

Judo Ontario Awards and Recognition Policy

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION POLICY:

To adequately and effectively recognize the contribution of our volunteers and athletes at all levels who are crucial to the development and advancement of Judo in Ontario.

AUTHORITY/DECISION MAKING:

The Awards & Recognition Committee has the authority to interpret and apply this policy. The committee has the authority/responsibility to collect nominations for all selected categories. The President must approve all recommendations.

SECTION 1: ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

- Nominations shall be made using a required form and must be filed by the Committee Chairs by June 1st of each year.
- These awards will be presented during the Annual Awards Gala
- Names of each recipient will be added to the Judo Ontario website, Newsletter and News section of the Judo Ontario website.

*Note: Awards will not be given out if suitable candidates are not found.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Nominated by the Judo Ontario President

This award is presented to the individual who exemplifies leadership, service to others and dedication to the ideals and principles of Judo in Ontario. Anyone who contributes to the betterment of Judo in Ontario is eligible for this award.

*Note: This award will not necessarily be given out each year. It is at the discretion of the President of Judo Ontario.

JOSEPH LESTRANGE AWARD

Nominated by the Judo Ontario President and Board of Directors

Given to an individual who exemplifies friendship, willingness to help others and forever volunteers for all activities. A leader who is able to resolve issues and differences in an amicable manner. One who is admired and respected by his/her peers. Finally, an ambassador representing Judo Ontario at all levels.

OUTSTANDING BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIR CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Nominated by the President and the Board of Directors

This award is presented to the individual whose Board and/or Committee contributions have enhanced the reputation of Judo Ontario and the successful execution of Judo Ontario's annual strategies and commitments. Volunteers who are currently serving on the Judo Ontario Board and/or committee/subcommittee or who have served in the past 12 months are eligible for this award.



FRAN MCCRODDEN AWARD

Nominated by VP of Competitions and Fran McCrodden

This award is presented to the volunteer who always shows willingness to support and help at tournaments. It is given in thanks for all their time and commitment to making our events successful. Volunteers working during the Ontario Open, Ontario Youth and other Judo Ontario Sanctioned events are eligible for this award.

MEDIA APPRECIATION AWARD

Nominated by VP Marketing and the Board of Directors

The award is to establish recognition to the Media be it print, television, radio or social media as a way of thanking them for their contributions to our sport and our members.

Selecting a recipient who has shown support to Judo Ontario thru its members on an ongoing basis. These could be sportscasters, sports writers or editors or radio and television hosts who have continued to support our athletes over a period of years.

Board discussion and approval of recipient.

**Note: This award will not necessarily be given out each year. It is at the discretion of the VP Marketing and the Board of Directors.*

HERO AWARD

Nominated by Judo Ontario DojoShu

The Judo Ontario Hero Award honors humanitarians from our Judo community who make extraordinary acts of kindness or heroism that changes the life of an individual or makes a difference in their community.

Criteria:

- An individual is nominated by a Judo Ontario DojoShu
- Current member of Judo Ontario
- Award is presented to an individual only once in a lifetime

**Note: This award will not necessarily be given out each year. It is at the discretion of the Awards Committee.*

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Nominated by the Judo Ontario High Performance Committee

This award is presented to the Judo Club with the top ranking at the National Championships. The Judo Canada point system will be used to calculate the points of the top Ontario club rankings.

DOJO OF THE YEAR (Most Members)

Nominated by the Judo Ontario Member Services Manager

This award is presented to the judo club with the most members registered with Judo Ontario as of March 31st. The club with the most members will receive the award.



TOM KASPRYZK AWARD FOR REFEREE CONTRIBUTION

Nominated by the Judo Ontario Referee Committee

This award is presented to the referee who consistently contributes time refereeing, mentoring and leading at Judo Ontario/Judo Canada sanctioned events. Active referees and those who have refereed at Judo Ontario and/or Judo Canada sanctioned events over the past year are eligible for this award.

WILLIAM (Bill) DOHERTY REFEREE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nominated by the Judo Ontario Referee Committee

This award is presented to the Judoka who has distinguished themselves amongst their peers with the best results for the year and continuously show commitment, determination and the desire to improve.

KATA JUDGE CONTRIBUTION

Nominated by Judo Ontario Kata Judges

This award is presented to a kata judge who consistently contributes time judging, mentoring and leading at Judo Ontario/Judo Canada sanctioned events. Active kata judges who have participated in Judo Ontario and/or Judo Canada sanctioned events over the past year are eligible for this award.

MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Nominated by the Judo Ontario High Performance Committee

This award is presented to the Judoka who distinguish themselves amongst their peers with the best results for the year and continuously show commitment, determination and the desire to improve.

