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CHAIR REPORT

On behalf of the Judo NSW Board, I want to thank our members once again for your ongoing faith and trust in us to lead our organisation.

MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

Following important updates to our governance and constitution in recent years, this will be my final Chair's Report as I wrap up 10 years of service. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the Board during this time, both as a Director and as Chair. Personally, I believe term limits are a great thing; they ensure new Directors can step up, bringing different perspectives and fresh ideas. I look forward to seeing this in action and welcoming new Directors at the upcoming AGM.

Judo NSW tracks its governance progress through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Game Plan platform. It has been incredibly satisfying to see our improvements over the past few years as we build our organisational capability. While we still have areas to develop, our overall results are highly promising. Governance is front and centre for National and State bodies alike. While the scale, financial complexity, and risk exposure might look a bit different at the grass-roots level, the core legal duties and standards of care for club committee members are fundamentally the same. The ASC Game Plan is a fantastic, free online resource for clubs too. If your club hasn't yet used it to review its capabilities, I highly recommend exploring the tools available to support your own governance journey.

Our collaboration with Judo Australia continues as the sport moves towards a more seamless experience for members nationwide. This is being driven by several initiatives, including the Judo Manager platform. Members will soon be able to view their entire judo journey in one place through their Judo Manager profile. Grading histories and competition results will be visible regardless of which club, state, or territory you are in. We deeply appreciate the hard work clubs have put into uploading historical data, and we hope members will find tracking their achievements much easier moving forward. There has been a lot of focus in the media this year around inclusion and equity, and member protection remains a core priority at both state and national levels. Judo Australia has drafted Participation and Competition Inclusion Guidelines and is currently working with SSOs to finalise and share these with members. Providing safe, welcoming, and respectful opportunities for everyone to enjoy judo—while balancing the integrity, fairness, and safety of competitive sport—is incredibly important to us all.

CHAIR REPORT CONT.

OUR PERFORMANCE

As an organisation, we are acutely aware that the current economic climate continues to place financial strain on clubs, individuals, and families. We endeavour to manage our finances as astutely and mindfully as possible, and we are grateful to our knowledgeable finance committee for guiding the Board's decisions.

I believe it is important to continue to highlight where your membership fees go, as the return on investment isn't always visible or tangible on an individual level. These fees play a vital role in running the organisation that supports our clubs and members. Costs are absorbed by essentials: salaries for our paid staff (1 FTE), affiliation fees to Judo Australia, rent for our state training centre and office hot-desk, storage for mats and equipment, referee payments, insurance, accounting/auditing fees, software subscriptions, and coaching workshops. These are the inescapable costs of running a small SSO. There are no lavish expenses; we operate on a very lean budget and are fortunate to supplement our income via OSP funding for specific projects throughout the year.

To those clubs that continue to support Judo NSW by registering all their members, thank you. To those that choose to register only a few, a friendly reminder that constitutionally, being a member club means registering all your participants. If you have hardship cases within your club, please don't hesitate to reach out to Greg to discuss how Judo NSW can support these members. Membership fees enable us to keep providing services across the sport and offer community activities that individual clubs might struggle to run on their own.



CHAIR REPORT CONT.

OUR UNSUNG HEROES

As always, the Board extends its massive thanks to all the members—and non-members—who give their time so generously. Whether you help administer the sport, coach, or help out at our tournaments, we value your contribution immensely and simply couldn't do it without you.

While we have paid employees managing our day-to-day operations, we still rely heavily on volunteers for our events and activities. We know finding volunteers is a challenge right now, but the reality is we cannot run our sport without them, and we are in desperate need of more hands on deck. We are more than happy to support, train, and work around your time constraints. Please reach out to Greg if you can spare even a little time—we would truly appreciate your help!

Judo NSW would also like to congratulate the clubs that took on running their own competitions this year to give exposure to members who might not usually enter larger events. These events are fantastic for helping a broader group of players get involved, meet people from other clubs, and experience judo in a new way. We know how much effort goes into hosting, and we want to acknowledge the new clubs stepping up to make these happen.

KEY EVENTS

The economic climate certainly impacted competition numbers across the board this year, from the National Event Series to the Nationals. Despite this, the Sydney International Open in February drew almost 300 competitors with 400 entries, and we hosted 219 competitors at the State Championships in March.

Once again, it was wonderful to see our members eager to test themselves at the National Championships on the Gold Coast, with over 100 NSW competitors making the trip. Regardless of individual results, watching our athletes step onto the mat and give their absolute best is always a pleasure. While it's easy to celebrate medals, the immense effort of stepping up to represent yourself, your club, and your state should never be underestimated and should always be celebrated.

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CHAIR REPORT CONT.

OUR FUTURE

I am entirely confident that the Board will continue its mandate to deliver great services to our clubs, athletes, and officials. I look forward to seeing our newly elected Board members bring their passion and knowledge to the sport in a new way as they step into their roles.

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Belinda McIndoe
JUDO NSW CHAIR

CEO REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the CEO Report to the Judo NSW membership for the 2025-2026 financial year.

The past 12 months have been another important period of consolidation, development and progress for Judo NSW. As we continue to implement our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, our focus has remained on strengthening the foundations of the organisation, delivering quality events and programs for our members, and positioning the sport for sustainable growth into the future.

While the demands placed on State Sporting Organisations continue to increase, particularly in the areas of governance, compliance, child safeguarding and financial management, Judo NSW has continued to make meaningful progress while maintaining a financially responsible approach to its operations.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the Judo NSW Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment, guidance and support throughout the year. Our Directors volunteer their time and expertise to provide leadership and oversight of the organisation, and their contribution is greatly appreciated. In particular, I'd like to thank our outgoing Chair Belinda McIndoe for her valuable service to the sport of Judo over the past decade on the Board and operationally as Tournament Director for our major events.

I would also like to acknowledge the many individuals who contribute to the delivery and development of Judo across NSW. Our Club Coaches, State Coaches, NSW Referees Commission, Kata Coaches, BBR grading panel members, club administrators and volunteers all play an important role in ensuring that our members have opportunities to participate, develop and achieve within the sport.

A special acknowledgement goes to our tournament team, including Paul Sheean, Nigel Fricker and Belinda McIndoe, together with our mat setup crew led by Eddy Wong. The successful delivery of our competition calendar would simply not be possible without the significant time and effort these individuals contribute behind the scenes.

