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Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting

This is a notice of the **2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association (Judo Alberta), scheduled to take place virtually on **Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM**. Your participation is vital to the future of Judo Alberta, and we look forward to connecting with you. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at judo@judoalberta.com.

Registration Details:

To confirm your attendance, please complete the AGM Registration Form in Dokume by **November 21, 2026**. Members must be 18+ to register.

Notice of Special Resolution

There is a special resolution to formally approve the Society's amended bylaws, by virtue of the Special Resolution listed below.

Be it resolved as a Special Resolution of the members of the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association that:

1) The Society's existing Bylaws, adopted in 2023, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

2) The revised Bylaws of the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association, dated 2026 and presented to the members prior to the meeting at which this Special Resolution is considered, are hereby approved and adopted as the Bylaws of the Society.

3) The 2026 Bylaws shall replace and supersede all previous versions of the Society's Bylaws and shall take effect immediately upon approval of this Special Resolution, or upon such later date as may be required by law.

The draft bylaws can be found by clicking here.
The revision tracker can be found by clicking here.

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2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda

1) Approval of the 2026 agenda (Any concerns or issues by the general membership should be mentioned now so they may be added to the agenda (item #5)).
2) Approval of the minutes from the 2025 Annual General Meeting.
3) Business arising from the minutes of the 2025 Annual General meeting.
4) Reports of the Executive, Committee Chairs, and Financials
5) New Business
    a) Special Resolution
6) Elections
    a) President
    b) Vice President of Administration
    c) Secretary
7) Meeting Adjourned

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Judo Alberta Executive Reports
President's Report

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our journey as an organization and, more importantly, to recognize the people who make Judo Alberta what it is today.

It has been a privilege to serve Judo Alberta and to be part of an organization dedicated to growing, supporting, and promoting the sport of judo throughout our province. Like any sport organization, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and continued to work toward creating opportunities for our athletes, clubs, coaches, and officials.

None of this happens without the commitment and dedication of the many people who give their time and energy to our sport.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our **volunteers**. Your countless hours behind the scenes, organizing events, helping at tournaments, supporting clubs, and taking on the many tasks that often go unnoticed are invaluable. Our sport simply could not function without you.

To the **parents and families**, thank you for your continued support. The time spent driving to practices and tournaments, supporting your children through victories and defeats, and making sacrifices to allow them to participate in judo does not go unnoticed. Your encouragement and commitment help build not only better athletes but better people.

To our **coaches**, thank you for sharing your knowledge, passion, and experience. You play such an important role in developing our athletes, both on and off the mat. The lessons you teach extend far beyond judo techniques and competition results. You help instill discipline, respect, confidence, perseverance, and sportsmanship in the next generation.

To our **referees and officials**, thank you for your dedication and professionalism. Your willingness to step onto the mat, make difficult decisions, and ensure fair and safe competition is essential to the success of our tournaments and the integrity of our sport. Your contribution is often taken for granted, but it is deeply appreciated.

I would also like to thank the clubs, athletes, fellow board members, and everyone who has contributed to Judo Alberta throughout the year. Every contribution, regardless of size, helps strengthen our judo community.

Looking Ahead

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As we look toward the future, I encourage everyone to continue working together to grow judo in Alberta. We have a strong foundation, passionate people, and tremendous potential. The future of our sport depends on continued collaboration, communication, and a shared commitment to making judo accessible, welcoming, and rewarding for everyone.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our membership I will not be seeking a third consecutive term as President. Serving in this position has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to contribute to Judo Alberta in this capacity.

Leadership transitions are an important part of any organization. I believe it is healthy to welcome new perspectives, fresh ideas, and new energy. I encourage our membership to support those who step forward to take on leadership roles and to continue contributing to the success of our organization.

I leave this position with gratitude for the friendships, experiences, lessons, and memories that have come from being involved in Judo Alberta. While my time as President is coming to an end, my appreciation for this sport and the people involved in it certainly is not.

In closing, thank you to every volunteer, parent, coach, referee, athlete, club, and board member who has played a part in making this another year for Judo Alberta. Whether your contribution happens on the mat, behind the scenes, in the dojo, or in the stands, please know that it matters.

Judo is much more than a sport. It is a community built on respect, friendship, commitment, and mutual benefit. I am proud to have been part of that community and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

I wish Judo Alberta continued success in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Thornton

President, Judo Alberta

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Vice-President of Finance

Hello members of Judo Alberta,

In my first year in this role focus was simple: Look at what we are doing, understand what we are doing and ensure we are being responsible and realistic in our decisions. We as a board owe a duty to those in the sport that we make the best decision to grow the sport and support the development for all who do make this sport what it is.

During budget deliberations the passion to make sure all elements of judo was represented was commendable. Understanding that we need to make decisions to ensure that all pathways and participants get a chance to be represented is import.

I hope that our strategic budgeting and careful planning will give everyone the right tools to accomplish their goals and in return grow this sport and community.

Thank you to all

Respectively,

Brett Forsberg

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Vice-President of Administration's Report

A sincere thank you to all the clubs, coaches, referees, Judo Alberta executive members, committee chairs and committee members, volunteers and families of Judo Alberta for another successful year in 2026. The dedication and donating of time and expertise has continued to grow the sport of Judo in our province and once again demonstrates the leadership of Judo Alberta to the rest of Judo Canada.

The 2026 Open National Championships were once again held in Calgary. The Local Organizing Committee in coordination with Judo Canada, provided an outstanding national championship with a record number of participants (over 1100 entries), the largest nationals to date. With increase sponsorship, use of local venders, and a donation to a local charity (KidSport), these nationals gave more exposure to Judo in Calgary and across the province. Amazing effort by all the volunteers and leaders and a job very well done. The 2027 Open National Championships will be the third and final time in Calgary. Looking forward to another incredible event.

Once again, I am grateful for the opportunity to act as your Vice President of Administration. I wish everyone the best of luck in the 2027 judo season.

Best Regards,

Paul Hachey

VP of Administration, Judo Alberta

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Treasure's Report

See financials in Appendix A.

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Registrar's Report

The continued growth and success of Judo Alberta are a direct reflection of the dedication, passion, and commitment demonstrated by our clubs, members, families, coaches, and volunteers. Across the province, your efforts continue to strengthen our judo community, develop athletes, and uphold Alberta's reputation as a leader in Canadian judo. Our achievements, both on and off the competition mat, are a testament to the hard work and determination of everyone involved in our sport.

Volunteers remain the backbone of our organization. The time, energy, and expertise contributed by our members are essential to sustaining our programs and creating opportunities for future generations of judoka. We encourage everyone to find ways to become involved, share their skills, and contribute to the continued development of our provincial judo community. The strength of Judo Alberta lies in our ability to work together toward common goals.

Serving on the Judo Alberta Executive, Board of Directors, or one of our committees involves much more than attending meetings. These are active roles that require ongoing commitment, planning, and considerable work behind the scenes. Throughout the year, our Executive and Board meet to evaluate initiatives, address the needs of our membership, establish priorities, and guide the organization forward. We extend our sincere appreciation to all Executive members, Directors, and Committee volunteers who dedicate countless hours to ensuring the continued success and advancement of Judo Alberta.

For the 2025–2026 season, membership fees will remain unchanged at both the Judo Canada and Judo Alberta levels. We recognize the importance of keeping judo accessible and appreciate the continued support of our membership. Judo Canada has implemented a new registration system, Dokume replacing Trackie and Tumag replacing Judo Shiai for tournament operations.

A reminder to all clubs that promotion registrations continue to be processed through our online platform. Clubs are responsible for submitting all promotions electronically and then printing their own certificates. Please remember that a promotion is not considered valid until it has been properly registered. All promotion registrations, including regular, late, and outstanding or missing submissions, will continue to be invoiced by the Judo Alberta Treasurer.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to supporting our clubs, developing our athletes, strengthening our programs, and creating opportunities for judo to flourish throughout Alberta. Every contribution, whether on the mat or behind the scenes, plays an important role in moving our organization forward.

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On behalf of the Judo Alberta Executive and Board of Directors, thank you for your continued dedication, enthusiasm, and support. We look forward to another successful season and to building on the strong foundation that makes Judo Alberta such a respected part of the Canadian judo community.

