



OJI Presidential Notes

February 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) Referee Training for 2018 – The second segment of referee training will be held in Portland, Indiana on Saturday, February 17th in conjunction with a novice shiai. Implementation of the 2018 IJF Rules/Modifications will be covered and used at the novice shiai. The OJI website is fully functional again so you can use the OJI Referee Training Program on the website at: http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=280&Itemid=513 . The training has been updated to include all 2018 IJF updates and interpretations (as of 1/19/18) and will be updated again when the USA Judo modifications and implementation schedule is released. The third segment of referee training will be held at the Kettering Recreation Center on Sunday, March 4, 2018. It will include power-point presentations, discussions and videos in a classroom type setting. Full information can be viewed at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=405:2018-03-04-krc-oji-judo-rules-clinic-for-coaches-referees&catid=81&Itemid=278 . This program is meant to benefit those interested in becoming a referee as well as all referees of all certification levels. It will also be beneficial to coaches who prepare their students for competition. Participation in the January 13th Referee Clinic is not a prerequisite for participation in the Portland nor Kettering events.
- 2) Next Open Workout – Saturday, April 7, 2018 will be the next date for the RONIN/OJI Open Workout in Columbus, Ohio. Time scheduled is 8:30AM-11:00AM. Warmups and a short instructional period will start things off with the majority of the session being Randori. Further information will be posted on the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404:2018-04-07-oji-open-judo-workout-at-ronin&catid=81&Itemid=278 as it becomes available.

- 3) OJI Board of Directors Meeting (1/13/18) will be rescheduled – The winter meeting of the OJI BoD which was to be held at the conclusion of the Kettering Mini-Shiai and Referee Clinic had to be rescheduled due to lack of a quorum caused by bad weather (ice and snow). We will set our budget and programs for 2018.
- 4) Club Advertising on 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 Mike Mooney or Russ Scherer.

Special Notes:

- 1) If your club is not yet registered with OJI for 2018 yet, please consider joining us and send in your club form with \$25 to Michael Mooney 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

- 2/17/18 - Referee Clinic and Novice Shiai (Portland, IN)
- 2/18/18 - Konan Spring Promotional Testing (Maumee, OH)
- 2/24/18 - **Mayfield Championships (Jacksonville, NC)**
- 2/25/18 - Konan Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/3/18 - **USA Judo National Scholastics and Youth Championships (York, PA)**
- 3/4/18 - **OJI/KRC Rules Clinic for Referees and Coaches (Kettering, OH)**
- 3/10-11/18 - **Collegiate Nationals (Iowa State, IA)**
- 3/17/18 - Rebel Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/24/18 - **Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)**
- 3/24/18 - New York Open Team Championships (NYC, NY)
- 3/25/18 - Michigan Open Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 4/7/18 - **RONIN/OJI Open Judo Workout (Columbus, OH)**
- 4/14/18 - OJ Helvey Kentucky State Championships (Brandenburg, KY)
- 4/14/18 - **Liberty Bell Classic (Bryn Athyn, PA)**
- 4/28/18 - Indiana Open Championships (Portland, IN)
- 5/5/18 - **Akiya Memorial Shiai (Cleveland, OH)**
- 5/12/18 - **Ohio Open Championships (Bluffton, OH)**
- 5/12-13/18 - **USA Judo Senior National Championships (Round Rock, TX)**
- 5/26/18 - **AM/CAN KATA Competition and Referee Clinic (Buffalo, NY)**
- 5/27/18 - **AM/CAN Challenge – All Shiai Divisions (Buffalo, NY)**
- 6/2/18 - **North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)**
- 6/9/18 (Tentative) – Tohkon Classic (Chicago, IL)

- 6/21-23/18 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 6/22-24/18 - USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Spokane, WA)
- 7/5/18 - Jack Hatton & Harun Bogdanic Junior Clinic (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 7/6-8/18 - USJF/JA Grassroots Nationals (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 7/27-29/18 - U.S. OPEN Judo Championships (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/30-8/1/18 - US Open Championships Training Camp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/31-8/5/18 - Camp Bushido (CA)
- 9/15/18 - Rock & Roll Tournament (Lorain, OH)
- 11/3/18 - Great Lakes Open (Grand Rapids, MI)

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.

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