Thank you to Laura Diaz for her contribution to the administration of Judo NSW and the coordination of our participation programs such as J-Girls. The expansion of this role for a short period through Office of Sport funding provided additional capacity to support the delivery of our strategic initiatives and services to members.

Finally, to our affiliated clubs and members, thank you for your continued support of Judo NSW and your commitment to the sport.

CEO REPORT CONT.

OFFICE OF SPORT FUNDING AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The continued support of the NSW Government through the Office of Sport's Organisation Support Program (OSP) has been instrumental in enabling Judo NSW to progress a number of important strategic projects during FY26.

This funding has provided the opportunity to invest in initiatives that may otherwise have been difficult to deliver within our existing operational resources.

Two significant projects progressed during the year have been the establishment of a new Risk Management Framework and the development of a Dojo Expansion Roadmap research project.

Risk Management Framework

A key governance achievement during FY26 has been the establishment of a comprehensive Risk Management Framework for Judo NSW.

As the organisation continues to grow and the regulatory expectations of sporting organisations increase, it is essential that we have appropriate systems in place to identify, assess, manage and monitor risks across our operations.

This project represents an important step forward in strengthening our governance practices and ensuring that risk management becomes an embedded component of organisational decision-making rather than simply a compliance exercise.

Dojo Expansion Roadmap

Another significant initiative undertaken during FY26 has been the development of the Dojo Expansion Roadmap

Access to suitable and sustainable training facilities remains an important consideration for the future growth of Judo in NSW. For many potential coaches, the costs and practical challenges associated with establishing, maintaining or expanding dedicated training facilities can present barriers to participation and long-term development.

The Dojo Expansion Roadmap seeks to create a resource to better understand these challenges and identify potential opportunities and pathways to support the establishment and expansion of Judo facilities across the state.

CEO REPORT CONT.

Events and Competition Delivery

The successful delivery of our annual tournament calendar continues to be one of the most visible and important services provided to the Judo NSW membership.

During FY26, Judo NSW delivered its major competition events, including the Sydney International, NSW State Championships and Community Series events.

These events provide valuable competition opportunities for athletes across a range of ages, grades and experience levels, while also supporting the development of referees, technical officials, coaches and volunteers. The delivery of these events requires considerable planning, administration and volunteer involvement. I would like to again acknowledge everyone who contributes to their successful operation.

Looking ahead, we will continue to review our tournament structures, operational processes and event delivery models to ensure that our competition calendar remains financially sustainable, accessible and responsive to the needs of our membership.

Participation, Inclusion and Future Growth

Growing participation in Judo remains a fundamental objective of our Strategic Plan. Building on the initiatives introduced in previous years, such as the J-Girls program, we continue to recognise the importance of making Judo accessible and welcoming to a broader cross-section of the community.

Sustainable participation growth requires more than simply attracting new members. It also requires supporting our existing clubs, developing our coaching workforce, providing appropriate facilities and creating positive experiences that encourage people to remain involved in the sport.

The Dojo Expansion Roadmap project is an important part of this longer-term approach, helping us better understand the infrastructure challenges and opportunities that may influence future participation.

Our ongoing engagement with clubs, coaches and volunteers will be critical to identifying opportunities for growth and ensuring that our programs remain relevant to the needs of the Judo community.

CEO REPORT CONT.

Conclusion

Reflecting on FY26, I believe Judo NSW has continued to make steady and meaningful progress in strengthening the organisation and building the foundations for future growth.

The delivery of our major events, continued investment in coaching accreditation, development of a comprehensive Risk Management Framework, commencement of the Dojo Expansion Roadmap research project and achievement of a positive financial result are all important outcomes for the year.

While there is always more work to be done, these achievements demonstrate our commitment to balancing the immediate needs of our members with the longer-term strategic priorities of the organisation.

Ultimately, the success of Judo NSW depends on the collective contribution of our clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers and members. Our ability to achieve the ambitious goals of our Strategic Plan relies on their continued engagement and support.

I look forward to working with the Board, our clubs and the broader Judo community as we continue to strengthen and grow the sport across NSW.



Greg Helm
JUDO NSW CEO

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF JUDO NSW

Belinda McIndoe (Chair)
Nigel Fricker
Kristian Grostad
Amy Kay
Sue Williams
Steve Harris
Nick Crowhurst (Independent)

JUDO NSW ADMINISTRATION

Greg Helm - CEO
Laura Diaz - Admin and Programs Officer
(Until March 2026)

STATE COACHING TEAM

Kylie Koenig (Head Coach)
Joe Costanzo (Planning)
Sue Williams (Mentor)
Diego Barreto
Martin Kelly
Vincent Costanzo
Joungmin Pang
Semir Pepic
Liam Stewart
Franz Tandean

NSW STATE TEAM MANAGEMENT

Nigel Fricker - Manager
Yubo Wang - Manager
Belinda McIndoe - Wellbeing Manager

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Conrad Jon Van Dort
Kristian Grostad
Sofia Ettridge
Steven Harris

NSW REFEREES COMMISSION

Chak Chan - Chair
Kristin McCarthy
Greg Cadarin
Drew Evans
Lubo Petr
Deepali Mistry

NSW BBR

Joe Costanzo (President)
Rob Ivers (Treasurer)
Gavin Morgan (Secretary)
Dale Keogh
Ernie Wakamatsu

NSW KATA COACHES

Dale Keogh
Marcus Truppel
Eddy Yuen

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Nigel Fricker, Yubo Wang, Paul Sheean, Eddy Wong and all the many other volunteers who helped out during the year especially;

Andrew Roberts
Daniel Wong
Kirsten McDougall
John Panopoulos
Daniel Rusitovic

Thank you

LIFE MEMBERS

*Jim Robinson**
1970

Fred Watt

Robert Katz
2011

John Peters
1970

Terry Young
2005

Kerrye Katz
2011

*Brian Nevitt**
1980

Dale Keogh
2005

Ivor Endicott-Davies
2015

Sue Williams
1989

Jim Black
2005

Peter Hermann
2016

Julie Reardon
1989

*Danny Simmons**
2006

Nigel Fricker
2018

*Bruce Fagan**
1990

Warren Rosser
2009

Shane Alvisio
2018

*Jack Halber**

John Buckley
2009

Rob Ivers
2021

*Frederick (Ric) Ryder**

Tom Godkin
2009

Phil McDemott
2022

Marguerite Willson

Alan Broadhead
2011

Denis Boyd
2025

**Deceased*

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership Nomination for Mr Denis Boyd

The 2025 Annual General Meeting was held on 12th October 2025 with Clubs in attendance representing 37% of the Judo NSW Membership.

