

USA Judo Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: June 18, 2024, 1:00 pm MT

Attendees:

Committee Members Present:

Ben Goodrich
Hannah Martin
Marti Malloy
Matthew Parker
Kristin El Idrissi

Guests:

Keith Bryant, USA Judo CEO

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Matthew Parker at 1:03 pm MT.

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.

Updated timeline:

- September – The AAC reviewed USA Judo’s timeline for the Board elections. Currently the estimated timeline is September 5th for a go-live date for voter registration and ballots finalized. Potential AAC Townhall scheduled on September 10th
- October – election to occur by mid-October
- November – newly elected board members to join in-person November Board meeting in Texas

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.

(1) Potential Town Hall Agenda:

- Overview of the AAC and its role (Marti Malloy)
- 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
- Overview of USA Judo and Olympic/Paralympic Governance Structure with increasing responsibility and voice given to athletes (Ben Goodrich)
- Importance of athlete engagement and upcoming election/committee appointments/voting

USA Judo will send a comprehensive PowerPoint to the AAC with overview of information of the potential agenda items. AAC will review and revise the deck to pertinent information on the next meeting

(2) AAC Direction:

The AAC recently discussed transitioning from foundational efforts (such as ad hoc meetings, responsive recommendations, and AAC creation) to a more strategic initiative. This includes enhancing the AAC's agenda approach, maximizing opportunities to support athletes, and establishing consistency rather than relying solely on ad hoc methods.

AAC reviewed USA Judo Bylaws Section 10 (USA Judo AAC) to start a discussion on the AAC's charter.

Schedule Meeting:

AAC scheduled next meeting at 1pm MT on July 8th, 2024.

Pending Topics:

- Townhall Agenda/PowerPoint/Talking Points
- Athlete Engagement strategies
 - Marketing, Newsletters, Spotlights, Social Media, etc.
- Athlete Resources

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm MT