

**United States Judo Association  
Promotion Board October 12, 2023  
Q4 Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 8:00 PM

**Attendance:** Donna Turk, Kenneth Durand, Russell Burke, Bruce Bender, Constance Halporn, Mark Hays, Randy Pierce, Heiko Rommelmann Jr., James Bregman-Absent

**Promotion Reviews**

One Special Circumstance Promotion Review for Rokudan - Upon review of the application, the board voted not to recommend.

**Old Business**

Student Manuals.

Junior Manual: Discussion on updating Junior Handbook.

**New Business**

**Activity Log:** has been updated and sent out for immediate use for Dan promotions.

**Kata testing:** PB members getting questions from Coaches asking if the current Katas should be required for Dan promotions, or if they can choose the Kata they want when they test. The Promotion Board did not make any recommendations on this but did agree that the current requirements for Shodan and Nidan were good. Discussion was tabled for more discussion so the board members could review this in more detail.

**Current extended points for Local and State tournaments:** The Promotion Board was asked to look at this since the extended points currently allow more points for state and local than for regional and national tournaments. This option is to expire at the end of the year. Should we keep the extended points and raise the points for the other tournament levels or let the extended points return to normal. This will be further discussed at the January meeting.

**Special Circumstance promotions:** Questions have arisen as to what documentation is needed for this promotion. The Promotion Board spent a good bit of time on this. It was determined that the documentation that would be needed comes in several different areas:

1. What is the reason the member asking for promotion cannot get their rank through the normal process. What is their "Special Circumstances"?

2. Written documentation from the club coach and club members as to how the member looking for promotion is an asset to the club.
3. What does the member do for the club. (If unable to get on the mat to teach, are they assisting from the side.)
4. If unable to travel to tournaments due to medical or work, but students from the club go, documentation from the students on how they placed.

This will be relooked at the January meeting.

**Next Meeting:** January 2024. Date to be determined.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:10.