At this meeting, those in attendance voted unanimously to elect Mr Denis Boyd (Samurai Judo Club) as a Life Member of Judo NSW.

On behalf of the Judo NSW Community, we extend our congratulations to Denis Boyd who becomes the 27th person to be bestowed with Life Membership of Judo NSW.

Denis achieves this honour having given a lifetime of services to the Judo Community as a volunteer and coach from grassroots level to State and National level.

Denis has coached and volunteered within the Judo continuously for an astonishing fifty-nine (59) years.

This has included coaching at various Clubs listed below

- 10 years at Mayfield YMCA
- 10 years at Newcastle YMCA
- 31 years at Newcastle PCYC
- 12 months at Adamstown RSL Youth Club,
- 12 months at Speers Point RSL Youth Club
- 6 months at Toronto YMCA
- 27 years at Lake Macquarie PCYC
- 9 years at Samurai Judo Academy

Denis held various positions with the Hunter Valley Judo Association from 1966 to 2004, performing voluntary roles that included 5 Years as committee member, 8 years as Secretary, 6 years as Vice President, 9 years as President and 10 years as Treasurer. He volunteered his time tournament official at JFA NSW / Judo NSW tournaments for approximately 42 years. This has included:

- NSW International Opens
- National Titles
- Oceania Titles
- NSW State Titles
- NSW Country Championships
- Hunter Judo Tournaments

We congratulate Denis Boyd on this recognition of your Lifetime of dedication to the sport of Judo in NSW



JUDO NSW CLUBS

Includes Senior, Juniors, Associate, Life Members and Trial Members in FY26

*28 Hundred (3) **

Albury PCYC Judo Club (16) +7

Australian Jujitsu Academy (1)* =

Blacktown Judo Academy (37) + 5

*Bonnyrigg Judo (14)**

Budokan (224) +6

Bushido Canley Vale (95) +1

Club Delutas (5) +4

*Club de Lutas Rouse Hill (1)**

Coffs Coast Judo Club (21) -11

*Dream Judo (12) **

Evolution Judo Academy (11)

Goshu Judokan (27) +9

Grappling Bros (22) -4

HD Grappling (10) +7

Highlands International Judo Club (4) -7

IKKI Japanese Judo Club (17) +16

Illawarra International Judo (61) + 14

Jinsoku Judo Cessnock (7) +5

Judo Matsu (148) +59

Judo1 Wollongong (3) -1

Judo2U (4) -1

Kido Mingara Judo Academy (9) -5

Kitsune Judo Club (6) -2

Kokoro Judo (23) =

Kugatsu Central Coast (54) -24

Kumataka Dojos Epping (28) -2

Kumataka Dojos St George (5) +2

*Lismore PCYC (2)**

Maitland PCYC Judo (37) +15

Newtown Judo Club (24) +4

Northern Sydney Judo Club (6) =

O-KO (45) -11

*PCYC Lake Macquarie (13)**

Penrith PCYC (4) -7

Phoenix Judo Club (40) +25

Port Macquarie Judo Club (41) +12

Samurai Judo Club (18) +2

Shire Judo (99) +17

STRA Judo (12) -5

Sydney University Judo Club (83) +1

The Judo Way of Life Academy (41) +15

Tiger-Do Martial Arts (26) -16

*Titan Judo (20)**

*U Champ Academy (41)**

UNSW Judo (235) -35

UTS Judo Club (41) -30

Wellington PCYC Judo (4) =

Western Warriors Martial Arts (4) =

Willoughby Judo (56) +20

Woopi Warriors Judo Club (12) -8

Woy Woy Judo Club (3) -51

*Yamato Judo Club (20)**

Zenbu Judo (117) +9

Zoo Judo (23) -6

**Indicates New or Returning Club*



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



Total
Members

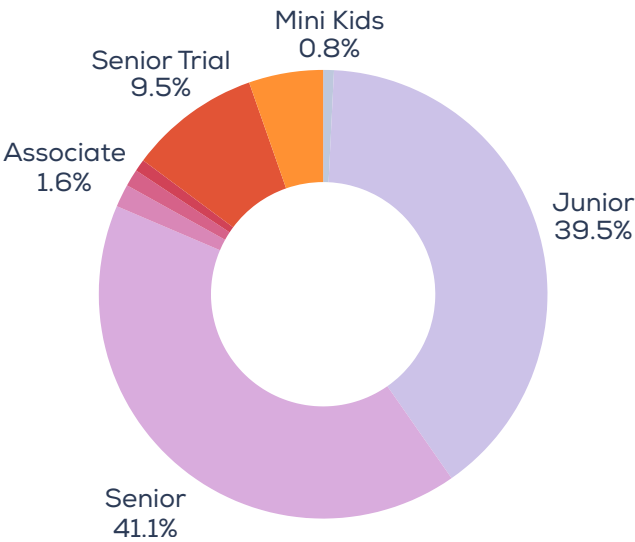
25/26

1,943

Includes Senior, Juniors, Associate, Life Members and Trial Members in FY26

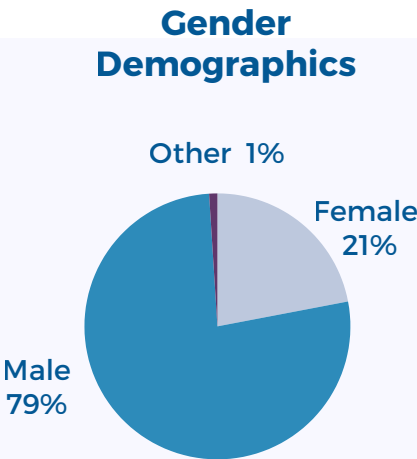
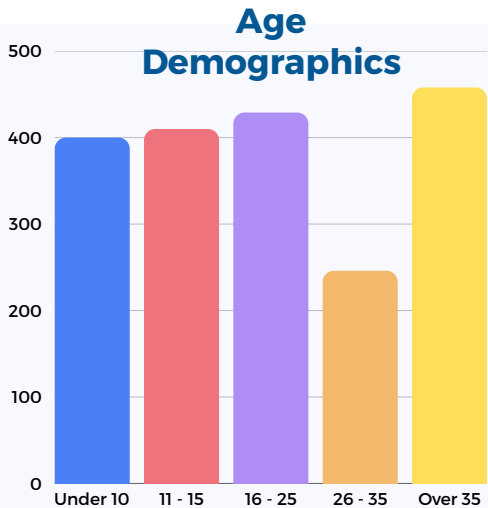
Type of Membership*

