



OJI Presidential Notes

October 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:
****** 11/30/2020 – Bids to host the 2021 Ohio Open Championships and Hall of Fame Banquet are due to the OJI Secretary and President****** Additional info can be found on the OJI website
- 2) The Presidents of several Midwest Group B members (states) of USA Judo have formed a working group to coordinate area activities and plan/execute development activities to enhance Judo in our area (WI, IL, IN, MI, OH and KY). The first task undertaken was the expansion and training of our referee corps. The first 2 Zoom clinics by Russ Scherer were held in August and the 3rd is scheduled for 10/25/20 at 7:00pm. Info can be found at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=591:2020-10-25-part-3-zoom-clinic-for-all-referees-other-interested-judoka&catid=81&Itemid=278 . A presentation was also given by Alex Murray on October 4th. Additional training has been given by Rick Celotto. Check the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=457:ref-training-program-additional-reference-material-3&catid=88&Itemid=480 for recordings of some of these presentations.
- 3) **OJI Board of Directors Meeting Results** – The minutes of the meeting can be found on the OJI website at <http://www.ohiojudo.org/files/D9%20Group2/OJI%20BoD%20Meeting%20Minutes%209-27-20.pdf>
- 4) **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
- 5) **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

10/25/20 - ZOOM Referee Clinic Part 3 – Referee Standards and Development

NOTE: All events for the remainder of 2020 have been cancelled (due to Covid-19 issues)

4/17/21 - SAVE THE DATE – Indiana Judo State Championships (Portland, IN)

5/15-16/21 - **SAVE THE DATE – USA Judo Senior Nationals (Reno, NV)**

6/18-20/21 - **SAVE THE DATE - USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Winston-Salem, NC)**

11/21/21 - **SAVE THE DATE – USA Judo 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 September. Hope to see you at a future event.

Russ Scherer

President - Ohio Judo, Inc.