

Michael Ari Miller

I am a club owner and coach; my club consists of beginners through international competitors. I support grassroots efforts to expand judo in the United States, specifically, growth in the number of clubs, coaches, and registered members in these clubs. I have been to most USA Judo national events for the last ten years talking with coaches, listening and taking notes. Based on these conversations I will be committed to being accessible to all coaches from small club owners to the larger clubs. I would like to make information on starting clubs easily available online. I support increasing the number of women in coaching roles in the USA and internationally. I have some great ideas for bringing equipment and resources to clubs in economically challenged locations. I am committed to growing all national level events including Senior Nationals and having our best athletes competing. Our international athletes could use more funding and I will work to increase fundraising for our cadet, junior, and senior athletes alike. I have completed the IJF Academy Level 2 coach (which will be required to coach IJF events moving forward) and will be available to talk to anyone wanting information on attending the IJF Academy. I have been a captain at Southwest Airlines for thirty years working as the leader of a diverse group of employees. The goal is working together to complete each flight safely and efficiently and I plan on bringing these skills to the board. I will always be composed and balanced when dealing with coaches, board members and staff. Effective change sometimes moves slowly and I will work with the other members to always keep moving in a positive direction.

### **Additional Information**

1983-1987 Student athlete, wrestling, University of Oklahoma

1995-2004 National and International judo competitor

1997 National and Pan American Sambo Champion

2016 Assistant Coach, Cadet and Junior Pan Am Championship, Cordoba, Argentina

2017 Assistant Coach, Ladies Belgian Open, Arlon, Belgium

2017 Head Coach, Infantile Pan Am Championship, Lima, Peru

2018 Co-Head Coach, Infantile Pan Am Championship, Guayaquil, Ecuador

2019 Co-Head Coach, Junior World Championship, Marrakech, Morocco

2019-present, Coach Liaison, Youth Nationals and Junior Olympics

USA Judo International Gold Coach Certification

IJF Academy Level 1 and 2 Certified