Most Outstanding U16 Female & Male Athletes:

Calculated based on total points earned from results in their age group at the Quebec Open, Ontario Open, Ontario Youth and Open National Championships. (see table below)

Tournament Level	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5th Place
Provincial	100	80	70	50
Elite/Open Nationals	80	70	60	40

Most Outstanding U18 Female & Male Athletes:

Calculated based on total points earned from results in their age group at the Elite Nationals, Quebec Open, Ontario Open, Open National Championships and International results. (see table below)

Tournament Level	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5th Place
World Championships	250	200	175	150
Continental Championships	200	160	140	100
International	150	120	105	75
Elite/Open Nationals	100	80	70	50
Provincial	80	70	60	40

Notes:

1. Athletes who move up one weight division over the season will be allowed to carry over 50% of their total points. Any athlete who moves up multiple weight divisions will only be allowed to carry over

points earned in the division below their new division.

2. Athletes must have a minimum of two (2) matches to accumulate 100% points. Any athlete with less than two matches will receive 50% of total points available.

Most Outstanding U21 Female & Male Athletes:

Calculated based on Judo Canada U21 National Team Points as of deadline - 1st August of each year.

Most Outstanding Senior Female & Male Athletes:

Calculated based on Judo Canada Senior National Team Points as of deadline - 1st August of each year.

Most Outstanding Veteran Female & Male Athletes:

Calculated based on results from the Quebec Open, Ontario Open, Open National Championships and International competition in their age group. All points must be obtained in the Veterans division.

Tournament Level	Gold	Silver	Bronze
World Championships	250	200	175
International	200	160	140
Open Nationals	150	120	100
Ontario/Quebec Open	100	80	70

Most Outstanding Kata Athletes:

Award provided to the pair with the best total score competing in the same kata at the events listed in the table below. Points will only be given for podium placement in an event and the pair must place higher than at least one other team in order to earn the points from an event. The Judo Ontario Kata Committee reserves the right to exercise discretion and decide not to issue this award in a given year.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
World Championships	2,000	1,800	1,600
Kata World Series Events (best finish for one event)	1,500	1,300	1,100
Pan American Championships	800	600	400
Open Nationals	250	200	150

SECTION 2: JUDO ONTARIO HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE

To formally recognize the achievements, dedication, leadership and abilities of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of Judo in Ontario.

There are two (2) categories of membership in the Judo Ontario Hall of Fame: **Athlete** and **Builder**

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. Nominations shall be made using the required form and must be filed with Judo Ontario by June 1st of each year.
 - a. Optional citation covering other Judo accomplishments and/or the service record, or both, of

the person nominated may be included for information only.

- b. The nominator should ensure that the nominee meets the eligibility criteria described in this document.
2. Nominations may originate from an individual (no self-nominations), club, association, or by a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee (hereafter called 'the Committee').
3. The Sport Director shall send out to each member of the Committee, a copy of each nomination and recommendation received and all supporting material, together with the names of their respective nominators. This shall be done following the close of nominations.
4. The Committee shall review the nominations and present a list of recommended candidates to be approved by the President of Judo Ontario.
5. The Chair or members of the Committee will not be eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame while serving on the Committee and for a one year period after leaving the Committee.
6. The Committee shall have the responsibility to ensure the integrity and quality of the Hall of Fame is maintained. The number of members inducted in any one year shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee. The Committee shall not be obligated to admit anyone in any given year.
7. The Committee shall have the responsibility to ensure that the approved candidates are properly acknowledged and inducted in the Hall of Fame.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Inductees of the Hall of Fame will automatically become "lifetime members of Judo Ontario".

Acknowledgement of the inductees shall be kept for public viewing. A dedicated section on Judo Ontario's website will also display the inductees' profiles and accomplishments.

INDUCTION

Approved candidates will be formally inducted in the Hall of Fame during the Annual Judo Ontario Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

REMOVAL

An inductee into the Judo Ontario Hall of Fame may be expelled from it on any one or more of the following grounds:

- a) Contravention of the Judo Ontario Constitution or any rules made hereunder;
- b) Conduct contrary to the ethics of Judo;
- c) Conviction for commission of an indictable offence under Federal or Provincial law.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athlete Category

The Athlete Category recognizes Canadian Judokas who have achieved exceptional results in international judo competitions. The following criteria must be met to be eligible for nomination, and all performances must have been achieved while representing Ontario/Canada.



- a) Placed in the “top 9” at the Senior World Championships or in the Olympic Games; or
- b) Won a medal at the Paralympic Games or at the VI World Championships; or
- c) Represented Canada at the Olympic Games AND met at least two (2) of the following criteria:
 - Placed in the top 9 at the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games
 - Won a medal in the Pan-American Championships or Pan-American Games
 - Won a medal in the Universiades or University World Championships.
 - Won at least three (3) medals in IJF recognized events such as Grand Slams, Grand Prix and World Cup events (or equivalent for performances achieved prior to the IJF tournament classification system).
 - Won a medal at the Junior World Championships.