Mini Kids	15
Junior	768
Senior	799
Junior Trial	104
Senior Trial	184
Associate	32
Volunteer	17
Life Member	24



*Number of registrations in FY26

Other Statistics



DAN GRADING

Judo NSW conducted two Dan grading activities during the reporting period: the end-of-year grading on 30 November 2025 and the mid-year grading on 28 June 2026. Both were convened by Greg Cadorin, 4th Dan.

At the November 2025 grading, four applicants were deemed competent by the grading panel:

- Aidan Miu – Shodan, Competition & Knowledge pathway
- Crosby Peake – Shodan, Competition & Knowledge pathway
- Bernhard Tandean – Nidan, Kata pathway
- Marcus Truppel – Nidan, Service & Knowledge pathway

The June 2026 mid-year grading resulted in five applicants being deemed competent, all attaining Shodan through the Competition & Knowledge pathway:

- Andjela Bodiroza
- Nikola Dobric
- Chloe Kericopolas
- Dusan Tucic
- Aaron Xu

Judo NSW members also achieved strong outcomes at the Judo Australia Dan grading held during the 2026 National Championships.



- Chak Shing Chan – Yondan – Service & Knowledge
- Louis Wang – Yondan - Kata
- Joseph Costanzo - Godan – Service & Knowledge
- David Groom - Godan – Service & Knowledge
- Deepali Mistry - Godan – Service & Knowledge

In a further significant achievement, Lubomir Petr was graded to Rokudan (6th Dan) at the Oceania Open event in November 2025.

DAN GRADING CONT.

Panel Members

Sue Williams
7th Dan

John Buckley
6th Dan

Kerry Katz
6th Dan

Alan Broadhead
7th Dan

Dale Keogh
6th Dan

Morgan E.D.
6th Dan

Ivor E.D.
7th Dan

Phil McDemort
6th Dan

Semir Pepic
5th Dan

Ernie Wakamatsu
5th Dan

Across the two Judo NSW grading activities, nine candidates were successfully graded, seven to Shodan and two to Nidan. The results demonstrate continued participation across the Competition & Knowledge, Kata, and Service & Knowledge pathways, with the mid-year grading particularly strengthening the emerging Shodan cohort.

Judo NSW acknowledges and sincerely thanks the grading examiners and members of the Judo NSW Dan Grading Panel, together with the Judo Australia examiners who contributed at the National Championships. Their expertise, time and commitment ensure that each grading is conducted with consistency, integrity and due regard to the standards of Australian judo.



Greg Cadorin

GRADING CONVENOR
JUDO NSW

NSW KATA COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION

In general, the Judo NSW Kata team did well this year lead by Eddie Yuen and Marcus Truppel as State Coaches with Ernie Wakamatsu and Dale Keogh as advisory coaches. The team put an emphasis on adding new young talent to the team. This year we also had our juniors competing Jnr Katame no Kata which has been newly created for the juniors. For the seniors the Itsutsu no Kata and the Koshiki no Kata were introduced on the applicable katas in competition.

With a bitter taste, a few competitors were unable to compete fully due to injuries and illnesses at the national level.

From the National Kata Championships, Judo NSW took away 10 medals, including two Gold medals:

For the World Kata Championships in 2025 in Paris our Ju no Kata team Bernard and Bianca Tandean finished in the 5th place in their preliminary group.

At the Oceania Kata Championship 2026, Australia NSW team achieved outstanding results, with Matle Fung and Edmund Yuen winning Gold in Ju-no-Kata.

Australia's standout kata pair, Tania Chen and Alicia Wang, also delivered an exceptional performance, winning Gold in the U18 Nage-no-Kata as well as Gold in the Senior Nage-no-Kata Final.

With that result Alcia Wang and Tania Chen will go to the WKC in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and competing in the Under 18 group for Nage no Kata. They have worked hard over the last year after they moved on to the cadets age group means they had to learn the last two sets of Nage no Kata.

Ernie Wakamatsu will continue to represent Australia as an IJF Kata Judge. Judo NSW and JA were represented by Ernie at the WKC for the past seven year's.

The Kata team assisted with the Dan promotion of candidates with their Kata, in the technical review of Dan requirements.

NSW KATA COMMISSION CONT.

Judges Status

Several new Kata judges received certification this year;

•Nage no Kata and Katame no Kata

- Peter Williams:

Itsutsu no Kata and Koshiki no Kata

- Greg Cadorin, Matt Holmes, Dale Keogh, Lubo Petr, Marcus Truppel, Peter Williams:



2027 OUTLOOK

Looking forward to 2027, Eddie Yuen and Marcus Truppel with the support of Dale Keogh and Ernie Wakamatsu continue to spin up new younger talent and help established Kata competitors perfect their Kata win more medals at the National Kata Championship, as well as participate at the OJU and IJF levels. BBR Kata instruction and team workouts will continue Saturday mornings.

In addition, we will try to do more workshops, starting off with a Ne-waza workshop by end of the year.

To promote Kata and give more competition experience to the team, the Kata Team coaches request that Kata be added to the Community Series of events.

The Kata team also looks to add an instructor level Kata course to help club instructors teach Nage no Kata to their students to prepare them for their promotion to green, blue, brown, and black belts.

NSW KATA COMMISSION CONT.

