

**United States Judo Association
Promotion Board May 2, 2024
Q2 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:00 PM est.

Promotion Board Attendance:

John Paccione, Kenneth Durand, Russell Burke, Mark Hays, Randy Pierce, James Bregman, Jan Finkbeiner, Osmil Millan. Heiko Rommelmann was unable to attend the meeting but sent his opinion on candidates ahead of the meeting.

Special Attendance: David Brogan, USJA Board President

Several members put in their paperwork for promotion, the following were recommended for promotion:

Sergio Sanchez, Rokyudan
Orestes Siler, Hachidan
Richard Rose, Rokyudan
Ronald Pardini, Hachidan

Old Business: The Promotion Board is still having some problems with how coaches or applicants are filling out some of their paperwork, particularly the Activity Log. Applicants are putting down that they coached champions at different State, Regional or National events, but not listing the players names. The promotion Board would continue to ask that the names of these players be listed in order to better verify the applicant's claims.

The Promotion Board also discussed if a coach needs to be present at these tournaments in order to receive these points. It was agreed that the coach does NOT need to be present if their player medals at these tournaments.

New Business: USJA President, David Brogan joined during the meeting to discuss new business that might help improve USJA membership.

Currently you have had to receive your current rank or been a USJA member for the listed Time in Grade for the promotion that you are applying for. David has asked the Promotion Board to make exceptions for new USJA Members coming in from other organizations. (USA Judo, USJF or International Organizations.)

This exception would be applied under new voting rules. Currently it is a majority of favorable votes that needs to be met for promotion. Under the new rules, it would take a super-major, (2/3 of the Promotion Board) in order to be recommended for promotion.

The Promotion Board discussed this at length and were in favor of the new rule. The Promotion Board did ask for the rule to be voted on by the USJA Board and then given to the promotion Board.

Meeting Adjourned: 2145