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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & NOTICES FOR MOTION

As requested the following items for discussion & notices for motion by WOY WOY JUDO CLUB are as follows:

Discussion: #1

- Since the inception of the new grading syllabus there has been one effort by the creators & or JFA NSW to hold forums on the explanation of new grades or conversion of grades for all grades examiners/Coach's'.
- This has resulted in few junior players wearing the appropriate striped or black tipped belts, which indicates the majority of Clubs are sticking to the old system. There have however been incidents where juniors are graded to blue or brown even though it is indicated in the manual that their age group cannot be graded to that level.

I am sure that most Coach's' of smaller clubs or outer lying Sydney Metro area would appreciate a visit from or a meeting with persons who can help them adjust to the new grades.

Motion: #1

I would like to put forward a motion to organise a knowledgeable person/persons to visit Clubs[akin to the Roaming Grades panel] in an attempt to familiarise them with the new grading system, either at one club that can accommodate, other clubs in their vicinity or individual clubs that are further afield.

Discussion: #2

Recently we had two junior players return to training after being absent from the sport for two years.

When they left our club in 2008 they were junior 5th Kyu. They joined another club & between 2009 & 2010, they were both graded to 4th, 3rd & 2nd Kyu.

They paid for their grades but unfortunately never received a receipt or a certificate, but were competing as those grades.

Whilst a Grades Examiner is capable of recognising what level the player is at, it was obvious they were not at 2nd Kyu level & were put at the appropriate grade.

As Junior Grades have never been requested by the JFA Office until the new data base system came in, it is important to all aspects of the sport to be able to check a players grading history.

Not only is it disheartening for the player to be told they should return to a lower grade, the examiner responsible for abusing the system needs to be held accountable.

The current recording system of grades is done online by the Office, Coach or Administrator. Whilst this may seem an easy action it consists of entering the player's personal record & filling in their current grade & certificate number. This is not viable for three reasons:

1. You are accessing a personal record. In a club that has over 100 members this is more time consuming than accessing a single section for all grades.
2. The data records their current grade, which could have been last week so there is no background to check time in grade.
3. With players who transfer I have noticed the grading fields are empty either due to the previous club not recording or the information from that section does not follow through the system.

Motion: #2

In order to ensure all players are protected from rogue examiners & to make it easier to keep a single record, I put forward a motion to have a review done with IMG Technology on the Member Qualification section. This section can be utilised to view all active & non active (2 year gap) members. The current template only covers current grades as in the personal files. Data input needs to incorporate previous dates, grades, certificate numbers, Club & grades Examiners Name & Number in the event of transfer.

Motion: #2a

I also propose an arrangement be made to utilise the tools section under the documents heading for the JFA to complete a record of certificate numbers issued to Clubs.

Discussion: #3

Masters & Kyu Grades into the 2013 National Titles.

On first notification of these divisions introduced as "[new & exciting events](#)" it was soon obvious it was a last minute cash grab. Louis Val's description of this event stated that "Masters & Kyu Grades need simply complete the National Entry form, pay an entry fee & turn up to compete".

With this information in hand I was keen to pass this onto our Kyu Grade & Master players who were unable to attend the "Qualifying Competitions" due to work, university & lack of funds. With much interest our "SIX PLAYERS" ALL ELLIGIBLE for KYU GRADES & MASTERS, made plans to try and get that Friday in June off work early & the Saturday off work all together.

But then, two weeks prior to the compulsory NSW State Team Camp – strictly for those who had met the selection criteria ([i.e. completed & ranked at nominated competitions](#)) an email was sent out by JFANSW with directions for those wishing to take part in the Masters & Kyu Grades Divisions, which included:

- You must be a State Team member
- You must attend the Compulsory State Team Training Camp plus fees

- You must attend State Team Squad training for the remaining weeks up to the National Titles. In our case every Saturday.

Not only was this short notice, there was **NO INDICATION** by Judo Australia that a criteria must be met as set down by your State Body.

I contacted Luis Val & asked him why there was no such indication in his original statement of the "[Introduction of Kyu Grades & Masters](#)" & that as he had put his name to this information he should therefore be held responsible for any changes to the directions he had given.

Not so.

Luis politely informed me that he "did not get involved in State politics" & "I should get in touch with my State body for further discussions."

I had explained to Luis that I had attempted to contact the NSW Office but it was unattended due to Phil McDermott being at the Oceania Training Camp & Competition in Cairns

please explain why there was not a temp in the office for general duties during his absence?

When I did discuss this with Phil I was told that the Kyu Grades & Masters had to be included in the State Team in order to compete.

This decision had the following repercussions:

- The NOW late inclusion of KYU GRADE & MASTERS DIVISIONS instructions set down by the JFANSW clashed with JFA AUS notice with no explanation from either organisations
- The Board gave no comment on whether they agreed with the late inclusion of these divisions & possibly no thought to Kyu Grades who had attended all selection comps during the year in order to be on the State Team & were struggling to fund themselves to the State Camp, only to find out that now it wasn't necessary to have been involved in these selections after all. No doubt they would have felt cheated
- The ridiculous thought that "Masters", should attend a compulsory State Team Camp & training sessions was rebuked by all & sundry but they were still made to pay the Camp Fees.

As it turned out, only TWO of our six were able to attend the Nationals due to the costs above the \$60 entry fee & the inability to get off work to commit to squad training at such short notice.

Our two Masters entered – one was already in the KATA & the other had arrived back from business in the USA the day before weigh in. Unfortunately our businessman fell ill on the Friday morning & couldn't attend after all – early notification to the tournament committee proved pointless as No refund was applicable.

In addition to all of the calamities mentioned above, the Nationals Tournament Committee in their wisdom ran the MASTERS & KATA at the same time, consequently eliminating our Masters entrant after all (Refund applicable in this case).

At supposed National level competition status, Australia made too many mistakes by having rules for one & rules for others. Unacceptable

Motion: #3

I would like to put forward a motion that, if KYU GRADE DIVISIONS are to be included in further National Titles, specific KYU GRADE COMPETITIOINS become selections for the State Team in the Kyu Grade Division only.

Discussion: #4

Sydney International Open

1/. Tournament Committee

While these competitions are run by volunteers, I believe there should be a specific volunteer appointed to make regular announcements consisting of:

- Why there may be delays
- Where to locate updated information on draw progression [if any]
- Why there were two different repechage systems used at this particular tournament
- Inform the players of all of the above so they don't go home or eat when they believe they have been eliminated.

No one had a clue of what was happening with the draws. Seeding's were non-existent.

2/.Referees

If this is to be noted as a highlight to the competition calendar, why do the referees not know the rules? On more than one occasion, referees could not recognise a simple score and frequently looked to the side referees for guidance.

For example, in one bout, the referee directed the players to stop during a hold down whilst he examined whether or not the judogi sleeve was across the mouth of the held down player.

Whilst the players remained still, the clock continued to increase a further 7 seconds, 8 seconds onto the hold down restricting any chance of escaping when play was resumed. Both coaches and spectators were expressing that the referee should stop the clock to allow time to check over this supposed infraction, however, he resumed the hold down with 3 seconds remaining, thus causing an unnecessary elimination.

Motioned By



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