

**Dear USA Judo Members,**

**As you are aware, USA Judo is holding an election for the USA Judo Athletes' Advisory Council ('AAC'). I have highlighted my experiences below and why I would be a good fit for you and your peers as a USA Judo AAC member.**

- **Represented the United States and USA Judo National Team in various international tournaments and meets for over a decade**
- **Navigated and understand the issues athletes face such as complexities in creating a training cycle, tournament selection, and raising funding for travel and living expenses**
- **Established and executed community events to enhance community engagement via sponsorships, fundraisers, and partnerships with large corporations and local businesses**
- **Run a small business focusing on improving the atmosphere for athletes to thrive and improve in through technical coaching and brand consulting**
- **Hold extensive financial and accounting knowledge from professional career of a financial planner and advanced educational background**

**Once elected, I will work to improve your circumstances as an athlete. I believe the athletes should be the top priority because without the athletes we wouldn't have our beloved sport. I have learned much from my experiences in life and look forward to being able to give back to you and our judo community.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration,**

**Matthew C. Parker  
USA Judo AAC Nominee**