



OJI Presidential Notes

January 2019

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 2019 – We held the Referee Clinic and Mini-Shiai on Saturday, January 12th at the Kettering Recreation Center (Kettering, OH). Unfortunately, again this year, the snow kept many away from this event and our turnout was small. Those that did attend seemed to have a good time. If you are interested in the rules, please review the training material found on the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=455&Itemid=513 This program is meant to benefit those interested in becoming a referee as well as all referees of all certification levels. The next certification testing will be at a developmental shiai in Indiana (date still to be determined). Check "Upcoming Events" on the OJI website often as info is posted shortly after I receive it.
- 2) OJI Open Judo Championships – The 2019 Championships are scheduled for Sunday, March 31st in Sylvania, Ohio (near Toledo). The event will be hosted by Judan Judo of Toledo and full info will be posted on the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=486:2019-03-31-ohio-open-judo-championships&catid=81&Itemid=278 when the flyer is finalized. This year we are adding a clinic and awards banquet on Saturday in conjunction with the Ohio Open on Sunday.
- 3) Awards Nominations – We are soliciting nominations for consideration of two categories of recognition – 2018 OJI outstanding Judoka awards and OJI Hall of Fame Initial Inductees. The criteria for each of these awards can be reviewed on the OJI website at http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=217&Itemid=506 If you wish to nominate someone, please submit an e-mail document to Russ Scherer at rschererjudo@gmail.com listing the accomplishments of your nominee that you feel qualify him/her

for that award. The OJI Executive Committee will then review all nominees and select the most outstanding nominees. Please submit your nominee(s) prior to Feb. 1, 2019.

- 4) OJI Website Updates – Please review the website for updates on upcoming events, new info and procedures to **register your club with OJI for 2019**, (see http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=123&Itemid=484) as well as other recent changes.
- 5) Club Advertising on OJI Trailer – Ohio Judo, Inc. is offering clubs the opportunity to have their club logo affixed to the mat 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.

Special Notes:

- 1) If your club is not yet registered with OJI for 2019 yet, please consider joining us and send in your club form with \$25 to Russ Scherer 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

- 1/20/19 - Konan Rank Evaluation Shiai (East Lansing, MI)
- 1/26/19 - Wahadachi Competitor and Referee Clinics (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1/27/19 - **Wahadachi Shiai and National Referee Test Site (Milwaukee, WI)**
- 1/27/19 - **Ju-no-kata Clinic (Maumee, OH)**
- 1/27/19 - **Konan Promotional Clinic (Maumee, OH)**
- 2/8-9/19 - **Cherry Blossom Open (Boynton Beach, FL)**
- 2/9/19 - **Youth Development Workshop #2 – Steve Cohen (Avon, OH)**
- 2/17/19 - **Konan Spring Promotional Testing (Maumee, OH)**
- 2/24/19 - Konan Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/2/19 - **Arnold Battle of Columbus Festival (Columbus, OH)**
- 3/8-10/19 - **USA Judo National Scholastics and Youth Championships (Colorado Springs, CO)**
- 3/23/19 - **Collegiate Nationals (West Point, NY)**
- 3/16/19 - Rebel Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/23/19 - **North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)**
- 3/30/19 - **OJI Competitor Clinic, Referee Clinic & Awards Banquet (Sylvania, OH)**
- 3/31/19 - **Ohio Open Championships (Sylvania, OH)**
- 4/6/19 - New York Open Team Championships (NYC, NY)
- 4/7/19 - Michigan Open Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 4/13/19 - Kentucky State Open Championships (KY)
- 4/13/19 - **Pedro Judo Challenge (Danvers, MA)**
- 4/27/19 - Indiana Open Championships (Portland, IN)
- 4/27-28/19 - **Liberty Bell Classic (Bryn Athyn, PA)**
- 4/28/19 - Indiana Judo Mini Camp

- 5/4/19 - Akiya Memorial Shiai (Cleveland, OH)
- 5/18/19 - Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)
- 5/26/19 - AM/CAN Challenge – (Buffalo, NY)
- 6/1-2/19 - USA Judo Senior National Championships (Las Vegas, NV)
- 6/20-22/19 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 6/28-30/19 - USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Anaheim, CA)
- 7/6-7/19 - USJF/JA Grassroots 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.

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