



OJI Presidential Notes

February 2020

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) **Deadlines for 2020** – The following dates are deadlines for various activities in 2020:

****** 2/15/2020 – 2020 Arnold Battle of Columbus Final Entry date – must be done on-line - Competitors and staff ****** Additional info can be found on the OJI website

3/18/2020 – USA Judo Youth Nationals – 2nd price increase (1st div \$100 to \$150; 2nd div \$80 to \$150; 3rd div \$70 to \$75)

- 2) OJI Board of Directors Meeting – Call for agenda items for the Quarterly OJI BoD Meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020. The meeting is scheduled for 2:00PM to 4:00PM at the Kettering Rec Center, Kettering, OH. Please send your agenda items to Laura Suzuki (OJI Secretary) suzuki.laura@gmail.com and Russ Scherer (OJI President) rschererjudo@gmail.com
- 3) Hall of Fame Inductions - Kayla Harrison and Ryoza Nakamura were recognized for their extraordinary impact on Judo in Ohio and beyond. The banquet was held on Saturday, 1/18/20 at the Chop House in Dayton, OH. The families were very appreciative of the recognition and everyone seemed to have a good time. Additional info at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=550:oji-hall-of-fame-inductees&catid=9&Itemid=290
- 4) Ohio Open Judo Championships – The annual state championships were held at the Kettering Rec Center on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Full results can be found on the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=549:2020-ohio-open-state-championships-results&catid=87&Itemid=479 .

5) OJI Website Updates – Please review the website for updates on upcoming events, as well as other recent changes.

http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=435

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.

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

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

- 2/14-15/20 - Cherry Blossom Championships (Boynton Beach, FL)
- 2/16/20 (Tentative) - Konan Rank Eval Michigan Open (East Lansing, MI)
- 2/16/20 - San Jose Buddhist Championships (San Jose, CA)
- 2/23/20 - Konan Promotional (Toledo, OH)
- 2/28-29/20 - Youth Development Coaches Clinic Steve Cohen (Avon, OH)
- 3/7/20 - Arnold "Battle of Columbus" Shiai (Columbus, OH)
- 3/14/20 - Rebel Shiai (Owenton, KY)
- 3/21/20 - North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)
- 3/21/20 - NCA National Collegiates (San Jose, CA)
- 3/21/20 - New York Open Team Championships (NYC, NY)
- 3/22/20 - Michigan Open (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/28-29/20 - National Youth Championships (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 3/29/20 - OJI BoD Quarterly Meeting (Kettering, OH)
- 4/4-5/20 - Liberty Bell Classic (Bryn Athyn, PA)
- 4/18/20 - Indiana Open Championships (IN)
- 4/18/20 - Junior Shiai (Stevens Point, WI)
- 4/25/20 - Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)
- 5/2/20 - Akiya Memorial Shiai (Cleveland, OH)
- 5/16-17/20 - Senior Nationals (Daytona Beach, FL)
- 5/23-24/20 - AM/CAN Judo Challenge (Buffalo, NY)
- 6/6/20 - Konan Invitational Championships (Toledo, OH)
- 6/19-21/20 - National Junior Olympics (Winston-Salem, NC)
- 6/27/20 - Meijer State Games + USA Masters Games (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 7/24-26/20 - US Open (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/27-29/20 - US Open Camp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 9/12/20 - Rock & Roll Championships (Lorain, OH)
- 9/19-20/20 - Ocean State Open (Providence, RI)
- 9/26-27/20 - Cohen Memorial Invitational (Chicago, IL)
- 11/7/20 - Great Lakes Open (Grand Rapids, MI)

11/22/20 - National President's Cup (Irving, TX)

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 June. Hope to see you at a future event.

Russ Scherer
President - Ohio Judo, Inc.