

Marti Malloy – Athlete Director

When Christal Ransom reached out to me regarding my interest in serving as a ‘voice’ for USA Judo athletes by running for the open Athlete Director role, I was very excited. As a retired judo athlete who competed under USA Judo for my entire competitive career, I fully understand how important it is for the concerns and needs of the active competitor base to well represented and communicated to the Board of Directors.

There is a lot for me to learn about this role and the goals former Athlete Directors have set forth. I hope to re-invigorate the position with a fresh outlook and push for implementations of a long-term plan for our athletes. With the 2028 Olympics not far away and on home soil for that matter, I hope to bring a perspective that recognizes the need to support our athletes as active competitors, but that also funnels them into supportive roles in the organization post-career as well.

As a potential new member to the board, I hope to help identify and implement positive improvements that can directly benefit our elite athletes. One example that is very important to me is making sure our athletes have the right support when they are competing overseas. Some areas of concern that have been communicated to me, and that I have experienced first-hand, concern competing in a foreign country without a coach or representative from USA Judo present, as well as support roles such as athletic trainers or medical experts at elite training camps. Lastly, I hope to address the lack of coordination for ongoing opportunities for our top athletes to come together periodically to train as the unit they are, TEAM USA. This is by no means exhaustive but are key items I would plan to address were I to be voted in for the role.

I am running for the Athlete Director position because I want to help advocate for our athletes, the NGB that is USA Judo, and the sport of judo in general. I know we can grow our sport and continue to create an environment of trust and reliance for our athletes and the membership at large, and I would love to be an integral part of that.

Thank you for your consideration.

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