

Meeting of the USA Judo Referee Commission, Westin Las Colinas, Irving, Texas, November 22, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Janet Johnson (serving as the Presiding Officer). Present were: Gary Berliner, Calvin Terada, Janet Johnson, Raymond Saito, Hector Estevez, and David Smith. David Smith had to leave at 1:00PM to Chair the Ethics and Grievance Committee Meeting. Observers: Barbara Shimizu, Keith Bryant, Ralph Palmer, and Russ Scherer.

Minutes of the last meeting held on May 31, 2018 were presented and approved.

The agenda and list of “old business and action items” was the method of how items were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS/ ACTION ITEMS:

1. Guest Referee Status requirements... review, edit and approve draft document **(Status: Finalize and submit for review and approval to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members)**
2. Family, Personal, Medical leave... review, edit and approve draft document **(Status: Finalize and submit for review and approval to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members)**
3. Referee Manual/Handbook... review, edit, and approve draft documents **(Status: Review current version by the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members to determine an overall status and determine path forward)**
4. RC Budget review... Calvin will present a budget and expenditure review **(Status: Provide to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission the 2020 budget for review and planning for the four national championships and other budget items)**
5. Website Update Commission... status report, Calvin is chairing **(Status: Calvin reported that cleanup of the USA Judo website “Referee Section” has begun and the goal is to begin populating the Section with updated material such as, “Referee on the Go, update link to Referee Information System, Referee Commission Policies, Referee Program, Referee Rules”)**
6. Referee Reevaluation Form for update...review, edit, and approve draft document **(Status: tabled until 2020)**
7. Evaluation and Examination areas for improvement... Review list and create a training plan. **(Status: Review additional protocols needed for clear and consistent USA Judo policies and also determine next steps for program improvement in 2020)**
8. Results of the trial “fast tracking” protocol... **(Status: Janet reported out on observations – Next steps may include formalizing a USA Judo policy in 2020)**
9. Gold Status N4 report... status and responses of recipients. The first set of patches and certificates were presented. **(Status: Ralph reported out that a large group of the N4 National Referees that met the criteria received their new gold patch and certificate. As opportunities present themselves at USA Judo Referee Commission approved events, additional patches and certificates to those that still need to receive them will be distributed.)**
10. Emeritus Status...review, edit, and approve draft document **(Status: Finalize and submit for review and approval to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members)**
11. Creation of an IJF A evaluation form to be used only at Youth Nationals, Junior Olympics, and US Open, only for those USA IJF International referees interested in working out of the country... review, edit, and approve draft document. **(Status: Finalize and submit for review and approval to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members)**
12. Self-Selected International Travel Policy for N4, IJF B and IJF A referees only... review, edit, and approve draft document **(Status: Finalize and submit for review and approval to the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission members)**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from the USA Judo Board for roles and responsibilities clarification in response to a complaint raised during the US Open... review, edit, and approve draft document **(Status: Finalized Roles and Responsibilities document with cover Memo to the USA Judo Board of Directors sent in September 2019)**
2. Potential attendees for the IJF Referee Seminar in Dubai, January 11 and 12, 2020 **(Status: Since Janet cannot attend, Calvin will coordinate the USA Judo referee and coach team to attend the 2020 IJF Referee and Coach Seminar. Janet made the decision that Calvin will receive the male referee IJF accommodations. The Commission members approved Mindy Buehman to receive the female IJF accommodations at the event. Calvin will coordinate the report writing and will develop the training slide deck based on the information presented.)**
3. Potential attendees for PJC Seminar TBA following IJF Seminar **(Status: Since Calvin has been assigned to serve as the Chief Referee and clinician at the 2020 San Jose Buddhist Sensei Memorial Judo Tournament in San Jose, California, Janet will coordinate the USA Judo referee and coach team to attend the 2020 PJC Referee and Coach Seminar in Honduras. Janet will coordinate the report writing. Calvin will then combine the reports for final distribution along with the training slide deck and videos.)**
4. Potential of hosting another PJC Seminar in Las Vegas **(Status: Idea only. No action.)**
5. Upcoming potential examinations for Continental and International license, and getting our future candidates seen **(Status: David will work with Ralph to develop the 2020 list of candidates for the IJF Continental and International Licenses based on 2019 ratings per the USA Judo Referee Information System – Need to discuss verbally with the 2020 USA Judo Referee Commission)**
6. Presenting Rick Celotto's rules update document and discuss whether to add it to the website or not... draft document **(Status: No decision)**
7. Other documents/ information needing to be posted on the website **(Status: No action needed)**
8. Other new business **(Status: No new business)**

We would like to thank Ralph Palmer and David Malek for their assistance to help share referee information and data.

The USA Judo Referee Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM in order to attend an Athlete Suicide Awareness seminar setup by Sensei Pat Burris.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Johnson & Calvin Terada, Interim Co-Chairs USA Judo Referee Commission