



## September 11, 2023 USA Judo Board Meeting Call Minutes via Teleconference

### Attendees:

#### USA Judo Board of Directors:

Joe Ragan, Chair  
Colton Brown  
Ben Goodrich  
Shannon Hondl  
David Johnson  
Jeff LeForce  
Marti Malloy  
Gerry Navarro  
Nicole Stout  
James Webb

### Absent:

Joon Chi  
Ari Miller

### USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant, Executive Director/CEO  
Nicole Jomantas, Director of Communications, Marketing & Development

#### I. Roll Call

Quorum was established, and Board Chair Mr. Ragan called the meeting to order at 11:02 am MT.

Mr. Ragan requested that the board receive regular updates on athletes that are in the running to qualify for the Paris Games.

Mr. LeForce requested also receiving updated member numbers.

Ms. Stout reported that the top athletes for qualification right now are Maria Laborde, Angelica Delgado, John Jayne, Mariah Holguin and Jack Yonezuka. Laborde and Delgado are currently qualified, and Jayne has the Continental Quota.

Mr. Goodrich reported that the top athletes for Paralympic Games are Liana Mutia & Christella Garcia are in qualifying position now sitting in 4<sup>th</sup>. The top 8 qualify and Ben Goodrich and Katie Davis are currently 9<sup>th</sup>.

## II. US Performance Center (USPC) Updates

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Miller and Mr. Navarro for traveling to Charlotte, NC to interview the final USPC Coach candidates. An offer was extended to and accepted by Robert Eriksson. A meeting will occur tomorrow to finalize the start date and some additional details. We also plan to schedule a training camp in December to be held at the USPC. We are initially targeting fifteen athletes to start the resident program.

## III. 2024 World Veterans & Kata Championships

Mr. Bryant discussed a proposal from Mr. Jose Rodriguez to have MGO Events-USA host this event in the United States. MGO would take on the expense of hosting this event. USA Judo would be responsible for sanctioning the event and providing insurance coverage. 40% of the advertising inventory would be available to USA Judo and would be included in the IJF contract for the event. The advertising revenue would be the only revenue from the event that USA Judo would receive. There appears to be little to no risk to USA Judo to sanction this event and contract MGO USA to run it. We are waiting for the contract from the IJF. The contract between USA Judo and MGO USA would provide that MGO accepts and is responsible for meeting all the IJF requirements.

The board would like to see the financial overview for the event if we host it and if we allow MGO USA to host it.

## IV. ATJA agreement extension

Mr. Bryant discussed the expiration of the ATJA agreement with USA Judo.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. LeForce, to extend the agreement with the ATJA through November 30, 2023, to pursue a more strategic approach that will cover USA Judo costs and evaluate political ramifications with other organizations. Motion passed.

## V. Coaching Education Updates

Mr. Webb provided an update on progress with creating a syllabus for coaching education. Messages have been sent to coaches and a database with some of the materials has been created. The Coach Education Committee has been challenged to set best practices for an education program. There should be more information available for the board at the November board meeting.

## VI. November Board Meeting

The meeting will begin Thursday Nov. 16, 2023 in the afternoon and continue into Friday.

VII. Transgender

The board discussed meeting with the USA Judo Medical Committee to get their expertise in updating the transgender policy.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm MT.