2026 STATE CHAMPIONS

Kata	Kata Pair (Tori - Uke)	Score	%	Medal
Jnr Nage No Kata	Mason Blackstone - Trent Black	225	68%	Silver
Jnr Nage No Kata	Jason He - Max Pyae Myat	211	64%	Bronze
Jnr Nage No Kata	Trent Black - Jason He	229.5	A	Gold
Jnr Katame No Kata	Mason Blackstone - Trent Black	144.5	69%	Silver
Jnr Katame No Kata	Jason He - Max Pyae Myat	141	67%	Bronze
Jnr Katame No Kata	Trent Black - Jason He	164.5	78%	Gold
Nage No Kata	Tania Chen - Alicia Wang	354	69%	Gold
Nage No Kata	Farzad Safavi - Ryno Madern	346.5	68%	Bronze
Nage No Kata	Marcus Truppel - Daniel Wong	348.5	68%	Silver
Goshin Jutsu	Ricardo Falkowski - Lubo Petr	449	65%	Bronze
Goshin Jutsu	Matthew Holmes - Greg Cadorin	490	71%	Silver
Ju No Kata	Bernhard Tandean - Bianca Tandean	395	77%	Gold
Kime No Kata	Louis Wang - Edmund Yuen	505.5	77%	Gold



NSW KATA COMMISSION CONT.

Junior Nage no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	BLACKSTONE Mason - BLACK Trent	66.40%	
Prelim	NSW	BLACK Trent - HE Jason	65.20%	Bronze
Final	NSW	BLACKSTONE Mason - BLACK Trent	61.20%	Silver

Junior Katame no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Final	NSW	BLACK Trent - HE Jason	65.70%	Silver
Final	NSW	BLACKSTONE Mason - BLACK Trent	63.80%	Bronze

Nage no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	TRUPPEL Marcus - WONG Daniel	65.10%	
Prelim	NSW	SAFAVI Farzad - MADERN Ryno	65.00%	
Prelim	NSW	CHEN Tania - WANG Alicia	62.20%	
Final	NSW	SAFAVI Farzad - MADERN Ryno	68.20%	Gold
Final	NSW	TRUPPEL Marcus - WONG Daniel	64.60%	Silver

Katame no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	TRUPPEL Marcus - WONG Daniel	61.30%	

Kime no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	WANG Louis - YUEN Edmund	67.00%	Bronze

NSW KATA COMMISSION CONT.

Ju no Kata

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	TANDEAN Bernhard - TANDEAN Bianca	87.50%	
Prelim	NSW	FUNG Matle - YUEN Edmund	72.70%	
Final	NSW	TANDEAN Bernhard - TANDEAN Bianca	81.10%	Gold
Final	NSW	FUNG Matle - YUEN Edmund	70.80%	Silver

KDK Goshin Jutsu

Round	State	Kata Pair	Percentage	Medal
Prelim	NSW	YUEN Edmund - WANG Louis	66.20%	
Final	NSW	YUEN Edmund - WANG Louis	72.30%	Silver



Marcus Truppel
NSW KATA COMMISSION
JUDO NSW

NSW REFEREES COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION

The 2025–2026 reporting period was a productive year for the Judo NSW Referee Commission, with continued emphasis on referee participation, development, promotion, competition support and the improvement of officiating resources. The Commission supported a broad competition calendar across Judo NSW, Judo Australia, Oceania, IJF and international events, while also continuing to develop pathways for both experienced and prospective referees.

A total of 47 referees attended at least one event during the reporting period, comprising 40 male and 7 female referees. The referee group included 31 referees aged 16 and above and 16 junior referees aged 15 and below. This provides a strong base for the continued development of the NSW referee pathway, while also highlighting the importance of maintaining junior engagement and creating opportunities for progression.

Across the year, NSW referees participated in 23 competitions. Total NSW referee attendance was recorded at 151 competition attendances, representing 211 referee-days. The Commission also supported referee training, state team preparation, care-system improvements, referee equipment and subsidy arrangements.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

The NSW Referee Commission is composed of the following members:

- Chairperson: Chak Chan
- Secretary: Kristin McCarthy
- Treasurer & Rosterer: Greg Cadorin
- Regional Centre Coordinator: Drew Evans
- Development Coordinator: Lubo Petr
- Strategy Coordinator: Deepali Mistry

The Commission continued to work collaboratively across competition rostering, referee development, regional coordination, strategy, financial administration and the provision of referee support at Judo NSW competitions.

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REFEREE PARTICIPATION AND WORKFORCE

Referee numbers

A total of 47 referees attended at least one event during the reporting period. The cohort consisted of 40 male referees and 7 female referees. In terms of age distribution, 31 referees were aged 16 or above, while 16 were aged 15 or below.

The participation profile demonstrates that NSW has an active pool of referees spanning both senior and junior levels. The continued involvement of junior referees is particularly important for succession planning and the long-term sustainability of officiating within the state.

Competition participation

NSW referees supported a total of 23 competitions during the 2025-2026 period. These included Judo NSW competitions, Judo Australia events, Oceania events, IJF events and overseas competitions.

The NSW competition calendar included the Coff Community Series, Budokan Juniors, Community Series events, Hunter Championships, the State Championships, the Judo Matsu versus UTS interclub event and other sanctioned competitions. NSW referees also contributed to major national and international events including the Australian National Championships, Sydney International Open, ACT International Open, Queensland International Open, Melbourne International Open, Oceania Championships and Oceania events, as well as international competitions in Asia and New Zealand.

Participation frequency

Referee participation varied across the cohort. Twenty-one referees attended one competition, 11 attended two competitions, five attended three competitions, two attended four competitions, two attended between five and nine competitions, and six referees attended ten or more competitions.

This participation profile highlights both the strength of the Commission's active core and the opportunity to encourage more referees to progress from occasional participation to regular competition attendance.

High-participation referees

Six referees attended ten or more events during the reporting period. Their contribution was particularly significant in maintaining the availability of experienced officials across the competition calendar. The high level of participation from these referees also provides valuable mentoring and leadership opportunities for developing referees.

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Overall attendance

NSW referees recorded 151 competition attendances, equivalent to 211 referee-days. This represents a substantial contribution to the delivery of competitions and demonstrates the ongoing commitment of the NSW referee community.

REFEREE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Referee development and promotion remained an important focus throughout the reporting period. The Commission supported referees progressing through the licensing pathway, with promotions recorded at State C, Bronze, Gold and IJF Continental level.

