



OJI Presidential Notes

January 2017

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

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.

New Executive Committee Members were elected (at the end of last year) for the 2017/2018 term

President – Russ Scherer
Vice President – Russ Burke
Secretary – Laura Suzuki
Treasurer – Michael Mooney
Director of Operations – Eric Strohecker
Director of Development – Ray Smith
Director of Standards & Certification – Gary Monto
Director of Law & Legislation – Frances Glaze
Athlete Representative #1 – Mick Van Kaminsky
Athlete Representative #2 – Aaron Handy

NOTE: Frank Herzog was reappointed as OJI Promotion Board Chairman and Russ Scherer remains as Referee Chair

Executive Committee Meeting will be held on 1/14/2017 at 2:00PM and topics to be discussed include:

- 1) Joint workouts – these will be held throughout the year as part of our development program. We plan to rotate these events across the state. If you are interested in hosting such an event, please contact Ray Smith or me.

- 2) 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.
- 3) We plan to hold a “Super Saturday” – late spring – this is an event where there is something for everyone (competitive clinic/workout; promotion requirements; kata; referee training; timers/scorers clinic and practice competition)
- 4) We are looking at holding a Judo Summer Camp in Ohio this year. The proposed site is Wittenberg University near Springfield. More info to follow and it will be posted on the OJI Website as it becomes available.
- 5) Club visitations – if you would like to travel to another club or host another club contact Ray Smith or me.
- 6) Financial support for top OJI members who place at our State Championships and compete at selected major regional events and/or various national championships.
- 7) Reactivation of the state travel team program – points will be awarded at the Ohio Open in March.
- 8) Scholarship recognition program – ATTENTION High School students – recognizes academic achievement of OJI members at the “Honors” level for 3.0 GPA for the year and “High Honors” level for 3.5 GPA for the year. Seniors with an overall (4 year) GPA of 3.5 or higher are ranked and top 5 GPA’s are awarded a small scholarship to be used at the college of their choice. Additional info is located on the OJI web site
- 9) Certification for Coaches, Referees, Timers/Scorers, etc. will be offered – dates and locations to be announced. Note: An on-line Referee Training Program is offered on the OJI web site and is free.
- 10) 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) Club Instructors – We would like to highlight different clubs, Judoka, events, etc. on the OJI Website on a quarterly basis. Please send articles and photos (preferably electronically) to me for publication.
- 2) If you have additional suggestions for potential OJI activities, please send them to me for consideration by the appropriate Program Director, the OJI Executive Committee and/or the OJI Board of Directors.
- 3) It is the beginning of the year and all club memberships are up for renewal. 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

- 1/14/17 - OJI Executive Committee Meeting (Beavercreek, OH)
- 1/28/17 - OJI Joint Workout – Ronin Training Center (Columbus, OH)
- 1/28/17 - Clinics – Marti Malloy (Competitors) & Michael Takata (Rules) (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1/29/17 - Wahadachi Annual Shiai (WI State Championships) (Milwaukee, WI)
- 2/11/17 - Cherry Blossom Open (FL)
- 2/11/17 - **Rules Clinic/Workout (Hamilton or Kettering, OH) [tentative]**
- 2/19/17 - San Jose Buddhist Championships (CA)
- 2/24-26/17 – Mayfield Championships (NC)
- 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)
- 3/18-20/17 – USA Judo National Scholastics (Reno, NV)
- 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 - ** Super Saturday Clinics (tentative) (Lodi, OH)**
- 4/29-30/17 – USA Judo Senior Nationals (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 5/20/17 - Ocean State International Championships (RI)
- 6/2-4/17 - USA Judo International Camp (Garland, TX)
- 6/3/17 - North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)
- 6/4-9/17 - **Ohio Judo Summer Camp (tentative) (Springfield, 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)
- 8/7-15/17 - 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

That's all for now. Look for another issue at the beginning of March. Hope to see you at a future event.

Russ

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President - Ohio Judo, Inc.