. PJC – September 28 – 29, **date may change with new host.** Judge: Alain W
 - iii. IJF Worlds – Las Vegas, NV (judges: 4, if a team; candidates; 4-5)
- C. Next USAJudo Kata Committee Meeting – **April 21, Sunday, 11 - 12 ET**
- D. End of meeting – motion to adjourn by Theo, second Claudia – approved. 11:30

End of Agenda Items

Kata Calendar:

► USA Kata events:

- 3 / 3 – Clinic: Nage No Kata with Christine Levine and Kristin El Idrissi (PJC team), at [IJCNKYC](#), Flushing/Queens, NY, POC: Saro Balagezyan
- 3 / 8-9 – Lone Star Classic, Dallas, Texas, [Google Flyer.pdf](#) (12 -14 teams already)
- 3 / 9 – Wildcat tournament (kata and shiai), U of NH, Durham, NH, POC: Ken Durand
- 3 / 16 - Zenyu Kata Competition, Kent-Meridian H.S., Kent, WA; expect competition in Nage No Kata, Katame No Kata, Ju No Kata; POC K.Nagai
- 3 / 16 – Practice - Koshiki no kata practice and tune-up with David McFall. Location: San Diego Judo and Jujitsu, 12265 Scripps Poway Parkway Suite 110, Poway, CA
- [3/15 – 17 – Eastern Canadian Kata Tournament [Diane, Frances, Eiko, Theo to judge; Philly teams to compete]
- **3 / 30 date changed – Monthly Kata Analysis and Discussion meeting (cont. PJC team KDK Goshin Jutsu, Newcomer / Fiston Kabuya)**
- 3 / 29 (F) - Obukan Kata competition, Portland Community College, Portland, OR. POC Jeff Rooney
- 4 / 6-7 – [2024 NCJA College and High School Championships](#) (kata and shiai), Texas A&M, Houston, TX
- 4 / 13 – Garden State Classic – kata and shiai, Wanye, NJ (Diane, Karen W, Theo)
- **4 / 21 – USAJudo Kata Committee meeting 11:00 – 12:00 ET**
- 5 / 4 – Kata Festival: U of NH, Durham, NH, POC; Ken Durand
- **5 / 24-27 – Senior Nationals and Golden State Open, Ontario, California, U23, Open, Intermediate**
- **6 / 29-30 – Clinic:** Nage no Kata and one other kata with **Andre Parent** (coach, French national kata team), [International Judo Center](#), Flushing/Queens, NY
- **8 / 9-11 – USJF Kata Conference:** Ju no kata and Koshiki no kata with Wolfgang Dax-Romswinkel and Ulla Loosen (Ju no kata world champion team), Southern California,2 POC: Bill Caldwell & Ben Ott
- 9 / 8 – [2024 North American Judo Championships](#) (Kata and shiai), Wayne, NJ
- 9 / 28 – 29 – PJC Kata Championship and Veterans, location TBD (not Columbia)
- 11/ TBD – IJF World Kata Championship, expected: Las Vegas, NV

- ▶ International kata tournaments/ events:
 - ▶ January 20- 21 – Japan International Veteran's Kata tournament
 - ▶ February 24 – 25 – Belgian Kata tournament
 - ▶ March 1 - 6, [2024-pacific-international-judo-championships](#), Abbotsford, BC, (east of Vancouver),
 - ▶ **March 16 – 17 – Eastern Canadian Kata Tournament - Montreal / St Jean sur Richelieu kata tournament**
 - ▶ March 23 – Italy kata tournament
 - ▶ April 13 – France kata tournament
 - ▶ August – Nordic Open kata tournament

Previous items as reminders:

- III. 12/2023 Kata Committee meeting - Decided on: Selection moving forward for IJF and PJC Judges. yellow highlight approved, with some level of hierarchy
 - i. For IJF: must have judged at PJC championship within last three years (or at least volunteered to go).
 - ii. For PJC: judge at Nationals within last two years
 - iii. Judge selection from previous year(s) – allow for rotation / opportunities.
 - iv. Active kata service (judge, administrative,
 - a. Active in USA kata community: in committees, judge, clinician, coach, monthly kata discussions, instructor, team manager, “advanced student” (e.g., attending seminars with internationally credentialed clinicians)”
 - b. Active in practice with IJF criteria for judging: as judge (national and international), clinician, coach, monthly kata discussions, instructor, volunteer positions at IJF Worlds or PJC
 - c. Quality/level as judge, athlete, other (level and recency)
 - v. Rank – only if all other things are equal (12/30)
 - vi. If PJC has role in selecting/naming judges or candidates, then adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis.
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Recap with results update yellow highlights for results/medal:

2023 PJC Kata Championship and Veterans Tournament, Mexico: [Outline](#)

- i. September 22, Veterans is September 23 -24, 2023
- ii. Judges: Martin, Glaze, Schwalm, Jackson (4 max)
- iii. Candidates: Shimizu (+1), Nagai (+1), Koyama (+2), Wilkerson (+4), Gouthro (+5), Schmidt (5 max)
- iv. Officials: Takeuchi, Shimizu
- v. Pre-trip team manager: Schwalm
- vi. Coaches & on-site team managers: Capriotti, Gouthro (offered to zoom and watch videos for prep)
- vii. For Seniors: max 2 teams per kata, max 10 teams. For U23: no team limit
- viii. Photos for USAJudo website: Nicole.Jomantas@usajudo.us

ix. Team below:

Team#	tori	Uke	PJC by kata
1	Dagdagan	Pasteris	Ju
2	Latimer	Levine	Ju
3	Newcomer	Valcik	Katame
4	Pasteris	Dagdagan	Katame
5	Kabuya	Coleman	KDK Goshin
6	Schultz	Sternick	Kime
7	Tello	Suguieda	Kime
8	Levine	El Idrissi	Nage
9	Tello	Suguiedo	Nage
U23	Buskerud	Buskerud	U23 - Ju – 1 – medaled
U23	Buskerud	Buskerud	U23 - Nage – 1 – medaled
U23	Maeda	Horita-Nguyen	U23 - Nage

- B. IJF [World Kata Championships](#)– UAE – October :28
- Judges: Glaze, Smith, Shimizu, Shepherd. (4 max)
 - Candidate: Jackson (+5)
 - Officials. coaches: Martin, Schwalm, Takeuchi
 - Team manager: Schwalm

Kata	division	tori	uke	IJF team
Ju	Open	Dagdagan	Pasteris	Ju - 1

2023 USAJudo Kata Committee members (33% athlete rep): Diane Jackson (chair/athl); Eiko Shepherd (vice chair); Lisa Capriotti (secretary/athl); Barbara Houston-Shimizu (past chair); Kuniko Takeuchi; Frances Glaze; Carla Martin; Claudia Smith; Theodore Schwalm (athl); Karen Whilden

On-going work, leads and members:

- Ad-hoc committee on Judge certification – Diane, Eiko, Frances, Lisa - Next - continuing education / maintaining certification
- Ad-hoc committee on Virtual / Video Competition – Lisa C., Theo, Leah, Carla
- Ad hoc committee on Kata People Resource Network (contact info to support promotion) & judge list update – Christine Levine, K. Nagai, B. Bellerud, L. Capriotti, T. Schwalm
 - those willing to have name and some way to contact: club website published as a person willing to help judoka to learn kata for promotion, competition, etc. (K. Nagai)
 - Let her know if you are willing to be listed as a person that is willing to help judoka learn kata
- Means of sharing of seminar / clinic information with all three judo organizations and without an organization – OUTSIDE of the kata community - lead?
- Ability from USAJudo (USOC platform)
 - Links for USAJudo webpage and other: Blane, Leah, Lisa

- ii. USAJudo log-in section with tests, competition
 - iii. Tournaments
- f. On-line judge exams and quizzes – Blane, Leah
- g. USAJudo Kata Team ‘normal times’ criteria: PJC / IJF – Diane
- h. Future Infrastructure – create a Judge Commission (similar to Referee Commission)
 - i. Odd number 3 or 5
 - ii. Experienced international
 - iii. Fairness
 - iv. Strategic planning for who goes where
 - v. Minimize conflict of interest in decisions
 - vi. Example: Referee Commission – charter: tracks judge quality; who goes where; conflict of interest: only non-working A’s; communication/ tracking who is going where
 - vii. Discussion:
 - 1. Referee Commission: Coordinates refereeing at national/international. Evaluates / tracks evaluations.
 - 2. Need metrics for judges – post-tournament analysis – Alain W. created for Excel – need to work on input of data – email Karen N for sample of Excel data
 - 3. Use of Google sheets for monthly kata analysis – created by Blane – need to try to use them
- i.

IV. Parking lot of ideas

- i. Create new educational resources (beginner video series?) – start with Blane’s resources
- ii. “Job aids” for kata studying
- iii. Build independent website while USAJudo mirrors it
- iv. Kata newsletter (email list)
- v. Instructor/Coach education program outline (how can we teach new instructors)
- vi. Improve Attainability of Promotional requirements through resource simplicity – start with kata people network
- vii. Competitor development pathway (youth, senior, handicap)
- viii. Find-a-coach program, (network potential students to interested coaches) – start with kata people network
- ix. Nage no Kata Tour (youth and adult sessions separate) – can be offered through kata network; Following year - Katame no Kata Tour with Nage competition

Kata resource links:

- Kodokan kata textbooks: [Kodokan KATA Textbook | Kodokan Judo Institute](#)
- Kodokan videos and kata clinics – Youtube
- IJF scoring evaluation criteria (2022) – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF kata judge guidelines – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF tournament rules / guidelines – IJF website: [Documents / IJF.org](#)
- IJF World Kata Championships performances: 2021 and previous - Youtube; 2022 - IJF
- EJU kata festival (history and practical presentations) by Wolfgang Dax –Youtube
- Other handy links at shufujudo.org
 - Judges for 2023 Worlds (can send 4)

- IJF judges (order of cert): Takeuchi (5), Claudia (5), Carla (5), Frances (5), Barb (4), Eiko (5), Theo (4)
- PJC judges: Karen W (5), Diane (5), Karen N, Blane, Fran
- Judged at recent PJC: 2022 (Brazil): Carla (IJF) and Theo (as PJC); 2019 (Peru): Takeuchi (IJF), Carla (IJF), Theo (PJC)