



## Judo Canada

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Dear members,

The 2019-2020 season was a roller coaster of successes, challenges, and disappointment for the Judo community. It all started, and seems like an eternity, with the great performances of our athletes at the 2019 Senior World Championships where Christa Deguchi became the first Canadian world champion and Antoine Valois-Fortier won an extraordinary third world medal. Due to the Covid-19 situation we were forced to cancel the Open Nationals and Canada Cup and putting our focus on building tools to help provincial associations and clubs faced this historic challenge.

We hope that we can go back to a more normal operation quickly and will monitor regional evolution of the pandemic to best serve our membership.

A few items that we would like to bring to your attention:

- Judo Canada has updated the Covid 19 section on its website <https://www.judocanada.org/covid19/> adding videos, training plan and sanitary protocol.
- Our new webinar series targeted for coaches that will start on August 27, under the theme: "Judo in Time of social distancing."

There is still a lot of uncertainty and unknowns about the future and the next season. To address some of the challenges and potentially rapidly changing Covid 19 pandemic status in Canada, Judo Canada will accept submission of applications to host Sanctioned judo events in season 2020/21 providing that they are communicated 30 days in advance. We will notify you as soon as decisions are made regarding the 2020-21 calendar and the High Performance programs and events.

We continue to work to solidify our operations and resources for clubs. We are currently working on guidelines for athletes with disabilities; self-defence for women and U5 specific guide that we hope to launch shortly.

For any questions relating to the current situation, you can contact us at the following address: [info@judocanada.org](mailto:info@judocanada.org)

Hoping to meet on the tatami soon,

Best regards,

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CEO/HPD