Date	Licence	Referee
September 2025	State C	Ahmed Abdo
September 2025	Bronze	Isaac Choi
September 2025	State C	Grant Gu
September 2025	Gold	Alex Lee
September 2025	Gold	Leon Park
September 2025	State C	Bianca Tandean
September 2025	State C	Thomas Trainor
September 2025	Bronze	Amelia Trainor
September 2025	Gold	Ethan Zhang
September 2025	State C	Mark Brewer
November 2026	IJF Continental	Greg Cadorin
March 2026	State C	Peter Williams
March 2026	State C	Nathan Heaton
June 2026	State C	Henry Wu
June 2026	State C	Guillaume Shied

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The promotions reflect continued development across multiple levels of the referee pathway. In particular, the progression of referees to State C level strengthens the pool available for NSW competitions, while higher-level promotions contribute to NSW representation at national, Oceania and international events.

REFEREE TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training remained an important component of the Commission's work. On 15 March 2026, a referee training session was conducted at Dream Judo Club, with 23 judokas attending fundamental refereeing skills training. The session provided an opportunity to introduce participants to the principles and practical requirements of refereeing.

A further State Team Training session was held on 1 June 2026 to prepare NSW State Team players for the National Championships. This provided an opportunity to reinforce competition awareness and referee-related expectations as part of broader state team preparation.

The Commission also continued to monitor attendance at referee training sessions. The reporting data recorded attendance from both licensed referees and prospective referees, supporting the objective of building a wider development pipeline.

COMPETITION SUPPORT AND CARE SYSTEM

Existing CARE system

Judo NSW maintained four sets of the existing care system, together with one additional spare set. Equipment replacement continued during the reporting period to improve reliability. Screens were also being replaced with portable screens. The Commission's intention remains to continue using the existing care system for Judo NSW-hosted competitions.

Portable CARE system

Four portable care-system sets were established, each comprising an iPad, tripod and relevant cables. These systems were made available for Judo NSW-sanctioned club competitions and received positive feedback. A wide-angle lens was introduced to improve functionality, and the systems were well utilised by club competitions. The equipment was also shared with the kata judging team, increasing the value and utilisation of the investment.

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REFEREE POLICY AND COMMISSION INITIATIVES

The Commission continued work associated with referee policy and the ongoing improvement of the referee experience. The reporting presentation identifies referee policy as an area of Commission work during the year, together with practical initiatives aimed at improving referee support and professional presentation.

Samples of a referee winter jacket were produced during the reporting period. Development of a Judo NSW referee tie and referee badge remained ongoing. The Commission also progressed the concept of a referee clinic focused specifically on improving refereeing skills.

Additional earpieces were purchased for radios to improve communication during competitions and support more effective coordination of officiating teams.

REFEREE SUBSIDIES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Referee Commission continued to apply the principle that Judo NSW competitions are the highest funding priority. Accordingly, the majority of subsidy funding was directed towards referees supporting State and regional Judo NSW events.

Financial assistance for National and International events was provided where appropriate, recognising the importance of referee development and NSW representation. Subsidies were prioritised for referees who were not receiving external funding.

The subsidy program remained closely aligned with referee participation throughout the year. Funding supported delivery of the Judo NSW competition calendar while helping to reduce financial barriers associated with officiating. The Commission's approach also sought to distribute available resources fairly, encourage participation at Judo NSW events and avoid duplication where external funding was already available.



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Maintained an active pool of 47 referees attending competitions during the reporting period.
- Supported 23 competitions across NSW, Australia, Oceania and international events.
- Recorded 151 NSW referee competition attendances and 211 referee-days.
- Supported referee promotions across State C, Bronze, Gold and IJF Continental levels.
- Continued development of junior and prospective referees through training and competition exposure.
- Delivered fundamental referee training at Dream Judo Club and supported State Team preparation.
- Expanded the use of portable care systems for Judo NSW-sanctioned club competitions.
- Continued investment in referee equipment, including radio earpieces and care-system components.
- Maintained a subsidy framework prioritising Judo NSW competitions while supporting appropriate national and international representation.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Based on the participation and development information presented for 2025–2026, the Commission should continue to focus on the following priorities:

- Increase the number of referees participating regularly rather than only attending occasional competitions.
- Continue developing junior referees and prospective referees to strengthen the long-term referee pathway.
- Provide further practical referee clinics and development opportunities focused on decision-making and competition skills.
- Encourage experienced referees to support mentoring and development of less-experienced officials.
- Continue improving the reliability and portability of care-system equipment.
- Progress referee identity and equipment initiatives, including the referee jacket, tie and badge.
- Maintain a fair and sustainable referee subsidy framework, with priority given to Judo NSW competitions.
- Continue supporting NSW referees seeking national, Oceania and international opportunities.

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CONCLUSION

The 2025–2026 season demonstrated a strong level of commitment from the Judo NSW referee community. The Commission supported a substantial competition program, increased and maintained opportunities for referee development, progressed referee promotions and continued to improve the equipment and financial support available to officials.

The 151 competition attendances and 211 referee-days recorded during the year reflect the significant contribution made by NSW referees to the delivery of judo competitions. At the same time, the participation profile indicates an ongoing need to broaden the active referee base and provide clear development opportunities for junior and prospective referees.

On behalf of the Referee Commission, I thank all referees, Commission members, clubs, competition organisers and Judo NSW for their continued support throughout the year. The Commission looks forward to building on the progress achieved in 2025–2026 and continuing to strengthen refereeing standards and participation across New South Wales.



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CHAIRPERSON

JUDO NSW REFEREE Commission

STATE COACHES REPORT

The 2026 New South Wales (NSW) coaching team consisted of the following:

Head Coach - Kylie Koenig

Senior Coaches - Semir Pepic, Martin Kelly, Diego Baretto, Vince Costanzo, Jo Costanzo

Junior Coaches - Liam McClifty, Liam Stewart, Azita Karpour, Keisuke Samata, Sora Kawagishi

Adaptive - Francis Tandean

Board representative/Mentor - Sue Williams

Historically the NSW team have a two day training camp 6 weeks prior to the Australian Championships. Due to numerous public holidays and international events, this was held earlier this year, on the weekend of the 28-29 March 2026. Twice weekly training then commenced on the 22 April on a Wednesday and Saturday for both juniors and seniors.

A schedule was prepared indicating which coach was responsible for leading a session. This continued in a rotating order and the responsible coach would forward the session plan to the head coach for review/approval prior.

This system ensured all 5 coaches felt equally involved and in turn developed their skills in session planning and coaching a large group of athletes.

