



# OJI Presidential Notes

February 2019

*In an effort to stay in-touch and provide timely information about OJI activities and regional events, it is planned to distribute these "Notes" directly to all members of OJI plus anyone else wishing to receive these e-mails. They will also be posted on the OJI web site. If you wish to be removed from this e-mail list, please contact me using reply to sender (please DO NOT use "reply all"). Similarly, if you are not currently on the "direct e-mail" list and wish to be added please contact me stating your request.*

- 1) Deadline to register for the Arnold Battle of Columbus Judo Tournament is **Feb. 22, 2019** – You must register on-line by that date in order to compete. All information can be found at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=443:2019-03-02-save-the-date-2019-arnold-battle-of-columbus-aboc-martial-arts-festival&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=443:2019-03-02-save-the-date-2019-arnold-battle-of-columbus-aboc-martial-arts-festival&catid=81&Itemid=278) Coaches and all officials must also register on-line and coaches will see in the registration process a special code to enter to avoid the fee.
- 2) For those in the Dayton area or willing to travel to Kettering on President's Day, there will be a FREE workout at the Kettering Rec Center – ages 4-6 (5:30PM-6:30PM) and ages 7-adults (6:30PM-8:00PM). All are welcomed.
- 3) OJI Open Judo Championships – The 2019 Championships are scheduled for Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in Sylvania, Ohio (near Toledo). The event will be hosted by Judan Judo of Toledo and full info is posted on the OJI website at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=486:2019-03-31-ohio-open-judo-championships&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=486:2019-03-31-ohio-open-judo-championships&catid=81&Itemid=278) . This year we are adding a clinic on Saturday in conjunction with the Ohio Open on Sunday.
- 4) Awards Nominations – We are soliciting nominations for consideration of two categories of recognition – 2018 OJI outstanding Judoka awards and OJI Hall of Fame Initial Inductees. The criteria for each of these awards can be reviewed on the OJI website at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=217&Itemid=506](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=217&Itemid=506) If you wish to nominate someone, please submit an e-mail document to Russ Scherer at [rschererjudo@gmail.com](mailto:rschererjudo@gmail.com) listing the accomplishments of your nominee that you feel qualify him/her

for that award. The OJI Executive Committee will then review all nominees and select the most outstanding nominees.

- 5) OJI Website Updates – Please review the website for updates on upcoming events, new info and procedures to **register your club with OJI for 2019**, (see [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=123&Itemid=484](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=123&Itemid=484) ) as well as other recent changes.
- 6) Club Advertising on OJI Trailer – Ohio Judo, Inc. is offering clubs the opportunity to have their club logo affixed to the mat trailer to support the mat program and advertise their club. The one-time fee of \$250 covers the cost of the decal and supports the mat and trailer program. If your club is interested, contact Russ Scherer.

#### Special Notes:

- 1) If your club is not yet registered with OJI for 2019 yet, please consider joining us and send in your club form with \$25 to Russ Scherer per procedures outlined on the OJI website.

#### Upcoming Events (check the OJI web site for additional details and an updated listing):

**Ohio Events** - **National Events & Ref Eval Sites** - Other Events

- 2/18/19 - Kettering Rec Center FREE Open Workou (Kettering, OH)
- 2/24/19 - Konan Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/2/19 - **Arnold Battle of Columbus Festival (Columbus, OH)**
- 3/8-10/19 - **USA Judo National Scholastics and Youth Championships (Colorado Springs, CO)**
- 3/23/19 - **Collegiate Nationals (West Point, NY)**
- 3/16/19 - Rebel Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/23/19 - **North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)**
- 3/30/19 - **OJI Competitor Clinic & Referee Clinic (Sylvania, OH)**
- 3/31/19 - **Ohio Open Championships (Sylvania, OH)**
- 4/6/19 - New York Open Team Championships (NYC, NY)
- 4/7/19 - Michigan Open Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 4/13/19 - Kentucky State Open Championships (KY)
- 4/13/19 - **Pedro Judo Challenge (Danvers, MA)**
- 4/27/19 - Indiana Open Championships (Portland, IN)
- 4/27-28/19 - **Liberty Bell Classic (Bryn Athyn, PA)**
- 4/28/19 - Indiana Judo Mini Camp
- 5/4/19 - **Akiya Memorial Shiai (Cleveland, OH)**
- 5/18/19 - **Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)**
- 5/26/19 - **AM/CAN Challenge – (Buffalo, NY)**
- 6/1-2/19 - **USA Judo Senior National Championships (Las Vegas, NV)**
- 6/20-22/19 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 6/28-30/19 - **USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Anaheim, CA)**

7/6-7/19 - USJF/JA Grassroots Nationals (Staten Island, NY)

*If you have information about any other events that would be of interest to OJI members, please reply to this e-mail (do not send info that applies only to your club). Also – Please verify all info prior to travel – We are not responsible for the accuracy of this information. Look for another issue in January. Hope to see you at a future event.*

*Russ*

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