

**Richard P. Mignogna, Ph.D., P.E.**

*Rokudan*

*Candidate for USA Judo Board of Directors*

Dear Fellow Judoka,

It is my privilege to introduce myself to you and seek your support as a Director of USA Judo. For more than 50 years I have devoted myself to the sport and art of judo as a competitor and coach – the details of which are shown on my CV below.

I have been a proud member of USA Judo since its inception and have also held many positions in its state affiliate, the Colorado Judo League. As an Internationally (formerly A Level) certified coach I have helped train other coaches with clinics in sport psychology and biophysical conditioning. I have also served as Coach Liaison at Senior Nationals and other tournaments.

But we should keep in mind that the present election is not as head of the coach committee but rather as a Director on the USA Judo Board of Directors. It is in this capacity that I believe my extensive business, education, and professional background would be most valuable (again please see my CV below). In addition to judo, I believe I can bring knowledge of sports management practices in other sports to the Board. Specifically, I am a Professional Ski Instructor at the Breckenridge Ski School and am certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

In closing, it would be my honor to represent our coach cadre on the USA Judo Board of Directors and I respectfully ask for your vote.

Yours in judo,

Rich Mignogna