In 2026 we welcomed 3 new junior coaches being Azita Karpour, Sora Kawagishi and Keiske Samata. In the seniors we welcomed Vince Constanzo.

Attendances were maintained by Belinda McIndoe and athletes falling below the required 70% attendance were emailed by the CEO Greg Helm, reminding them of their requirements.



When coaching at the nationals, each coach was assigned a mat to ensure coverage across the 5 mat areas. There was some flexibility for coaches to swap across mats, however with prior agreement.

STATE COACHES REPORT CONT.

2027 OPPORTUNITIES

Total gold medals for NSW in 2025 was 26 and this increased to 36 in 2026, There remains a large opportunity for further medals through the encouragement of more veterans and kyu grade athletes. For example, in the kyu grades, there were only two NSW athletes entered in 2026. There remains a significant opportunity to improve medals in this aera. Consideration should be given to appointing a kyu grades/veterans coach with a focus on recruitment, encouragement and appropriate training for these groups.

With respect to our junior team, analysis shows that our junior athletes totalled 62 athletes in 2025 and this reduced significantly to 44 athletes in 2026. The reason for this is unknown. In any case our junior team demonstrated their superiority in the team event winning both the U/13 and U/15 age groups. In our U/13 age group we beat QLD 8 wins to 0. Our under 15 team beat Victoria 6 wins to 1. In 2025 we placed 1st and 3rd in the teams event.

I would like to thank the entire coaching team for their efforts and support in 2026.We ask a lot of our coaches to attend training twice a week coupled with the long hours at the nationals.

Senior Standings

#	Region	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	7.	
> 1	 NSW	15	4	7	1	6	1	
> 2	 VIC	7	7	7			1	
> 3	 ACT	3	1	1				
> 4	 QLD	2	7	10		1	3	
> 5	 WA	2	4	4		3		
> 6	 SA	1		1				
> 7	 TAS		1	1			1	
> 8	 NT		1			2	1	

U13 & U15 Standings

#	Region	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	7.	
> 1	 NSW	18	7	18	1	12	10	
> 2	 QLD	14	14	18		13	5	
> 3	 WA	13	10	9	1	9	4	
> 4	 SA	4	2	3		2	2	
> 5	 VIC	3	6	4		6	2	
> 6	 NT	3	1	2			1	
> 7	 TAS	2	5	3		3	3	
> 8	 ACT	2	2	7		3	1	

SAITAMA INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT - NSW TOUR

In January 2026, a NSW team comprising of six male athletes (ages 14–18, grades 3rd Kyu to 1st Kyu) were invited to Japan to compete in the inaugural Saitama International Junior Judo Championships. This was the first time the competition has been held, providing a unique and valuable international development opportunity for our athletes.

NSW Team:

Caspar D'Alton
Otis D'Alton
Bram Robertson
Killian Rose
Nikalai Sakalowski
Dusan Tucic

Coaches
Kylie Koenig
Mark Brewer



Competition Results

Individual Division:

All athletes were defeated in the first round; however, four athletes progressed to golden score before narrowly losing, demonstrating strong competitiveness at international level.

One NSW athlete drew the All Japan Junior Champion (60kg division) in the opening round, an experience that highlighted the calibre of competition.

Team Competition:

- Won first team event
- Drew second team event
- Lost third team event

Following the team competition, athletes participated in a large-scale training session involving approximately 300 Japanese judoka, along with athletes from several other countries.

NSW athletes were invited to participate in “motodachi”, completing 5 x 4-minute rounds with continuous opponents. Japanese judoka then participated in a second “motodachi” rotation before NSW athletes again completed 5 x 4-minute rounds, demonstrating resilience, fitness and resilience.

Cultural & Development Experience

Athletes were accommodated at the Saitama Budokan during the competition, experiencing traditional tatami and futon bedding, further enriching the cultural immersion.

Training at Omiya Technical High School provided a valuable cultural exchange opportunity, including training and a school tour and participation in an English class. A visit to the Kodokan further reinforced the historical and technical significance of Japanese judo.

Obusuma Judo Club and Hiroshi Kimura (allocated English interpreter for the NSW team) generously provided ¥30,000, which was used for a team Japanese BBQ dinner, strengthening team cohesion.

Conduct & Representation

There were no injuries or behavioural concerns throughout the tour. All athletes represented NSW and Australia in an exemplary manner, demonstrating discipline, respect and strong sportsmanship.

Acknowledgements

Athletes were appreciative of the BBR assistance which covered:

- 4 nights accommodation including breakfast
- Transport (2 x 8-seater vans)
- Associated insurance, tolls, parking and fuel
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This support ensured athletes were only required to fund airfare and lunch/dinner, significantly reducing financial barriers to international participation.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Judo NSW for funding the expenses for coaches Kylie Koenig and Mark Brewer which assisted in making this opportunity a reality. Judo NSW also funded a new NSW uniform for the athletes/coaches along with competition specific backpatches. I would also like to thank the Judo NSW CEO Greg Helm for his administrative assistance during the preparation of this tour.

Several social media posts were also made throughout the tour acknowledging the BBR's and Judo NSW's contribution to this successful initiative.



Kylie Koenig
STATE HEAD COACH
JUDO NSW

RESULTS

2026 STATE CHAMPIONS

U11 Girls (Group 1)

Angie Zhang
OKO Judo Club

U11 Girls (Group 2)

Emily Gou
OKO Judo Club

U11 Girls (Group 3)

Thea Wang
OKO Judo Club

U11 Boys

Thomas Barreto
Grappling Bros

U13 Girls U32kg + U35kg

Maral Chinzorig
U Champ Academy

U13 Girls U41kg

Erika Talbot
Grappling Bros

U13 Boys U32kg

Tayden Zhang
Budokan Judo Club

U13 Boys U35kg + U38kg

William Waters
Sydney University Judo

U13 Boys U41kg

Aleksandar Dobric
Budokan Judo Club

U13 Boys U45kg

Sergelen Batmunkh
U Champ Academy

U13 Boys U48kg + U54kg

Ben Blackstone
UNSW Judo Club

U13 Boys U66kg

Mika Taoi
Coffs Coast Judo

U15 Girls U48kg

Joy Ma
Budokan Judo Club

U15 Girls U52kg

Alice Lee
Budokan Judo Club

U15 Boys U32kg + U40kg

Timofey Sakalowski
Zoo Judo

U15 Boys U45kg

Alexander Bestuzhev
Kokoro Judo Club

U15 Boys U50kg

Bruno Waters
Sydney University Judo

U15 Boys U55kg

Lucas Gao
OKO Judo Club

U15 Boys U60 + U66kg

Enzo Hauschild Damiani
Illawarra International Judo Club

Cadet Women U48kg + U48kg

Abbey Cook
Budokan Judo Club

Cadet Women U52kg

Amelia Trainor
Zenbu

Cadet Women U57kg

Laria Trbic
UNSW Judo Club

Cadet Women U70kg

Sarah Bailey
Illawarra International
Judo Club

RESULTS CONT.