Helen Bienert
Registrar & Privacy Officer

2025-2026 Judo Alberta Stats

- 26 Clubs
- 1706 Members
  a. 1247 Male
  b. 458 Female
  c. 1 Non-Binary
- Age Breakdown
  a. a. 2-Introduction
  b. b. 0-School
  c. c. 141-U8
  d. d. 242-U10
  e. e. 260-U12
  f. f. 194-U14
  g. g. 135-U16
  h. h. 100-U18
  i. i. 81-U21
  j. j. 518-Senior
  k. k. 35-65+
- 3 Judo Alberta Lifetime Members
- 8 Judo Canada Lifetime Members
- 227 Dans
- Zone Breakdown
  a. 460-Zone 1
  b. 144-Zone 2
  c. 302-Zone 3
  d. 56-Zone 4
  e. 304-Zone 5
  f. 256-Zone 6
  g. 111-Zone 7
  h. 71-Zone 8

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Gender Equity Committee Representative Report

Judo Alberta works to be recognized as the leader in growth and development of judo across Alberta and as a premier judo province in Canada. We strive to make judo a safe and welcoming sport for all ages and all abilities by striving to meet the goals of the IJF in gender equity, and this past season we focused on the following principles:

• Principle 4: Developing Participation

• Principle 6: Leadership in Sport

• Principle 7: Education, Training and Development

• Principle 9: Resources

More information on the IJF's action toward principles of Gender Equity can be found at https:// www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/14.

2026 Girls Spring Camp (Female Training Camp)

This year we expanded the Female Training Camp into a three-day, overnight Girls Spring Camp, held Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, 2026, with the support of Kodokwai Judo Club in Edmonton. (The Club's dojo rental was offered without charge and was not claimed against the committee budget.) The program was designed for girls of approximately 8 to 15 years of age and combined four judo sessions with mentorship, recovery, and athlete-wellness education, as planned in last year's looking-ahead notes.

Guest coach Laurie Wiltshire led the on-mat program and an evening discussion with athletes. Complementary sessions included a sport psychology workshop with Bianca Romano, focused on mindset, managing nerves, and confidence, and a nutrition workshop with registered dietitian Claire Kjeld of ZerOne Athleticare, focused on fuelling for training and high-intensity activity. The weekend also included yoga and mobility, introductory strength-training games, camp merchandise, and overnight group activities. Two athletes from Fort McMurray clubs were unable to attend because of weather.

Registration was processed through Trackie. Judo Alberta recorded $5,120.00 in Women's Camp Registration revenue on May 4, 2026 (account 4352), against a budgeted $2,000.00.

In total, 34 athletes attended the camp, supported by 9 coaches and chaperones. The camp was funded through a dedicated $5,000.00 allocation (account 5615). Actual camp expenditure was $3,959.96, as follows:

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- Food and groceries: $1,370.40
- Guest coach hotel: $577.76
- Guest coach honorarium: $500.00
- Camp merchandise: $909.30
- Sports nutrition session: $367.50
- Group sports psychology session: $235.00

This was $1,040.04 under the approved camp allocation.

Budget and financials for the Gender Equity Committee, 2025-26 season

The approved Gender Equity Committee budget for the season (September 2025 to August 2026) was $6,400.00. Figures below are taken from Judo Alberta's Budget vs. Actuals statement as at June 28, 2026, and were unchanged in the July 26, 2026 statement. No later committee actuals were located in the committee inbox.

• Girls Camp (5615 Female Training Camp): $5,000.00 allocated; $3,959.96 spent • Female Leadership Grants (5609): $1,000.00 allocated; $1,000.00 spent

• Administrative costs (5605 Gender Equity Committee Admin): $400.00 allocated; $0.00 spent • Total committee expenditure (5600): $4,959.96 of $6,400.00, or 77.5% of budget, leaving $1,440.00 unspent

Female Leadership Grants and other activities

We awarded the full Female Leadership Grant allocation of $1,000.00 to support emerging leaders in coaching. On February 16, 2026, $500.00 was paid to Alexandra Gagnon and $500.00 to Laurie Wiltshire to help offset IJF Academy certification fees. These were the only Female Leadership Grants recorded for the 2025-26 season.

Demand for support exceeded what the $1,000.00 envelope could provide. Both recipients were completing IJF Academy certification, and $500.00 each was the maximum the committee could offer from the approved budget. Judo Alberta's High-Performance Coach recommended that we seek $4,000.00 to $5,000.00 for female coach certification in the following year and that this request be advanced at the August 2026 planning meeting.

Later in the season, Jennifer Parker asked the committee to consider $3,000.00 from the Women's Leadership Grant line, for the 2026-27 planning cycle, to support her invitation to serve as co-chief referee at a large tournament in the United States and to

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bring two up-and-coming Alberta female referees with her. She noted a thin female referee pipeline in the province. That request was submitted

in writing ahead of the planning meeting.

Several practical challenges affected this area of work. The grant envelope for 2025-26 was modest relative to certification and travel costs, so awards could only partially offset fees. There is no record in the committee inbox of a formal, widely circulated call for applications, with a published deadline and process; the grants that were paid followed a direct approach for IJF Academy support. Expense-claim procedures for the grant were new to the committee this season and required correction to the Association's official form, coding (5609), and submission route. The committee representative was also unable to attend the August planning meeting in person and therefore could not advocate for the increased leadership allocation on the floor. Colleagues carried the request forward: Alexandra Gagnon raised female coach-development funding at the executive retreat, and the planning group was provided with Jennifer Parker's referee request in writing.

Lessons from this season are clear. A small, fully spent grant line can still leave a gap when certification and out-of-province development cost more than a few hundred dollars per person. In-person attendance at the planning meeting, or a designated alternate, is important if the committee wants a larger leadership budget. A public application window would also make the program easier to find and

fairer to administer. No applications to external funders (for example Judo Canada, Sport Canada, or Canadian Women & Sport) were located in the committee inbox this season.

Looking ahead

For the 2026-27 season, following the August planning meeting and executive retreat, the committee has been advised of the following approved allocations:

• Girls Camp: $4,000.00. The camp line was reduced from $5,000.00 because 2025-26 actuals were close to $4,000.00.

• Female Leadership Grant: a larger envelope, including $2,000.00 toward Jennifer Parker's referee development initiative (with a further $1,000.00 to be supported by the Referee Committee, for a combined $3,000.00), $2,000.00 to support Alexandra Gagnon and Laurie Wiltshire's continued IJF Academy coach development, and $1,000.00 for other female leadership opportunities.

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This increase to the leadership grant line addresses the funding gap identified this year and is consistent with the recommendation to strengthen support for female coach and referee certification over the next several seasons. We will also want to confirm a clear application and communication process for the remaining $1,000.00 in other leadership support, and to keep a complete attendance record (athletes, chaperones, and coaches or volunteers) from the next Girls Camp so that report can be prepared promptly.

Judo Alberta continues to work on safe-sport policy and procedures, including leadership opportunities for judoka. We want to build on this season's momentum — let's work together to identify future leaders in coaching, refereeing, and administration and remove the barriers.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Cossit

Gender Equity Representative

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Regional Chair for Zone Representatives Report

Hello members of Judo Alberta,

The 2026 Alberta Winter Games were a huge success with nearly every spot filled. A big thank you to the Cold Lake and Bonnyville communities for hosting the event, and for all the volunteers that took time out of their busy schedule to support the event and keep things running smoothly. Thank you to all the coaches who worked with their athletes to prepare them for the event, to the athletes and parents for dedicating themselves to attend the competition, and the referees for upholding the spirit of judo. The Alberta Winter Games will surrender the spotlight to the Canada Winter Games for the 2026/2027 season, and return for the 2027/2028 season.

I have decided to step down as Regional Committee Chair and Zone 3 representative. Thank you to my mentors for guiding me through this role, and all the coaches, athletes, referees, parents, and volunteers that have attended the games since 2020 and have made every experience memorable. A new regional committee will be formed consisting of both returning and new members. The regional committee will then vote for a new chair amongst themselves. I wish the new committee and chair continued success building on the momentum we have generated.

Sincerely,

Stevie Williams

Regional Committee Chair

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Athletes Representative Report

Hello Judo Alberta members,

This year, as Athletes Representative and head of the Athletes Committee, I've had the opportunity to take part in numerous executive committee meetings and votes to ensure our athlete body is consistently and fairly represented.

At the beginning of the year, our committee was tasked with choosing a design for Judo Alberta's team apparel for the 2026 National Championships. We provided suggestions to the High-Performance Coach based on input from athletes, and later gave constructive feedback on various design proposals from Matsuru. Eventually, we were able to settle on a tracksuit and gear that reflected the preferences of our athletes.

Over the last year, there has also been a growth in the number of Judo Alberta athletes training at the INS in Montreal. Recently, I met with a few athletes who are considering making that step in the near future, and I was able to answer some of their questions regarding national team training and the process of moving. Relocating to Quebec to pursue full-time training is a huge commitment, and given the number of Albertans making the transition as of late, I plan to develop more support systems and resources to help our athletes settle in Montreal and adapt to INS training.

