

Joon Chi Platform Official Submission

The main focus of the Board of Directors of USA Judo is USA Judo business. However, there are many items that need to be addressed and handled to allow the board to focus on USA Judo.

1. USA Judo doesn't cover the cost for travel for training sessions. It would be more effective to have several sessions in different regions in the country. Members would be more willing to travel closer to home via car, then to fly. Then the cost for training is greatly reduced for all those involved.
2. USA Judo needs to have a presence in the World Championships and the Olympics. We need quality referees to lobby for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. There needs to be someone at the IJF General Meeting as well as PJC meetings, this could be any member in good standing with USA Judo. This is an essential item to keep USA Judo part of the world stage.
3. IJF A international and B Continental referees have worked hard, but most have never been out of the USA for events. IJF and PJC sanctioned tournaments require an invitation to attend. Therefore, to get more members of USA Judo out there, we need to work to find non-sanctioned tournaments for members to attend to gain international experience, exposure and networking. Then they may be considered for an invitation for a sanctioned tournament. If members are not out there meeting international members of IJF and PJC, how can we expect them to be invited to the tournaments?
4. I would like to bring back the North American Judo Confederation license. Since the PJC license is gone, this limits those who are aged over 50 from moving further up within Judo. If we want to keep the interest and experience of the those in USA Judo, we need a way to keep them engaged.
5. There needs to be more support for younger referees and women. We need to work on earlier development and mentorship within the younger generations. We cannot continue to grow without encouraging new growth and ideas.
6. Communication and teamwork need to be improved between referees and coaches. Right now, things are operated separately and we should be working together towards the common goal of promoting and improving all those who are part of USA Judo. Without each other, we cannot succeed.

I thank you for your time in reading these points on how I feel we as USA Judo can come together stronger and as a better team. There are many things that need to be addressed, but I know that we can do it together with everyone's support.

"Treat Yourself Well and Cherish Others"