



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION POLICY

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## POLICY STATEMENT

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To adequately and effectively recognize the contribution of our volunteers, partners, members, athletes, clubs and officials at all levels who are crucial to the development and advancement of Judo in Canada.

## AUTHORITY/DECISION-MAKING

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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.

## SECTION 1: ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

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### NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Nominations shall be made using the required form and must be filed with Judo Canada by February 15th of each year.

**Note:** Although these are Event Awards, Awards will not be given out if no suitable candidates are found.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- These awards will be presented during the Gala dinner held at the May National Championships.
- A commemorative token will be given to the recipients and their names will be added to a special section on Judo Canada's website.

### 1. OUTSTANDING SHIAI VOLUNTEER AWARD

*Nominated by the Judo Canada Tournament Committee*

This award is presented to the volunteer who has demonstrated selfless contributions of time, energy and expertise to numerous successful shiai. Volunteers working during National Championships, Elite Nationals, a level A event or other Judo Canada hosted/sanctioned events are eligible for this award.

### 2. OUTSTANDING BOARD & NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

*Nominated by the Judo Canada Board of Directors*

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

### 3. CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Nominated by the Judo Canada High Performance Committee*

This award is presented to the judo club with the top ranking at the Elite Nationals. Clubs who have athletes competing in the Elite Nationals are eligible for this award. The clubs ranked number 1 for the U18 and 18+ divisions will receive the award.

#### 4. THE MOST OUTSTANDING REFEREE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

*Nominated by the Judo Canada Referee Committee*

This award is presented to the referee who consistently contributes time and expertise to coordinate and organize officials and referees for tournaments; as well as personally mentoring, coaching and leading (or organizing) training for referees. Active referees and members of referee commissions during national championships, Elite Nationals, level A events and other Judo Canada hosted/sanctioned events are eligible for this award.

#### 5. PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

*Nominated by the President of Judo Canada*

This award is presented to the individual who best exemplifies leadership, service to others and dedication to the ideals and principles of judo in Canada and the judo community at large. Anyone who contributes to the betterment of judo in Canada is eligible for this award.

#### 6. LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION AWARD

*Nominated by the Board of Directors*

As a national award, the Lifetime Contribution Award is granted for outstanding achievement and/or contribution to judo.

#### **The following criteria must be met to be eligible for nomination**

The nominee must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

- A member of Judo Canada for 30 years or more;
- Has won three (3) Senior National Championships titles or five (5) Kata National Championships titles;
- As a club coach, has developed a minimum of fifty (50) judo black belts;
- Has been an active referee at the “National A” level or higher in Canada for twenty (20) years or more.
- Has participated in the development of at least ten (10) Canadian champions at the Senior National Championships in shiai or in kata, or in a combination of both.
- Has placed in the top 7 in at least (10) international competitions.
- Has served on international bodies (such as IJF, PJU, PJC) for a minimum of one term.
- Has served on the Judo Canada board or committee (or committees) for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- Has served on a provincial board committee (or committees) for a minimum of ten (10) years.

**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 year of service.

### 7. THE JUDO CANADA HERO AWARD (Sponsored by Mark Hicks and Sherwood Ford)

*Nominated by any Judo Canada Member, PTSO and Judo Canada*

- The Judo Canada Hero Award honours humanitarians from our judo community who make extraordinary contributions and have made a difference in their communities.
- Who lives by Kano's fundamental principles of judo "Mutual Welfare and Benefit".
- The award is presented annually to a Judo Canada member who has made a contributed to their community and or/society in a way it reflects the core values of Judo.

**Specific criteria:**

1. A Judo Canada member, PTSO's and Judo Canada can nominate a deserving candidate.
2. This award must be a current member of Judo Canada. This award can be presented to an individual only once in their lifetime;

### 8. MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

*Nominated by the Judo Canada High Performance Committee*

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

**Specific Criteria**

1. Age division considered will be the age of the athlete as of December 31 of the year of the award.
2. Results will be calculated from April 1st of the year of the award until March 31 of the following year. Categories/Divisions
  - Most Outstanding U16 Female & Male Athletes: Based on National events results.
  - Most Outstanding U18 Female & Male Athletes: Based on the best Cadet World Championships results and the highest National Ranking.
  - Most Outstanding U21 Female & Male Athletes: Based on the best Junior World Championships results and the highest National Ranking.
  - Most Outstanding Senior Female & Male Athletes: Based on the best Senior World Championships results and the highest National Ranking.