Looking ahead, I would also like to make further use of questionnaires and surveys to gain accurate feedback directly from the athletes about their current experiences and concerns.

I hope that going forward the athletes committee can continue to provide our athletes with a strong voice to help find new ways of fostering a positive environment for both athletic development and personal growth.

Thank you!

Luke Thomson

Athletes Representative, Judo Alberta

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Judo Alberta Committee Chairs Reports

High Performance Coach and Coaching Committee Report

2025-2026 Committee Members:

- Chair – Ewan Beaton
- North Region Representative: Jim Karas
- Central Region Representative: Garry Yamashita
- South Region Representative: Russ Gallant
- Female Representative: Laurie Wiltshire

The primary responsibility of the Judo Alberta Coach Committee is to develop and implement programs that enable Judo Alberta athletes to be competitive at the national and international levels of judo.

The committee conducts most of its day-to-day communication through email, while relevant issues are also discussed during Judo Alberta events and out-of-province competitions. Its responsibilities encompass a wide range of areas, including athlete selection, the development of selection criteria, funding, annual awards, yearly planning, program development, and Canada Winter Games initiatives.

The committee also works with the Athletes' Representative on matters relating to athlete selection and funding to ensure that athlete perspectives are considered in the decision-making process.

In the spring of 2026, Jim Karas announced that he would be stepping down from the Judo Alberta Coach Committee. Following this announcement, it was decided that the timing was appropriate to review and make changes to the committee's structure and overall organization.

2026-2027 Committee Members:

- Chair – Ewan Beaton
- North Region Representative: Rashad Chin
- Central Region Representative: Laurie Wiltshire
- South Region Representative: Russ Gallant
- Female Representative: Alexander Gagnon
- Member at Large: Garry Yamashita

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Hokkaido, Japan Judo Exchange

The Hokkaido Exchange Program was a major focus for Judo Alberta during the 2025–2026 season. The exchange is part of a Government of Alberta initiative in which judo was selected as one of the participating sports.

December 2025 – Hosting the Hokkaido Delegation

In December 2025, Judo Alberta welcomed a delegation of 14 judoka, two coaches, and three team leaders from Hokkaido, Japan. The seven-day, eight-night exchange provided a wonderful combination of judo, cultural experiences, and recreational activities. The delegation travelled throughout Alberta, spending time in Edmonton, Calgary, Canmore/Banff, and Lethbridge.

A highlight of their visit was participation in the Judo Alberta Winter Camp, which featured a team match between Japan and athletes from the western provinces. This provided an excellent opportunity for high-level competition, cultural exchange, and relationship building between the participating athletes and coaches.

July/August 2026 – Judo Alberta Visits Hokkaido

Judo Alberta was approached by the Hokkaido organizing committee with a request to move the return exchange from December 2026 to July/August 2026. This change would allow our team to participate in a summer training camp in Obihiro, Japan.

The change in timing required Judo Alberta to revisit and adjust its original selection criteria, which had been developed with the intention of having the 2027 Canada Winter Games team travel to Japan.

Despite the change in plans, the visit to Hokkaido proved to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved. The opportunity to train, compete, and experience Japanese culture was extremely valuable for our athletes and coaches. We are grateful for the opportunity and hope that Judo Alberta will continue to be involved in this program in the future.

Athletes:

Miya Demaere, Lethbridge	Omar Mhana, Kodokwai
Brooklyn Seeman, Lethbridge	Rocco Cobo, Hiros
Laura Firerra-Justo, Ishi-Yama	Grayson Tamura, Lethbridge

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Annaka Deeg, Tokugawa — Kohen Johnson, Tokugawa

Presley Tompkins, Lethbridge — Tymur Tolmachov, Airdrie

Finley Morasch, Lethbridge — Samuel Morrison, Kodokwai

Emiliya Aliyeva, Hiros — Drake Gregory, Lethbridge

Coaches: Laurie Wiltshire, Alexandra Gagnon

Coach/Manager: Ewan Beaton

Judo Alberta President: Kelly Thornton

Government of Alberta Representative: Don Wilson

Thank Caleb Boorse for all of your hard work and dedication in making this exchange a success.

2025 / 2026 Competition & Training Season

I attended the following events as the Judo Alberta HP Report & Chair of Coach Committee.

Events:

Start Date	End Date	Event Name	Category/Level	Days
23-Nov-25	23-Nov-25	Judo Alberta AGM	Provincial	1
01-Dec-25	08-Dec-25	Japan / Judo Alberta Exchange	International	8
05-Dec-25	07-Dec-25	Judo Alberta Winter Camp	Interprovincial	3
13-Dec-25	13-Dec-25	Red Deer	Provincial	1
09-Jan-26	10-Jan-26	Provincial Training Camp	Provincial	2
24-Jan-26	25-Jan-26	Saskatchewan Open	National	3
21-Feb-26	22-Feb-26	Provincial Training Camp	Provincial	3

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06-Mar-26	08-Mar-26	Edmonton International	National	3
09-Mar-26	11-Mar-26	Edmonton International Camp	National	2
13-Mar-26	15-Mar-26	Pacific International	National	3
11-Apr-26	12-Apr-26	Provincial Championships	Provincial	2
17-Apr-26	19-Apr-26	Judo Alberta Inter-Provincial Camp	Interprovincial	3
01-May-26	02-May-26	Judo Alberta Provincial Camp	Provincial	3
08-May-26	09-May-26	Judo Alberta Regional Camp	Provincial	1
09-May-26	09-May-26	Judo Alberta Regional Camp	Provincial	1
14-May-26	17-May-26	Open National Championships	National	5
18-May-26	20-May-26	National Training Camp	National	3
19-Jun-26	20-Jun-26	Regional Training & Hokkaido Meeting	Provincial	2
25-Jun-26	04-Jul-26	Montreal Training Camp	National	10
12-Jul-26	17-Jul-26	Judo Saskatchewean Summer Camp	Interprovincial	6
28-Jun-26	07-Aug-26	Hokkaido Exchange	International	10
10-Aug-26	17-Aug-26	Natioanl Camp	National	7
18-Aug-26	25-Aug-26	Cadet World Championships	International	8

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07-Sep-26	14-Sep-26	PJC Dominican Republic	International	7
12-Jul-26	17-Jul-26	Judo Saskatchewean Summer Camp	Interprovincial	6
19-Sep-26	19-Sep-26	2027 CWG Fight-off	Provincial	1
25-Sep-26	27-Sep-26	Judo BC Inter-Provincial Camp	InterProvincial	3
02-Oct-26	02-Oct-26	Regional Training Edmonton	Provincial	1
03-Oct-26	03-Oct-26	Regional Training Calgary	Provincial	1
17-Oct-26	18-Oct-26	Ontario Open	National	5
29-Oct-26	01-Nov-26	PJC CUP USA - Florida	International	8
05-Nov-26	08-Nov-26	Canada Cup	International	4
09-Nov-26	12-Nov-26	International Training Camp	International	4
13-Nov-26	16-Nov-26	Quebec Open	National	5
21-Nov-26	21-Nov-26	Florence Senda Cup	Provincial	1

2026 Open Nationals

Judo Alberta earned 38 medals at the 2026 Open Nationals, representing a decrease from the 45 medals won in 2025. I believe the 38-medal result provides a reasonable reflection of where our provincial team currently stands.

We have a solid group of capable athletes, but we need to continue developing athletes who can consistently compete at the highest national level and contend for championship results. While we have good depth within our program, we need to focus

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on developing more exceptional athletes who can separate themselves from the competition.

The lack of consistent focus, intensity, and competitive preparation throughout the year's training camps became evident when our athletes faced their provincial counterparts at Nationals. This is an area that requires attention moving forward. We need to establish higher expectations at our training camps, create a more competitive training environment, and ensure that athletes approach each opportunity with the commitment and intensity required to succeed at the national level.

Congratulations to Emiliya Aliyeva who won three National Championships over the weekend O70,

-78kg U21 and -78kg Senior.

2026 Objectives for Open Nationals:

Overall Number of Medals 46 / Actual 38

Judo clubs with athletes at Nationals 12 / Actual 14

Judo clubs winning medals at Nationals 7 / Actual 10

Number of clubs with 5 or more athletes 7 / Actual 7

Female athletes attending nationals35 / Actual 36

Male athletes attending nationals 70 / Actual 72

From a developmental perspective, I believe we met and, in some areas, surpassed our objectives by increasing participation across the board. Moving forward, I would like to challenge our clubs to continue developing athletes and encouraging greater participation at the Open National Championships. Building a strong provincial team starts at the club level, and continued participation at the national championships is an important part of that process.