Candidates shall normally not be considered until after a four (4) year waiting period following retirement from major international competition.

Builder Category

The Builder category recognizes Judokas who have rendered exceptional services to Judo Ontario. Nominees in this category must have served at least twenty (20) years, not necessarily consecutive and must have met the following criteria:

The nominee must have a minimum of thirty (30) years as a regular member of Judo Ontario and Judo Canada AND meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

- The Head Instructor/Technical Director for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
- As a club coach, has developed a minimum of twenty (20) judo black belts.
- Has actively facilitated ten (10) technical clinics sanctioned by Judo Ontario.
- Has been an active referee at the National A level or higher in Canada for at least ten (10) years.
- Has coached at least fifteen (15) individual athletes at the Canadian Championships.
- The club has won at least fifteen (15) National Championship medals at all levels.
- Has served on National and International bodies (such as Judo Canada, IJF, PJU, PJC) for a minimum of two terms.
- Has served on a Judo Ontario committee (or committees) for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- The original sensei of an Olympian in the first five (5) years of their judo development.

Note: Time served on more than one committee during the same period is not cumulative. For example, if a member serves on more than one committee during the same calendar year it will be counted as one (1) year of service.

SECTION 3: JUDO ONTARIO LEGACY AWARD

PURPOSE

To formally recognizes Judokas who have rendered exceptional services to Judo Ontario. Nominees in this category must have had a judo club for 30 years and produced over 100 black belts. The recipient of this award has had to have produced a generation of national and international competitors, builders and leaders. Cultivated the judo community around them and is well known throughout the judo community.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. Nominations shall be made using the required form and must be filed with Judo Ontario by June 1st of each year.
 - a. Optional citation covering other Judo accomplishments and/or the service record, or both, of the person nominated may be included for information only.
 - b. The nominator should ensure that the nominee meets the eligibility criteria described in this document.
2. Nominations may originate from an individual (no self-nominations), club, association, or by a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee (hereafter called 'the Committee').
3. The Sport Director shall send out to each member of the Committee, a copy of each nomination and recommendation received and all supporting material, together with the names of their respective nominators. This shall be done following the close of nominations.
4. The Committee shall review the nominations and present a list of recommended candidates to be approved by the Judo Ontario Board of Directors.
5. The Chair or members of the Committee will not be eligible for nomination for the Legacy Award while serving on the Committee for a one-year period after leaving the Committee.
6. The Committee shall have the responsibility to ensure the integrity and quality of the Legacy Award is maintained. The number of candidates in any one year shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee. The Committee shall not be obligated to admit anyone in any given year.
7. The Committee shall have the responsibility to ensure that the approved candidates are properly acknowledged.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Legacy Award recipients will automatically become "lifetime members of Judo Ontario".

Acknowledgement of the recipients shall be kept for public viewing. A dedicated section on Judo Ontario's website will also display the recipients' profiles and accomplishments.

RECIPIENT

Approved candidates will be formally recognized during the Annual Judo Ontario Awards and Recognition Ceremony.



REMOVAL

A recipient of the Judo Ontario Legacy Award may be expelled from it on any one or more of the following grounds:

- a) Contravention of the Judo Ontario Constitution or any rules made hereunder;
- b) Conduct contrary to the ethics of Judo;
- c) Conviction for commission of an indictable offence under Federal or Provincial law.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The nominee must have the following criteria:

- The Head Instructor/Technical Director for a minimum of forty (40) years.
- As a club coach, has developed a minimum of seventy-five (75) judo black belts.

AND meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

- Has been an active referee at the National A level or higher in Canada for at least fifteen (15) years.
- The recipient's club has produced at least ten (10) individual athletes who have podiumed at the international level.
- The club has won at least twenty (20) Canadian National Championship and Elite Championship medals at senior levels.
- Has served on Provincial, National and International bodies (such as Judo Canada, IJF, PJU, PJC) for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- The original sensei of an Olympian for first five (5) years of their competitive judo development.
- Has developed a minimum of 10 (ten) Godan and above
- Sensei of a minimum of two Dojoshus that you developed to black belt

Note: Time served on more than one committee during the same period is not cumulative. For example, if a member serves on more than one committee during the same calendar year it will be counted as one (1) year of service.

Time served as a head instructor/technical director during the same period is not cumulative. For example, if a member serves on more than one committee during the same calendar year it will be counted as one (1) year of service.

This award will not necessarily be given out each year. It is at the discretion of Judo Ontario Board of Directors.