



# OJI Presidential Notes

April 2017

*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) The next Joint Workout will be part of the "Super Saturday" to be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kettering Rec Center. Hope to see you there. Complete information is on the Ohio Judo, Inc. website at <http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php/event-listing/354-2017-04-22-ohio-judo-super-saturday>
- 2) Scholarship (Academic Achievement) recognition program – High School Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0 (on a 4.0 max scale) for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade through the first half of 12<sup>th</sup> Grade and will be attending college this coming Fall should review the program, and if they meet all requirements should apply for the 1 year partial scholarship. Remember the deadline for application is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found on the OJI website at <http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php/where-to-train/dojo-web-pages-menuitem/215-oji-scholars-program>
- 3) The 2017 Ohio Open Judo Championships were held on March 18<sup>th</sup> in Lima, Ohio – Mark Hunter and Mike Mooney were tournament co-directors and the event was very successful with 190 competitors. The 2017 IJF Rules were used without incident. The results will be posted soon on the OJI website as well as the points earned towards the Ohio Travel Team Program. Thanks to the referees, table workers, staff, coaches and competitors for their participation and support.



Referees of the 2017 Ohio Open Judo Championships



Opening Ceremonies at the 2017 Ohio Open Judo Championships – Lima, OH





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- 4) Summary of Actions Taken at the Spring OJI Board of Directors Meeting 3/18/17 (Lima, OH):
- a. The President was designated as the OJI representative to USA Judo and all other external organizations. This is the normal practice but that position was not addressed at the last election of officers.
  - b. All suggested Bylaw changes were adopted, resulting in a couple of administrative corrections, clarification that individual membership in OJI/USA Judo (not necessary to be a club representative) is required to be elected to the OJI Executive Committee, OJI BoD Quarterly Meetings will be held in the designated months (not necessarily the last Sunday), Associate Membership (in effect for the last several years) was listed in the Bylaws, and reference to OJI sanctioning was eliminated.
  - c. It was agreed that all OJI Leadership (Executive Committee, coaches, referees, chaperones, etc.) must complete a Background Check.
  - d. Monthly Development Clinics/Workouts – The status of future scheduled workouts and potential future implementation changes to the program was discussed. Upcoming scheduled workouts include April 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of the “Super Saturday” being held at the Kettering Rec Center and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chu To Bu Brasa club in Avon, OH. We are evaluating a policy of holding one workout per quarter in Columbus and one workout per quarter in various cities around the state. Indiana Judo has also expressed interest in conducting joint workouts with Ohio which is being investigated.
  - e. 2018 OJI Summer Camp Status reviewed – Data from on-site visits to the following potential camp sites was reviewed: Wittenberg University, Kenyon College, Ohio University, Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center, Antioch College and the Athletes in Action facilities in Xenia. Final site selection has not been completed. A potential participation survey is being conducted and we are progressing towards having arrangements completed by the end of August for publication.
  - f. The Ohio Judo Recognition Program was approved with details to be worked out. Outstanding competitors, coaches, referees, administrators and supporters will be identified and we are looking at potentially establishing an Ohio Judo Hall of Fame.
  - g. Gary Monto volunteered to pursue 501C3 charitable status for OJI. He will investigate and report back to the Executive Committee.

Special Notes:

- 1) If your club was registered with OJI last year and has not renewed yet, please send in your club form with \$25 to Michael Mooney per procedures outlined on the OJI website. If your club was not registered with OJI last year, please consider joining us and registering now for 2017.

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

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

- 3/31-4/1/17 - **Nick Delpopolo Clinic at Chu To Bu (Avon, OH)**
- 4/1/17 - **Liberty Bell Championships (Bryn Athyn, PA)**
- 4/1/17 - Rules Clinic - Joon Chi (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 4/8/17 - Indiana State Championships (Portland, IN)
- 4/22/17 - **OJI Super Saturday (Kettering, OH)**
- 4/29-30/17 - **USA Judo Senior Nationals (Salt Lake City, UT)**
- 5/6/17 - **Akiya Judo Championships (Cleveland, OH)**
- 5/20/17 - **Ocean State International Championships (RI)**
- 5/20/17 - USJF Self Defense Certification Workshop
- 5/27/17 - **AM/CAN KATA Competition and Referee Clinic (Buffalo, NY)**
- 5/28/17 - **AM/CAN Challenge – All Shiai Divisions (Buffalo, NY)**
- 6/2-4/17 - **USA Judo International Camp (Garland, TX)**
- 6/3/17 - **North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)**
- 6/16-17/17 - **National Junior Olympics (Spokane, WA)**
- 6/22-24/17 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 7/6-9/17 - **Grassroots Summer Nationals (West Palm Beach, FL)**
- 7/21-22/17 - **US Open Judo Championships (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)**
- 7/22/17 - Neil Adams Clinic (Milwaukee, WI)
- 8/5/17 - State Games of America – Judo (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 8/7-15/17 - **World Police & Fire Games (CA)**
- 8/8-13/17 - Camp Bushido (CA)
- 9/16/17 - **Rock & Roll Shiai (Lodi, OH)**
- 9/16/17 - Americas Cup (Muncie, IN)
- 11/19-20/17 – 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 at the beginning of April. Hope to see you at a future event.*

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