U14 Early Bloomers

For the first time, Judo Alberta allowed U14 early bloomers to participate at the 2026 Open Nationals. We had a total of 11 athletes in this category, who earned one bronze medal and one fifth-place finish. These athletes embraced the opportunity, followed the program, trained hard, and represented Alberta extremely well. Their participation was a positive step in providing development opportunities for younger athletes who are ready for a higher level of competition.

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The Changing Landscape of National Development

The reality of judo development in Canada at the U18 and U21 levels is that there is an increasing emphasis on international travel, training, and competition. If Judo Alberta wants to remain competitive with other provincial programs, we may need to consider changes to our provincial team program in the future.

Recommendations – Developing a Competitive Environment

It is very difficult to achieve high-performance results in an environment that does not consistently provide high-performance training opportunities. If we want to develop athletes who can compete successfully at the national level, we need to create more opportunities for focused, competition-specific training.

I would encourage clubs to organize additional training sessions, arrange club visits and exchanges, and attend more training camps dedicated specifically to competitive judo.

For athletes committed to a competitive pathway, approximately 80% of their training should focus on the specific demands of competition. This should include:

- High-volume randori and situational fighting.
- Dynamic and competition-specific uchi-komi.
- Developing and refining new techniques and combinations.
- Understanding and applying current competition rules.
- Training specific energy systems required for judo.
- Technical and tactical drilling.

Ultimately, this type of development does not happen on its own. Coaches are the leaders and play the most important role in creating the training environment. If we want to develop successful competitors, it will take commitment, time, consistency, and hard work from both coaches and athletes.

I believe Alberta has some great clubs and coaches, and we have the foundation to continue building a strong provincial program. The challenge is to turn that potential into consistent competitive results.

Looking Ahead – 2028 Open Nationals

The 2028 Open National Championships will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. My hope is that Judo Alberta can maintain a similar level of athlete participation as we had in 2026.

There will undoubtedly be challenges along the way, but I believe this is an achievable goal. If clubs establish clear objectives for their athletes and teams, develop appropriate

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training plans, and commit to preparing athletes for national competition, we can continue to build on the progress we have made.

International Development

Judo Alberta had many athletes represent Alberta and Canada at international stage during the 2025-2026 season. Congratulations to Emiliya Aliyeva who finished in 7th place at the 2026 Cadet World Championships. Congratulations to Evelyn Beaton for winning the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Judo Alberta broth teams to the 2026 Bremen Masters in Germany and the 2026 PJC Cup in Dominican Republic.

Congratulations to the following athletes who represented Canada at the World Judo Championships in 2026

U18 World Judo Championships, Ecuador

63kg Presley Tompkins 55kg Grayson Tamura

O70kg Emiliya Aliyeva (7th)

Senior World Championships, Azerbaijan

52kg Evelyn Beaton

2027 Objectives for Open Nationals:

The Open Nationals is a good measuring stick for Judo Alberta and the HP program. It is not all about winning medals but the numbers that we need to focus on and increase to enable the province to reach hirer levels.

Overall Number of Medals 40 (2026= 38 medals won as a province)

Judo clubs with athletes at Nationals 14 (2026 = 14 clubs with athletes attending nationals)

Judo clubs winning medals at Nationals 10 (2026 = 10 clubs with athletes winning medals at nationals)

Number of clubs with 5 or more athletes 8 (2026 = 7 clubs with 5 or more athletes attending)

Female athletes attending nationals40 (2026 = 36 female athletes attending nationals)

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Male athletes attending nationals 75 (2025 = 72 male athletes attending nationals)

Closing Comments:

I would like to thank the Judo Alberta executive, coaching staff, and volunteers for the countless hours of hard work to support Judo Alberta every year. It is important that we look to develop the next generation of volunteers who will be responsible for developing the sport in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Ewan Beaton

Judo Alberta High-Performance Coach

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Grading Committee Report

Committee Members

Allan Sattin

Joe Meli

Garry Yamashita

Gord Okamura

Brian Fujimoto

Tammy Thornton

November 30, 2025 Calgary

Competition stream

Shodan: Emiliya Aliyeva, Angeline Ratcliffe

Sandan: Troy Gallant, Justin McEachern, Tayven Tremblay

Technical stream

Shodan: Chloe Stuber, Braelyn Thompson

Nidan: Todd Sims, J R Dingwall

June 6, 2026 Ft. Saskatchewan

Competition Stream

Nidan: Elizabeth Cossitt, Connor Gallant

Sandan: Kondelia Karas

Technical stream

Shodan: Annaka Deeg, Drake Gregory, Camila Heber, Christina Karas, Aaron Martin, Finley

Morasch, Jason Oakes, Tymur Tolmachov, Kohen Johnson, Elizabeth Sanikidze, Ivan

Tyshchenko

Nidan: Nolan Bard, Yun Liang

Sandan: Christopher Kennedy, Amin Moazeni

Grading Syllabus update

Judo Canada will be revising the Grading Syllabus to bring it inline with the IJF Grading Policy

commencing January 2027. We have not yet received a draft of the new document.

Allan Sattin

Chair

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Kata Committee Report

Committee members: Gord Okamura (Chair), Wesley Enns, Jennifer Parker, Scott Allan, An Chhay, Keith Bibbey

2025/2026 Strategic Priority:

The strategic priority for 2025/2026 was on Education and Grassroots Development with the intent to expand the number of kata practitioners, regardless of age.

A. Numerous clinics were held with over 74 participants (excluding on-line clinics):
   - Online Kata Tuesday series Ju no kata in October; Nage no kata in November; Itsutsu no kata in December; Katame no kata in January. Note: Online recordings can be found on the Judo Alberta kata website.
   - Kata Camp in January in Raymond and Lethbridge where teams were shown Nage / Goshin / Katame and demonstrated in a competition setting and received feedback from the judges – 38 registrants
   - Fort Saskatchewan Nage no Kata clinic in April – 24 registrants
   - Katame no Kata clinic in June in Edmonton – 12 attended out of 14 registrants
   - Calgary Open kata session in April
   - Kata instructor visits to Barracuda and Ryu Senshi judo clubs
   - Kodomo no kata demonstration by Barracuda club by the Provincials
   - Clubs (eg. Tolide, Ishi yama, Hiro's) had drop-in practices throughout the year
   - Clinic in Laval in July with IJF judges working with competitors in Ju no Kata and Kime no Kata

B. Competitions / Demonstrations (Alberta teams):
   - Kata demonstration in competition setting at EYJS Monthly in November and June
   - World Championships in Paris France – Wesley Enns and Kelly Palmer 5th in Katame Pool B and 5th in Itsutsu Pool B
   - Western Canada Championships in Regina – 8 AB teams

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- Edmonton International Kata Championships in March – 6 AB teams
- Pacific International in Richmond – 2 AB teams
- Provincials in Airdrie – 7 AB teams
- Canadian Open Nationals in Calgary - Kelly Palmer and Wesley Enns 3 Gold; Yun Liang and Amin Gold; Franz Lennarson and Tammy Thornton 6th, Hunter Hallock and T'Kyia Fran 7th; Garrett and Jennifer Parker 4th
- IJF Kata World Series Tournament in Laval Quebec on July 4 (46 teams registered from 7 countries) - Kelly Palmer and Wesley Enns Gold in Katame no Kata and Itsutsu no Kata, Yun Liang and Amin Moazeni Silver in Nage no Kata, Hunter Hallock and T'kyia Farn 7th place in Ju no Kata.

C. Kata Judges Certification Seminar

- Edmonton International Certification Seminar March 5 - 6 AB registered out of 21 in total. Certified in Nage no Kata: Laurie Wiltshire, Tammy Thornton, Franz Lennarson, Paul Hachey

More work will be required to expand the number of grassroot kata practitioners in Alberta.

Reminder that future competitive stream grading candidates, for nidan or higher, will need to meet their kata clinic requirements (described in the National Grading Syllabus) by attending one of the designated scheduled kata clinics prior to the actual date of the grading. Candidates will still be required to attend the waza clinic portion of the grading. Future competitive stream candidates are to inform Provincial Kata Committee if they are planning to attend a grading in the upcoming year in advance, in order to ensure a clinic is scheduled. The credit for attendance will be valid for one year from the date of the kata clinic. If candidates are unable to attend a clinic, then they will postpone their grading so that all requirements will be met.

Submitted by Gord Okamura

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Referee Committee Report

It has been rewarding to see our Judo Alberta referees continue to develop their skills at the regional, provincial, national, and international level.