## SECTION 2: EVENT SPECIFIC AWARDS

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**PURPOSE:**

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These awards are meant to acknowledge the Excellence of those Canadian judokas who demonstrate outstanding performances during the highest calibre domestic event – the Elite Nationals.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

- The HP Committee shall make nominations on site during the Elite Nationals in January.
- These awards will be presented during the medal ceremony of the Elite Nationals.

**Note:** Although these are Event Awards, they will not be given out if no suitable candidates are found.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A commemorative token will be given to the recipients and their names will be added to a special section on Judo Canada's website.

### AWARDS AND CRITERIA:

- Most Outstanding U18 Female & Male Athletes: Based on the athlete's results during the event but also on the quality and rapidity of her/his wins.
- Most Outstanding Senior Female & Male Athletes: Based on the athlete's results during the event but also on the quality and rapidity of her/his wins.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes who took part in the current Elite Nationals are eligible for these awards.

## SECTION 3: HALL OF FAME

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### PURPOSE:

- To formally recognize the achievements of those judokas who represented Canada at major international competitions or Games and achieved exceptional results.
- To formally recognize the dedication, leadership and abilities of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of Judo in Canada.
- There are two categories of membership in the Judo Canada Hall of Fame: **Athlete** and **Builder**.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURES:

1. Nominations shall be made using the required form and must be filed with Judo Canada by February 15th of each year.
2. Optional citation covering other judo accomplishments and/or the service record, or both, of the person nominated can be included for information only.
3. The nominator should ensure that the nominee meets the Eligibility Criteria described in this document.
4. Nominations may originate from an individual (no self-nomination), club, association, or by a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee (hereafter called 'the Committee').

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5. The CEO 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.
6. The Committee shall review the nominations and present a list of recommended candidates to be approved by the Board of Directors of Judo Canada. The Committee may veto individual nominations through the individual's Provincial or Territorial Association.
7. The Chair of the Committee will not be eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame while on the Committee and for a period of one (1) year after leaving the Committee.
8. 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.
9. The Committee shall have the responsibility to ensure that the approved candidates are properly acknowledged and inducted in the Hall of Fame.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- Each inductee shall receive a commemorative token of the induction and a citation of achievements.
- Inductees of the Hall of Fame will automatically become "lifetime members of Judo Canada".
- The Judo Canada Hall of Fame shall be located within the National Training Centre, where an acknowledgment of the achievements of the inductees shall be kept for public viewing. A dedicated section on Judo Canada's website will also display the inductees' profiles and accomplishments.

### **INDUCTION:**

Approved candidates will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame, the place and time to be determined by the Awards and Recognition Committee. In the absence of a special event, the induction may take place during the Canadian National Senior Championships or an international event sanctioned by Judo Canada.

### **Removal**

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

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

The procedure to expel the inductee shall be the procedure for the expulsion of a member of the Association as set out in the Judo Canada By-laws.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**All candidates must have conducted themselves in respect with the moral code of judo throughout their careers. All individual that conduct contrary to the ethics of judo, the anti-doping policies or were**

**suspended for behaviour are not eligible.**

### **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 Canada:

- a) Placed in the “top 3” at the Senior World Championships or in the Olympic Games; or
- b) Won a medal at the Paralympic Games or won a medal at the World Championships for the Visually Impaired; or
- c) Represented Canada at the Olympic Games AND met at least two (2) of the following criteria:
  - Placed in the top 5 at the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.
  - Won a gold medal in the Pan-American Championships or Pan American Games.
  - Won at least four (4) medals in Grand Slams or Grand Prix. (or equivalent)
  - Won a medal at 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 Canada. 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 twenty (20) years as a regular member of Judo Canada AND meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:**

- The Head Instructor/Technical Director for a minimum of thirty (30) years.
- As a club coach, has developed a minimum of twenty-five (25) judo black belts.
- Has actively led twenty (20) technical clinics sanctioned by Judo Canada.
- Has been an active referee at the “National A” level or higher in Canada for at least twenty (20) years.
- Has coached at least five (5) different Canadian Champions at the Junior, Senior or Kata National Championships.
- Has won a minimum of three (3) National Championship titles as an athlete and took part in the Olympics.
- Has served on international bodies (such as the IJF, PJU, PJC) for a minimum of one term.
- Has served on a Judo Canada Committee (or committees) for a minimum of ten (10) years.

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if a member serves on more than one committee during the same calendar year, it will be counted as one year of service.

*Approved by Board on August 24, 2020*