2026 STATE CHAMPIONS

Cadet Men U50kg

Ethan Zhang
Budokan Judo Club

Cadet Men U55kg

Momir Tucic
Zoo Judo

Cadet Men U60kg

Lochlan Cook
Budokan Judo Club

Cadet Men U66kg

Thomas Trainor
Zenbu Judo

Cadet Men U73kg

Kento Asano
Budokan Judo Club

Cadet Men U81kg

Trinity Ramsay
Woopi Warriors

Cadet Men U90Kg

Christian Curby
Zenbu

Junior Men U60kg

Lochlan Cook
Budokan Judo Club

Junior Men U66kg

Aaron Xu
Budokan Judo Club

Junior Men U73kg

Nikola Dobric
Budokan Judo Club

Junior Men / U81kg

Ryan Park
Illawarra International
Judo Club

Junior Men U90Kg

Christian Curby
Zenbu

Junior Women U48kg + U52kg

Abbey Cook
Budokan Judo Club

Junior Women U57kg + U63kg

Bianca Tandean
Budokan Judo Club

Senior Women U57kg

Clarissa Vumbaca
Budokan Judo Club

Senior Women U63kg

Bianca Tandean
Budokan Judo Club

Senior Women U70kg

Sarah Bailey
Illawarra International
Judo Club

Senior Men U66kg

Ken McKenzie
Samurai Judo
Academy

Senior Men U73kg

Nikola Dobric
Budokan Judo Club

Senior Men U81kg

Gorden Ly
Bonnyrigg Judo

Senior Men U90kg

Ivan Ferreyra
UNSW Judo Club

Senior Men U100kg

Gongyeong Son
Zenbu

Senior Men +100kg

Lewis Taylor
Zenbu

Senior Men Open

Nat Lindsay
Wellington PCYC Judo

Veteran Men U60kg + U66kg

Aaron Jones
Budokan Judo Club

Veteran Men U73kg + U81kg

Michael Berkley
Shire Judo

Veteran Men U90kg

Andrew Roberts
HD Grappling

RESULTS

2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS U13 & U15

GOLD

Tayden R Zhang
U13 Boys / U32kg

Sergelen Batmunkh
U13 Boys / U49kg

Jio Pang
U13 Boys / U60kg

Leon Park
U13 Boys / O66kg

Maral Chinzorig
U13 Girls / U35kg

Erika Talbot
U13 Girls / U45kg

Cassia Cousseau
U13 Girls / U56kg

Grace Talbot
U15 Girls / U52kg

Alice Lee
U15 Girls / U57kg

Milica Dobric
U15 Girls / O63kg

Timofey Sakalouski
U15 Boys / U40kg

Alexander Bestuzhev
U15 Boys / U45kg

Mason Blackstone
U15 Boys / U60kg

Enzo Hauschild Damiani
U15 Boys / U66kg

Leon Park
U15 Boys / U73kg

SILVER

Brendan Jones
U13 Boys / U32kg

Aleksandar Dobric
U13 Boys / U45kg

Koa Pike
U13 Girls / U48kg

Junning Mak
U13 Girls / U52kg

BRONZE

Cruz Hudson
U13 Boys / U32kg

William Waters
U13 Boys / U38kg

Jason Nguyen
U13 Boys / U41kg

Darnell Prasad
U13 Boys / U49kg

Auroral Sun
U13 Boys / U60kg

Joy Ma
U15 Girls / U48kg

Tsolmonbaatar Biziya
U15 Boys / U60kg

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2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SENIORS

GOLD

Kento Asano
Cadet Men / U66kg

Jacob Ong
Cadet Men / U73kg

Abbey Cook
Cadet Women / u48kg
Junior Women / u48kg
Senior Women / u48kg

Sarah Bailey
Cadet Women / u70kg
Junior Women / u70kg

Nikola Dobric
Junior Men / U73kg

Bilguundalai Nyamdorj
Junior Men / U81kg

Jose Miguel Brache Jarquin
Junior Men / +100kg

Bianca Tandean
Junior Women / u63kg

Anita Nourafshan
Junior Women / u78kg

Shaoxuan Yang
Junior Women / +78kg

Josh Katz
Senior Men / U60kg

Noah Walliss
Senior Men / U90kg

Kaihan Ozcicek-Takagi
Senior Men / +100kg

Taylor Gosens
Senior Female Kyu / U70kg

Archie Simmons
Senior Male Kyu / U73kg

SILVER

Berhard Tandean
Adaptive Men / G-3

Jacob Ong
Junior Men / U73kg

Amelia Trainor
Junior Women / U52kg

Rene Broinowski
Senior Men / U90kg

Jose Miguel Brache Jarquin
Senior Men / +100kg

Sarah Bailey
Senior Women / u70kg

Shaoxuan Yang
Senior Women / +78kg

BRONZE

Ethan R Zhang
Cadet Men / U50kg

Momir Tucic
Cadet Men / U55kg

Jacob Raphael
Cadet Men / U66kg

Darnell Prasad
U13 Boys / U49kg

Amelia Trainor
Cadet Women / U52kg

Anniina Taipalus
Cadet Women / U52kg

Laria Trbic
Cadet Women / U57kg

Ayda Ozelik
Cadet Women / U63kg

Ryan Park
Junior Men / U81kg

Kento Asano
Junior Men / U66kg

Tyra Sauer
Junior Women / U52kg

Brigitte De Luca
Junior Women / U63kg

Grant Gu
Junior Men / U73kg

Aaron Xu
Junior Men / U66kg
Senior Men / U66kg

Anita Nourafshan
Senior Women / u78kg

Pedro Antun
Senior Men / U66kg

Lewis Taylor
Senior Men / U100kg

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