Many thanks to the committee members, Erwan Goasdoue (Hiro's), Jennifer Parker (Barracuda), Ralph Vanwerkhoven - Cochair (Lethbridge), and Wesley Enns (Tolide) who continue to go above and beyond their volunteer duties to help support Referee development in Judo Alberta.

Congratulations to the following referees on their promotions last season at the following events:

Florence Senda Cup

Aubree Keeping - Raymond (Provincial C)

Marlise Irving - Raymond (Provincial C)

Red Deer Open

Teruhisa Osawa - Lethbridge (Provincial C)

Michael Huang - U of A (Provincial C)

Rodrigo Goncalves - Hiro's (Provincial C)

Herman Rene Velasco - Airdrie (Provincial B)

Rocky Mountain

Malina Becker - Northern Phoenix (Provincial A)

Edmonton International

Sebastian Parker - Barracuda (Provincial B)

Katsuta Kup

Corbin Lorencz - Yaruki (Provincial C)

Evan Iwaasa - Raymond (Provincial C)

Many thanks to the following Judo Alberta Clubs who supported refereeing in Judo Alberta last season:

Airdrie: Herman Rene Velasco, Jordyn Mcrory, Todd Simms and Steve Norris

Barracuda: Garrett Parker, Jennifer Parker, and Sebastian Parker

Hiro's: Erwan Goasdoue, James Leung, Lee Laurie, Polina Skrynnikova, Rodrigo Goncalves, Ray Teruya, Shiu Ging (Jack) Li, and Yan Yin (Moses) Li

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Kodokwai: Aiwei Zhang, Angeline Ratcliffe, Grace Hoover, Isabel Litchfield, Peyton Collingwood, and Stuart Hoover

Lethbridge: Ralph Vanwerkhoven, Teruhisa Osawa

Northern Phoenix: Malina Becker

Raymond: Aubree Keeping, Evan Iwaasa, Hailey Iwaasa, and Marlise Irving

Red Deer: Brian Fujimoto

Tokugawa: Tammy Thornton

Tolide: Caleb Dauphinee, Kalysta Pratch, Keith Bibbey, Mike Hanninen, and Wesley Enns

U of A: Gordon Okamura, Michael Huang, and Yago Mederios Vieira

Yaruki: Corbin Lorencz

Congratulations to the following referees for their selection to the following tournaments last season:

Jennifer Parker

Canada Cup - Montreal, Canada

PanAm Cup - Ecuador

Tammy Thornton

PanAm Cup - Ecuador

To all our referees in Judo Alberta thank you again for continuing to give up your weekends, without you we couldn't grow our sport.

To those Judoka who may be interested in refereeing in the next season, please reach out to your Club Sensei or one of the Judo Alberta Referee Committee members. It's the best seat in the house!

Credit: Wesley Enns, the Judo Alberta Referee Committee members, Ewan Beaton, and Tammy Thornton

Regards,

Steve Norris

Judo Alberta Referee Committee Chair

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Awards Committee Report

Committee Members

Allan Sattin

Garry Yamashita

Kelly Thornton

Report

There was no activity for the current year.

Updated Awards List

Below is a list of past Judo Alberta award winners.

Allan Sattin

Chair

AWARDS COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The following historical information is available about Judo Alberta members (* indicates deceased):

Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame

Yosh Senda*

Judo Canada Hall of Fame

Yosh Katsuta*, Yosh Senda*, Brad Farrow, Joe Meli, Lorraine Methot, Keith Morgan, Ewan Beaton, Allan Sattin, Guy Sunada, Michael Tamura

Judo Canada Life Members

Yosh Katsuta*, Yosh Senda*, Harry Tanigami*, Brad Farrow, Joe Meli, Lorraine Methot, Keith Morgan, Ewan Beaton, Allan Sattin, Guy Sunada, Michael Tamura

Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Yosh Katsuta*, Yosh Senda*, Joe Meli, Keith Morgan

Hokkaido Cup Award

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Yoshio Senda* 1983, Harry Tanigami* 1984, Hiro Kanashiro* 1985, Yoshio Katsuta* 1987, Ron van den Heuvel 1989, Allan Sattin 1991, Ray Kelly* 1992, Victor Hunt* 1996, Ron Senda 2005, Joe Meli 2017, Guy Sunada 2018, Garry Yamashita 2023, Gordon Okamura 2024, Michael Tamura 2025

Judo Alberta Life Members

Yosh Katsuta*, Yosh Senda*, Wilma Bradfield*, Harry Tanigami*, Roy Bjornson*, Yosh Fujimoto*, Wally Litousky*, Paul Knoll*, Florence Senda*, Garry Yamashita, Glenn Iwaasa, Allan Sattin, Ron Senda, Joe Meli, Guy Sunada, Gordon Okamura, Michael Tamura

Judo Alberta Honorary Members

David Bronconnier, Naheed Nenshi, Jyoti Gondek

Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame

Laurie Wiltshire

Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame

Yosh Senda*, Florence Senda*, Joe Meli, Tom Greenway*, Phil Illingworth, Guy Pomahac*, Trevor McAlpine, Michael Tamura

2005 Alberta Centennial Salute for Sport and Recreation

Yosh Katsuta*, Yosh Senda*, Allan Sattin

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal

Allan Sattin, Garry Yamashita, Joe Meli, Michael Tamura

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NCCP Committee Report

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) was developed to have qualified instructors and coaches training judoka throughout Canada. The NCCP Committee runs both Dojo Assistant (DA) and Dojo Instructor (DI) courses during the year.

The first course for the 2025-2026 season was a Dojo Instructor course held at the Tokugawa Judo Club in Edmonton on October 4-5, 2025. We had a total of 7 coaches complete the two-day course. This course specifically targeted coaches who required the DI training to be eligible to coach at the Alberta Winter Games in 2026.

The second course was a combined DA/DI course held at Hiro's Judo Club in Calgary. We had 3 coaches taking just the DA modules, 6 coaches taking just the DI modules and 8 coaches who took both the DA and the DI modules during the three days. During these courses coaches are expected to develop detailed lesson plans and are athlete-centered and age appropriate.

We hope that these coaches will complete the certification process by participating in a coach evaluation for either the DA or the DI levels. During the past season we had 1 coach complete the DA evaluation and 6 coaches complete the DI evaluation. Anyone wishing to complete their Coach Evaluation should contact the chair.

The NCCP Committee consists of four Learning Facilitators: Gord Okamura, Laurie Wiltshire, Maija Merivirta and Garry Yamashita (chair). We have three Coach Evaluators: Gord Okamura, Laurie Wiltshire and Garry Yamashita. This year Gord has decided to step down from the Committee, and I would like to thank him for the hard work he has put into this committee over the years.

We will be getting another Learning Facilitator trained this year and hope to get Maija trained and certified to be a Coach Evaluator.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Yamashita

Judo Alberta NCCP Committee Chair

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Appendix A

ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION Financial Statements

Please see below.

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Financial Statements

Year Ended August 31, 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Judo Alberta - The Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Judo Alberta - The Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2026, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at August 31, 2026, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matter

The financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2025 were internally prepared and are unaudited.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

King + Company

Edmonton, AB
November 22, 2026

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

JUDO ALBERTA - THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2026

	2026	2025 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash *(Note 3)*	$ 358,858	$ 473,445
Accounts receivable *(Note 4)*	71,847	3,406
Prepaid expenses	52,825	1,250
Prepaid security deposits	137	137
	482,867	478,238
INVESTMENTS *(Note 5)*	265,540	246,051
EQUIPMENT *(Note 6)*	25,234	32,683
	$ 773,641	$ 756,972
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 32,121	$ 3,392
Deferred contributions related to operations *(Note 7)*	281,901	308,069
	314,022	311,461
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO EQUIPMENT *(Note 8)*	13,349	15,705
	327,371	327,166
NET ASSETS		
Invested in equipment	11,885	16,978
Internally restricted for Future Fund *(Note 9)*	100,000	100,000
Unrestricted	334,385	312,828
	446,270	429,806
	$ 773,641	$ 756,972

