



# OJI Presidential Notes



December 2018

*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) OJI Board of Directors Meeting (December 1, 2018)

The OJI Board of Directors Meeting was held on Saturday, 12/1/18 and the following is a summary of actions taken:

- a) Validated the appointments of Director of Standards & Certification (Mark Curry), Director of Law & Legislation (John Shriver), Promotion Board Chairman (Ray Smith) and Referee Committee Chair (Russ Scherer). This results in the Executive Committee for 2019/2020 being:

President - Russ Scherer  
Vice President - Michael Mooney  
Secretary - Laura Suzuki  
Treasurer - Dominic Backowski  
Director of Operations - Eric Strohecker  
Director of Development - Ray Smith  
Director of Standards & Certification - Mark Curry  
Director of Law & Legislation - John Shriver  
Athlete Rep 1 - Aaron Handy  
Athlete Rep 2 - Stephanie Tomlin

- b) Validated expenditures (within budget) on “Black Friday”, including 3 ea 49” TV Monitors (and cables) for scoreboards and 3 webcams for CARE systems
  - c) Discussed several 2019 programs/activities – state championships, development events, club visitations, potential Fall clinic, awards banquet, benefits of club membership in OJI, etc.
- 2) Development Tournament with Referee Training/Certification – The Kettering Rec Center Multipurpose Room will be the site of this event on 1/12/2019. This is designed to be a low cost, low pressure event for new, as well as experienced, judoka and officials. Complete information can be found on the OJI website at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=471:2019-01-12-krc-mini-shiai-referee-clinic-local-certification-testing&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=471:2019-01-12-krc-mini-shiai-referee-clinic-local-certification-testing&catid=81&Itemid=278)
- 3) Judo competition will be back at the Arnold “Battle of Columbus” Martial Arts Festival on March 2, 2019 in Columbus, OH. Keep checking the OJI website for future updates.
- 4) Club Advertising Opportunity on our New OJI Trailer – Ohio Judo, Inc. has purchased a new mat trailer and is offering clubs the opportunity to have their club logo affixed to the 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.
- 5) Updated OJI Website Info – A number of new activities have been posted as well as a Revised Referee Training Info to match newly published (10/13/18) IJF Competition Rules. Check it out.

Special Notes:

- 1) It is time for your club to register with OJI for 2019. Please consider joining us and send in your club form with \$25 to Dominic Backowski 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

- 1/12/19 - **KRC Mini-Shiai and Referee Training/Certification (Kettering, OH)**
- 1/20/19 - Konan Rank Evaluation Tournament (East Lansing, MI)
- 1/26/19 - SAVE THE DATE – Jim Bregman Judo Clinic (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1/26/19 - SAVE THE DATE – Wisconsin Hall of Fame Dinner (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1/27/19 - SAVE THE DATE – Wahadachi (WI State Championships) Shiai (Milwaukee, WI)
- 2/9/19 - **SAVE THE DATE – Youth Development Workshop for Coaches #2 Steve Cohen (Avon, OH)**
- 3/2/19 - **SAVE THE DATE - Arnold Battle of Columbus Martial Arts Festival (Columbus, OH)**
- 3/3/19 - SAVE THE DATE - Konan Judo Association Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/8-10/19 - **SAVE THE DATE – National Youth Championships (Colorado Springs, CO)**
- 3/16/19 - Rebel Judo Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/23/19 - **North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)**
- 4/6/19 - SAVE THE DATE – NY OPEN Team Championships (New York, NY)
- 4/7/19 - Michigan Open Judo Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 4/13/19 - SAVE THE DATE – Kentucky State Open Championships (Berea or Owenton, KY)
- 4/27/19 - SAVE THE DATE – Indiana State Open Championships (?, IN)
- 4/27-28/19 – Liberty Bell Judo Championships (Bryn Athyn, PA)
- 5/4/19 - **Akiya Judo Championships (Cleveland, OH)**
- 5/18/19 - **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)**
- 6/1-2/19 - **SAVE THE DATE – USA Judo Senior Nationals (Las Vegas, NV)**
- 6/28-30/19 - **SAVE THE DATE – USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Anaheim, CA)**
- 7/6-7/19 - **SAVE THE DATE – USJA/USJF Summer 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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President - Ohio Judo, Inc.