



OJI Presidential Notes

February 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.

Action taken at the Jan 14, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting

- 1) OJI will work through Michael Mooney (Chu To Bu) to gain benefits of charitable donations and other 501C3 benefits.
- 2) Referee training is available on the OJI website and will be updated as soon as USA Judo releases documentation outlining implementation in the U.S. A review of the 2017 Rule Changes will be conducted at the 2nd Monthly OJI Clinic/Workout which will be held in Hamilton on 2/18/17.
- 3) The February Joint workout will be held on Feb 18th at the Budokai Judo & Ju Jitsu Club in Hamilton, Ohio – details will be posted on the OJI website soon.
- 4) The 2017 Ohio Open Judo Championships will be held on March 18th in Lima, Ohio – Mark Hunter and Mike Mooney will be the tournament co-directors – tournament flyer is posted on the Ohio Judo Website.
- 5) Plans are being pursued to hold a Judo Summer Camp in Ohio during the summer of 2018. Sites, staff, funding, etc. are currently being evaluated. Plans should be finalized by the end of this summer (2017) and a flyer should be published shortly thereafter.
- 6) Club visitations are highly encouraged. If you would like to travel to another club or host another club contact Ray Smith or me.
- 7) Financial support for top OJI members who compete at selected major regional events and/or various national championships will be pursued, as funds become available.

- 8) The state travel team program is being reviewed and documentation will be updated as necessary. A team will be designated in 2017 – points will be awarded at the Ohio Open in March.
- 9) Scholarship (Academic Achievement) recognition program was reviewed– Details can be found on the OJI website. We encourage all High School students to become familiar with the requirements and apply, if qualified.
- 10) Certification for Coaches, Referees, Timers/Scorers, etc. will be offered – dates and locations to be determined. Note: An on-line Referee Training Program is offered on the OJI web site and is free.
- 11) Background checks will be required for all OJI Leadership, including the BoD, OJI Coaches, Referees, Chaperones and other leaders of our various programs.
- 12) The Proposed OJI Budget for 2017 was reviewed, modified and adopted as modified.
- 13) The next Board of Directors meeting (includes club representatives) will be held in conjunction with the Ohio Open Judo Championships on March 18th. Any proposed agenda items should be sent to Laura Suzuki with a copy to me.

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.

Two great events were held last weekend

- 1) The 1st OJI Monthly Clinic/Workout was held at the Ronin Training Center, Columbus, OH with Nick Wolak and his crew hosting the event. There were approximately 100 participants and the reports I received indicated this was a very successful event. (Note: I was not able to attend since I was attending an event in Wisconsin – see description below) Approximately 20 Black Belts shared their knowledge and helped teach the various sections the group was divided into.



We hope this response to our monthly workouts continues and indeed is built upon. Many thanks to all the participants and especially Ray Smith (our Development Director) and Nick Wolak and his crew for organizing this event. Hope to see everyone on Feb. 18th in Hamilton.

- 2) Four excellent judo activities took place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this past weekend that I had the opportunity to be involved in.
 - a) On Saturday, a Rules Clinic was held by Mike Takata (one of the IJF-A Referees from the U.S. who participated in the IJF Referee/Coach Seminar recently held in Baku, Azerbaijan). He covered the 2017 changes, including philosophy, interpretation and implementation in the U.S.
 - b) Also on Saturday, Marti Malloy (2012 Olympic Bronze Medalist and 2016 Olympian) provided competitor clinics – one for Juniors and one for Seniors. Marti is a great clinician and was well received.
 - c) An Induction Banquet was held Saturday night to honor 4 new members of the Wisconsin Judo Hall of Fame. Kei Narimatsu (IL), David Malek, Leland Roth and Steve Stockwell were recognized as the four newest members for their life long significant contributions to Judo, especially in the state of Wisconsin. Many previous inductees were in attendance as well as others currently involved in Judo development in Wisconsin, providing a wonderful evening of fellowship.
 - d) The annual Wahadachi Invitational/WJI State Championships was held on Sunday. A great turnout (nearly 300 competitors) provided a full day of competition on 4 mat areas. The new IJF Rules were used (and worked well) and the competition was keen. The event was well run and the hosts were most gracious.



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

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

- 2/11/17 - **Cherry Blossom Open (FL)**
- 2/11/17 - Midwest Collegiate Judo Championships (Savoy, IL)
- 2/12/17 - Konan Promotional (Maumee, OH)
- 2/18/17 - **Monthly Clinic/Workout (including 2017 Rule Change Review) (Hamilton, OH)**
- 2/19/17 - **San Jose Buddhist Championships (CA)**
- 2/24-26/17 - **Mayfield Championships (NC)**
- 2/25/17 - Indiana Novice Shiai & Referee Clinic (Portland, IN)
- 2/26/17 - Konan Judo Championships (Lansing, MI)
- 3/4/17 - Rebel Judo Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/4/17 - **Pedro Challenge (MA)**
- 3/11/17 - **National Collegiate Judo Association Championships (TX)**
- 3/18/17 - **Ohio Championships (Lima, OH)**
- 3/18/17 - **OJI Board of Directors Annual Meeting (Lima, OH)**
- 3/18-20/17 - **USA Judo National Scholastics (Reno, NV)**
- 3/19/17 - Michigan Open Sr & Jr Judo Championships (Lansing, MI)
- 3/26/17 - NY Open Team Championships (NY, NY)
- 3/31-4/1/17 - **Nick Delpopolo Clinic at Chu To Bu (Avon, OH)**
- 4/1/17 - **Liberty Bell Championships (Bryn Athyn, PA)**
- 4/8/17 - Indiana State Championships (Portland, IN)
- 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 (Tentative)
- 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 (FL)**
- 8/5/17 - Michigan State Games – Judo (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 8/7-15/17 - **World Police & Fire Games (CA)**
- 8/8-13/17 - Camp Bushido (CA)

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 March. Hope to see you at a future event.

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