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Kelly Thornton *Director*

Director

JUDO ALBERTA - THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations

Year Ended August 31, 2026

		2026		2025 *(Unaudited)*
REVENUES				
Committee	**$**	**296,627**	$	295,065
Government of Alberta Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) grants *(Note 7)*		**254,949**		88,523
Membership and registration		**203,420**		192,690
Casino *(Note 7)*		**46,840**		46,205
Other		**32,648**		33,001
Coach support charge		**19,239**		-
Fundraising		**3,211**		22,243
Grading fees		**2,700**		3,500
Promotions		**2,470**		5,490
Amortization of deferred contributions related to equipment *(Note 8)*		**2,356**		2,771
Tournament sanctions		**325**		325
		864,785		689,813
EXPENSES				
Executive committee *(Schedule 1)*		**466,312**		320,439
Coaching committee *(Schedule 2)*		**347,581**		348,871
Referee committee *(Schedule 3)*		**25,490**		29,575
Regional council committee *(Schedule 4)*		**10,017**		-
Kata committee *(Schedule 5)*		**6,709**		7,045
NCCP committee *(Schedule 6)*		**6,048**		6,858
Gender equity committee *(Schedule 7)*		**4,960**		6,024
Technical committee *(Schedule 8)*		**3,913**		3,781
Grading committee *(Schedule 9)*		**1,705**		1,800
Awards committee administration		**183**		-
		872,918		724,393
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS		**(8,133)**		(34,580)
INVESTMENT REVENUE *(Note 10)*		**24,597**		24,592
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	**$**	**16,464**	$	(9,988)

JUDO ALBERTA - THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	Invested in Equipment	Internally Restricted for Future Fund	Unrestricted	**2026**	2025 *(Unaudited)*
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	$ 16,978	$ 100,000	$ 312,828	**$ 429,806**	$ 439,794
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(5,093)	-	21,557	**16,464**	(9,988)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	$ 11,885	$ 100,000	$ 334,385	**$ 446,270**	$ 429,806

JUDO ALBERTA - THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025 *(Unaudited)*
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	**$ 16,464**	$ (9,988)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of equipment and vehicle	**7,449**	10,048
Amortization of deferred contributions related to equipment	**(2,356)**	(2,771)
	21,557	(2,711)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	**(68,441)**	6,365
Prepaid expenses	**(50,775)**	3,129
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**28,729**	(8,643)
Deferred contributions related to operations	**(26,168)**	266,771
	(116,655)	267,622
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	**(95,098)**	264,911
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Transfer to investments, net	**(19,489)**	(19,310)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	**(114,587)**	245,601
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	**473,445**	227,844
CASH - END OF YEAR	**$ 358,858**	$ 473,445

NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Judo Alberta - The Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association (the "Association") is a non-profit organization incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta. Operations are governed by an elected board.

1. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF CANADIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

During the year the Association adopted Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. These financial statements are the first prepared in accordance with these standards. The adoption of Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations had no impact on net assets as at September 1, 2024 or operations or cash flows for the year ended August 31, 2025. Accordingly, no transition adjustments were required upon adoption.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

All other revenue is recognized when earned and collection is reasonably assured.

Financial Instruments

Initial Measurement

The Association initially measures its financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in arm's length transactions at fair value. Financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in related party transactions, except for those that involve parties whose sole relationship with the Association is in the capacity of management, are initially measured at cost.

The cost of a financial instrument in a related party transaction depends on whether the instrument has repayment terms. If it does, the cost is determined using its undiscounted cash flows, excluding interest and dividend payments, less any impairment losses previously recognized by the transferor. Otherwise, the cost is determined using the consideration transferred or received by the company in the transaction.

Subsequent Measurement

The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in earnings in the period incurred.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Financial assets measured at amortized cost using the straight-line method include cash and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost using the straight-line method include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Transaction Costs

Transaction costs attributable to financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value and to those originated or exchanged in a related party transaction are recognized in earnings in the period incurred. Transaction costs related to financial instruments originated or exchanged in an arm's length transaction that are subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost are recognized in the original cost of the instrument. When the instrument is measured at amortized cost, transaction costs are recognized in earnings over the life of the instrument using the straight-line method.

Impairment

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Association determines whether there are indications of possible impairment. When there are, and the Association determines that a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows, a write-down is recognized in earnings. If the indicators of impairment have decreased or no longer exist, the previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement. The carrying amount of the financial asset may be no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in earnings.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of funds held in Canadian bank accounts and is adjusted for outstanding transactions.

Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization. Equipment is amortized over its estimated useful life at the following rates and methods:

Equipment	15%	declining balance
Vehicles	30%	declining balance

The Association regularly reviews its equipment to eliminate obsolete items.

Equipment acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

Contributed Services

The operations of the Association depend on both the contribution of time by volunteers and donated materials from various sources. The fair value of donated materials and services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. CASH

	2026	2025 *(Unaudited)*
Unrestricted		
Cash	**$ 76,957**	$ 165,376
Externally restricted		
Deferred contributions related to operations	**190,892**	257,858
Consolidated gaming account restricted by Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC)	**91,009**	50,211
	281,901	308,069
	$ 358,858	$ 473,445

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2026	2025 *(Unaudited)*
Airdrie Judo Club	**$ 20,850**	$ -
Calgary Judo Society	**14,418**	-
Kodokwai Judo Club	**11,400**	-
Tokugawa Judo Club	**11,400**	-
Hiro's Judo Club	**10,350**	-
St. Albert Tokai Judo Society	**1,500**	-
Red Deer Judo Club	**1,200**	-
Drayton Valley Judo Club	**615**	615
All Nations Judo Club	**540**	-
Mari Korineko	**125**	-
Edmonton Yudanshakai Judo Society	**104**	-
Tolide Judo Club	**-**	(288)
Ni Ten Judo Club	**-**	202
Jisedai Judo Club	**-**	160
Barracuda Judo Club	**-**	(300)
Paul De Maere	**-**	350
Northern Phoenix Judo Academy	**-**	3,168
Lethbridge Judo Club	**(655)**	(501)
	$ 71,847	$ 3,406

5. INVESTMENTS

	2026 Cost	**2026 Market value**	2025 Cost *(Unaudited)*	2025 Market value *(Unaudited)*
Fixed income securities	**$ 118,015**	**$ 118,475**	$ 115,262	$ 113,876
Canadian equity	**62,484**	**92,006**	58,704	79,202
Cash	**35,369**	**35,369**	34,735	34,735
Balanced income funds	**12,327**	**14,202**	11,512	12,750
Guaranteed investment certificate	**5,488**	**5,488**	5,488	5,488
	$ 233,683	**$ 265,540**	$ 225,701	$ 246,051

$100,000 of the above is internally restricted for the Future Fund (Note 9).

6. EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	**2026 Net book value**	2025 Net book value *(Unaudited)*
Equipment	$ 103,000	$ 89,651	**$ 13,349**	$ 15,705
Motor vehicles	34,650	22,765	**11,885**	16,978
	$ 137,650	$ 112,416	**$ 25,234**	$ 32,683

7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO OPERATIONS

Deferred contributions related to operations represent externally restricted funding received by the Association for specific programs, projects, or operating activities that have not yet been incurred. These contributions are recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenditures are incurred in accordance with the Association's accounting policy for contributions. The following is a summary of the outstanding deferred contributions related to operations at August 31:

	Government Grants	International Tournaments and Provincial Opens	AGLC	**2026**	2025 *(Unaudited)*
Balance - beginning of year	$ 257,841	$ 16	$ 50,212	**$ 308,069**	$ 41,297
Contributions received or receivable	62,100	125,900	87,637	**275,637**	370,450
Recognized as revenue	(254,949)	(16)	(46,840)	**(301,805)**	(103,678)
Balance - end of year	$ 64,992	$ 125,900	$ 91,009	**$ 281,901**	$ 308,069

8. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO EQUIPMENT

	2026	2025 *(Unaudited)*
Balance, beginning of year	**$ 15,705**	$ 18,476
Recognized as revenue	**(2,356)**	(2,771)
Balance, end of year	**$ 13,349**	$ 15,705

9. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FOR FUTURE FUND

The Board of Directors has internally restricted $100,000 for the Future Fund. The Fund is to assist the Association in achieving financial self-sufficiency. The Fund cannot be utilized without Board approval.

10. INVESTMENT REVENUE

	2026	2025 *(Unaudited)*
Dividends, realized gains and other income on investments	**$ 19,489**	$ 19,310
Interest and bank credits	**5,108**	5,282
	$ 24,597	$ 24,592

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Association's risk exposure and concentration as of August 31, 2026.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The Association's credit risk is primarily attributable to accounts receivable. Management believes the risk is limited due to the nature of the amounts receivable and ongoing monitoring of outstanding balances.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Association is exposed to this risk primarily in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Management mitigates this risk by monitoring cash flows and forecasting operating requirements to ensure sufficient funds are available to meet obligations as they become due. The Association also maintains a corporate credit card facility with an authorized limit of $30,000.

12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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Executive Committee Expenses *(Schedule 1)*

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Grant allocations	**$ 179,637**	$ 20,363
Provincial coach salary	**65,700**	65,700
JC membership fees	**49,900**	48,305
Executive Director salary	**37,000**	37,000
RTC - Provincial Coach salary	**24,000**	24,000
EX-04 member insurance	**20,076**	17,916
Referee honorarium	**12,260**	14,760
Audit	**9,500**	-
Accounting - payroll management	**6,863**	6,820
HP benefit plan	**6,165**	7,728
HP employer contributions	**5,930**	5,714
HP coach vehicle	**3,674**	2,324
Judo Alberta trailer	**5,297**	6,603
Host Jr/Sr Nationals	**5,258**	5,031
Amortization of equipment	**5,093**	7,277
50/50 raffle	**4,221**	6,493
Telecommunications	**3,536**	3,466
Board of Director meetings	**3,159**	6,748
Executive honorariums	**3,000**	3,000
Computers	**3,087**	2,715
Executive Director employer contributions	**2,839**	2,846
Provincial coach honorarium	**2,500**	2,500
Amortization of vehicle	**2,356**	2,771
Miscellaneous	**2,470**	14,592
Bank charges	**1,187**	958
Office supplies	**756**	1,385
Annual general meeting	**427**	-
Travel	**316**	-
Volunteer recognition and AGM awards	**79**	1,302
Courier and freight	**26**	639
Photocopies and printing	**-**	44
Publicity	**-**	959
Postage	**-**	480
	$ 466,312	$ 320,439

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Coaching Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 2)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

		2026		2025
Nationals	**$**	**66,853**	$	64,911
Quebec Open		**56,162**		67,693
HP coach travel		**35,881**		12,901
Ontario Open		**53,964**		66,148
CWG training		**27,317**		24,038
Provincial coaches' travel		**27,906**		16,568
JA athlete funding		**18,700**		9,725
International tournaments - athletes		**17,920**		26,422
Bremen master		**16,765**		846
Interprovincial training camps		**13,133**		12,308
Coaching development		**4,526**		-
Provincial winter camp		**2,930**		7,618
Sport psychologist and nutrition		**1,878**		-
Canada Cup		**1,448**		1,796
Provincial and regional training camps		**1,398**		11,213
Tom Greenway Scholarship Fund		**800**		1,200
Elite 8 Nationals		**-**		24,167
International coach travel fund		**-**		1,317
	$	**347,581**	$	348,871

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Referee Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 3)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
IJF development	**$ 8,197**	$ 10,094
Referee - Team Alberta	**6,301**	6,140
West referee seminar	**4,358**	3,863
Referee appreciation	**4,133**	3,765
Jr/Sr nationals travel	**2,301**	2,674
National referee gradings	**200**	1,000
Provincial referee development and evaluation	**-**	2,039
	$ 25,490	$ 29,575

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Regional Council Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 4)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Administration	**$ 8,700**	$ -
AWG programs	**1,317**	-
	$ 10,017	$ -

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Kata Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 5)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Kata development	**$ 3,195**	$ -
Kata competitions	**2,634**	1,794
Kata judge development	**835**	5,251
Administration and communication	**45**	-
	$ 6,709	$ 7,045

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NCCP Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 6)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
NCCP instructor honorariums	**$ 5,115**	$ 2,640
Travel	**933**	3,207
Administration	**-**	36
Facility rental	**-**	975
	$ 6,048	$ 6,858

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Gender Equity Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 7)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Female training camp	**$ 3,960**	$ 5,024
Female leadership grant	**1,000**	1,000
	$ 4,960	$ 6,024

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Technical Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 8)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Provincial medals	**$ 2,518**	$ 2,386
Annual awards - keeper trophy	**881**	-
Provincial awards - keepers	**514**	521
Annual awards - keeper trophy	**-**	874
	$ 3,913	$ 3,781

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Grading Committee Expenses ***(Schedule 9)***

Year Ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Travel	**$ 1,705**	$ 1,616
Administration	**-**	184
	$ 1,705	$ 1,800

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Appendix B

2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Began at 3:09 pm

We have quorum

Additions to the Agenda:

- Judo Alberta Calendar

Approval of the 2025 Agenda as put forward:

Motion: Mark Hicks

Second: Scott Allen

All in favour. Motion passed.

Approval of the minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Motion: Sally Hanerin

Second: Jack Shui Ging Li

All in favour. Motion passed.

Business arising from the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

No outstanding business arising from the past AGM

Reports of the Executives & Committees

Presidents report: no questions or comments

VP-Finance: no questions or comments

VP-Admin: no questions or comments

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Treasure's Report: no questions or comments

Motion to approve the financials as put forward by Steve Norris:

Motion: Garry Yamashita

Second: Jennifer Parker

All in favour. Motion passed.

Registrars report: no questions or comments

- Registration is at the highest it has ever been

Gender Equity Committee Representative Report:

- Jennifer Parker: If expanding the event to 3 days is replacing the girls camp
  - Kelly Thornton: idea is an outdoor camp similar to Judo BC

Regional Chair for Zone Representatives Report:

- Jennifer Parker: does judo AB establish the weight categories at AWG?
  - Kelly Thronton: yes

Athletes representative report: no questions or comments

High Performance Coach and Coaching Committee Report: no questions or comments

Grading Committee Report: no questions

- Allan: All shodan candidates must perform kata, regardless of competitive or technical stream

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Kata Committee Report: no questions or comments

Referee Committee Report:

- Steve Norris: Referee stipend is working very well, especially with out of province

Awards committee report: no questions or comments

NCCP Committee Report: no questions or comments

Motion to approve the reports as submitted:

Motion: Garry Yamashita

Second: Helen Bienert

All in favour. Motion passed.

New Business

- Alberta Safe Sport Complaint Mechanism Adoption
  - Caleb: Overview of complaint mechanism
  - Jennifer: Timeline
    - Caleb: Likely within the next couple of months
  - Helen: What about criminal intent? Do they refer to the police?
    - Caleb: That is up to them to decide
- Judo Alberta Calendar
  - Raschad: Suggestion to put the Judo Alberta calendar in a way that can integrate with people's phone and QR code for the calendar

Elections

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- Vice President of Finance by Steve Norris
  - Brett Forsberg nominated
    - Nomination accepted
  - No other nominations.

Brett Fosberg new VP of Finance

- Treasurer
  - Steve Norris nominated by Paul Hachey
    - Nomination accepted
  - No other nominations

Steve Norris new Treasurer

- Registrar
  - Helen Bienert nominated by Mark Hicks
    - Nomination accepted
  - No other nominations

Helen Bienert new Registrar

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Teresa Yamada at 4:10 pm

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Appendix C

Special Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association THAT:

1) The Society's existing Bylaws, adopted in 2023, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

2) The revised Bylaws of the Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association, dated 2026 and presented to the members prior to the meeting at which this Special Resolution is considered, are hereby approved and adopted as the Bylaws of the Society.

3) The 2026 Bylaws shall replace and supersede all previous versions of the Society's Bylaws and shall take effect immediately upon approval of this Special Resolution, or upon such later date as may be required by law.

Proposed 2026 Bylaws

See below.

The programs of Judo Alberta are funded in part by the Government of Alberta.



THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

THE ALBERTA KODOKAN BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") enacts that the existing By-laws of the Association, as amended, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

I. OFFICES

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Association, being the address to which communications and notices may be sent, and at which all process may be served, shall be at such place in the Province of Alberta, as the Executive may, from time to time, designate.

II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four classes of membership in the Association, namely: honourary Membership, Regular Membership, Associate Membership, and Life Membership.

a. HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

Such non judoka as the Association may from time to time appoint shall be entitled to be Honourary Members of the Association and as such shall be entitled to all rights, and privileges of Regular Members, save that they are not to be entitled to vote at, nor shall they be entitled to notice of, but they

shall be entitled to attend meetings of the members of the Association. They shall not be required to pay any membership fees or dues.

b. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Any person being of the full age of 18 years, or, holding a Black Belt Degree recognized as such by the Canadian Kodokan Black Belt Association (Judo Canada), may be eligible for Regular Membership and upon acceptance of the application for membership and upon payment of the annual fee , shall become a Regular Member of the Association and shall continue to be a regular member until he resigns or ceases to be a member in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws.

c. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Any person studying or practising Judo and not qualifying for Regular Membership, and upon acceptance of the application for membership and payment of the annual fee, shall become an Associate Member of the Association and shall continue to be an Associate Member until he resigns or ceases to be such a member in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or until he qualifies for regular membership when he will be immediately granted regular membership rights and privileges. Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote at nor shall they be entitled to notice of, but they shall be entitled to attend meetings of the members of the Association.

d. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Such Regular or Associate members, as the Regular Members of the Association may from time to time appoint, may be appointed Life Members of the Association and as such shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Regular Members. They shall not be required to pay any membership fees or dues.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person:

i ordinarily resident in Alberta, and

ii being of good character

may be eligible for membership.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person may make an application for membership in the form(s) prescribed by the Executive for that purpose. An applicant shall become a member of the Association upon approval of his application by the

Executive and payment in advance of the fee for one year. The means used to identify any member of the Association may be approved by the Executive and may be changed or modified as the Executive sees fit.

SECTION 4. SUSPENSION AND SANCTIONS

A member may be suspended or sanctioned in accordance with the Society's policies and procedures related to discipline, dispute resolution, and safe sport.

A suspended member is not in good standing, may not vote at meetings of the members, is not permitted to have any sport-related involvement with the Society, and may be subject to a probationary period before being reinstated in good standing.

A member may not resign from the Society when the member has been suspended or is subject to an ongoing disciplinary or safe sport investigation or action

SECTION 5. TERMINATION

Membership in the Society will terminate immediately upon:

i. The member's death;
ii. The member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in these bylaws;
iii. The member resigns by giving written notice to the Society;
iv. The member's membership expires, unless renewed in accordance with these bylaws;
v. The Society is dissolved under the Societies Act; or
vi. Upon at least fifteen (15) days prior written notice to a member, the Executive Committee may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action in respect of such member, or the termination of such member's membership. The notice shall set out the reasons for the proposed disciplinary action or termination of membership. The member receiving such notice shall be entitled to give the Executive Committee a written submission opposing the proposed disciplinary action or termination of membership not less than five (5) days before the end of the said fifteen (15) day period. The Executive Committee shall consider any written submission made by the member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of membership.

SECTION 6. DISCIPLINE

A member may be disciplined, suspended, or expelled from the Society in accordance with the Society's bylaws, policies, and procedures. The

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SECTION 7. GOOD STANDING

A member of the Society will be in good standing provided that the member:

a) Has not ceased to be a member;
b) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed;
c) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Society;
d) Has complied with the bylaws, policies, and rules of the Society;
e) Is not subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Society, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all the terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Executive committee; and
f) Has paid all required fees to the Society
g) Has not been suspended, disciplined, or expelled by Judo Canada or other recognized Judo governing body.

III. FEES

SECTION 1. ANNUAL FEES

Annual fees shall be due and payable by Regular and Associate Members in each year on such date and in such amounts as may be set by the Executive Committee from time to time.

SECTION 2. ARREARS

Any member who has failed to pay his fees within 60 days from the date due shall stand suspended from membership and shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership until all arrears of fees are paid, unless the Executive shall otherwise direct.

IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at such place within the Province of Alberta, at such time and on such date as shall be determined by the Executive, provided however, that such Annual Meeting shall not be sooner than twenty days after the determination of the time, date and place of such meeting, provided always and subject to the provisions of the Societies Act. At every Annual Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the reports of the members of

the Executive, the Committees, and audited financial Statements shall be presented.

SECTION 2. GENERAL MEETINGS
Except where the Societies Act otherwise provides, or the law otherwise requires, the members may consider and transact any business either special or general without any notice thereof at any meeting of the members.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS
Meetings of the members may be called by the Executive or the President of the Association, or meetings shall be called upon the written request of one-tenth of the total number of Regular Members of the Association.

SECTION 4. PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE PRESENT
All members of the Association are entitled to attend meetings of the Association. Any other persons may be admitted only upon the invitation of the Chairman of the meeting or with the consent of the meeting.

SECTION 5. NOTICES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
Notice of all meetings of members, unless waived in writing or electronically, shall be given at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting to each Regular and Life member.

Notice may be delivered in person, sent by prepaid mail, or transmitted by electronic means (including email) to the member's physical or email address appearing on the records of the Association. Notices shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, as well as the date, time, and physical or electronic location of the meeting

SECTION 6. ERROR OR OMISSION IN **NOTICE**
No error or omission in giving notice of any annual general meeting, general meeting, or special meeting, or any such adjourned meeting shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken or had thereat.

SECTION 7. **ADJOURNMENT**
Any meetings of the Association or of the Executive Committee may be adjourned to any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at such adjourned meeting as might have been transacted at the original meeting from which such adjournment took place. No notice shall be required of any such adjournment. Such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

SECTION 8. QUORUM
One-fifth of the total number of Regular Members in the Association either present in person or by proxy at any meeting of the Association, shall constitute a quorum and in the event that no such quorum is present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and place determined by the President, and the quorum at any such adjourned meeting shall be those members who shall be present in person or by proxy at such adjourned meeting.

SECTION 9. VOTING
Each Regular Member and Life Member of the Association shall at all meetings of the Association be entitled to One (1) Vote and may vote by proxy. Where there is voting by proxy, the proxy shall produce and deposit with the Secretary, in the approved form, sufficient appointment in writing from his appointer or appointers. No member shall be entitled, either in person or by proxy, to vote at meetings of the Association unless he has paid all dues and fees if any, then payable by him to the Association.

SECTION 10. VIRTUAL AND HYBRID MEETINGS
Any meeting of the members or of the Executive Committee may be held entirely by electronic means (such as teleconference or internet-based video conferencing platforms) or as a hybrid meeting allowing both in-person and electronic participation.

Members or Directors participating in a meeting by electronic means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Voting at electronic or hybrid meetings may be conducted via online polling, secure electronic ballots, or any method designated by the Executive Committee.

V. GRADING AND PROMOTION

SECTION 1. DAN PROMOTIONS
All matters and powers related to the promotion of members from Ikkyu to and within Dan Rank shall be vested in a Grading Committee, and members of the Association shall be so graded in accordance with the general accepted standards in Canadian Judo. The requirements for promotion to and within Dan Rank may be reviewed by the Executive.

SECTION 2. KYU PROMOTIONS
All matters and powers related to the promotion of Members up to and including the rank of Ikkyu shall be awarded only by at least one Black Belt Regular Member of the Association certified at Level 2 under the National Coaching Certification Program or equivalent certification under

the CBET Program. Members shall be promoted in accordance with the general accepted standards in Canadian Judo.

SECTION 3. REGISTRATION OF PROMOTIONS
All promotions shall forthwith be recorded in the forms prescribed and sent to the Registrar of the Association with the registration fee.

SECTION 4. BELT COLOURS
The colour of belt to be worn by any member shall conform to that standard generally in use in Canada.

VI. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. TITLE AND QUALIFICATIONS
The affairs and operations of the
Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of a President, a Vice President Administration, a Vice President Finance, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Athlete's Representative, a Gender Equity Committee Representative and the Chair of the Regional Council and such officers as the regular members may from time to time determine. The people serving in these roles also hold the position of director. Any person may hold more than one office**.**

SECTION 2. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION
A Director may be removed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, provided the Director has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such a meeting. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written reasonable notice to the Executive and Regular Membership of the Association. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or any other later time specified therein and unless otherwise specified the acceptance of any such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT
The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and ex officio a member of each committee. He shall, when present, preside at all meeting of the Association. The President, together with the Secretary or other officer appointed by the Regular Membership for the purpose shall sign all resolutions. The President will be the official representative of the Association at all meetings of Judo Canada, and submit the necessary proposals of the Association to Judo Canada. He shall perform such duties as may from time to time be determined by the Executive

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - ADMINISTRATION

The Vice President ~ Administration of the Association shall perform all duties performed by the President in the absence of the said President and other duties as assigned by the Executive.

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – FINANCE
The Vice President Finance of the Association shall be responsible for the financial planning of the Association and be responsible for the organizing and obtaining of the grants available to the Association. He shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Executive.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY
The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Association and record all facts and minutes of all proceedings in the books kept for that purpose. He shall give all notices required to be given to members and to directors. He shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts, and other documents belonging to the Association. He shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Executive.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER
The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the Association in proper books of account and shall deposit all money or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such bank or banks as may from time to time be designated by the Executive. He shall disburse the funds of the Association under the direction of the Executive taking proper vouchers and shall render to the Executive at the regular meetings thereof or whenever required of him an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of the Association. He shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Executive.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR
The Registrar shall be generally charged with the keeping of a register of members, a record of promotions, and any and all tournament records. He shall also perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be determined by the Executive.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF THE ATHLETE'S REPRESENTATIVE
To represent the interests of all provincial team members.

SECTION 10. DUTIES OF THE GENDER EQUITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
To represent the interests of members of the Association. To provide leadership, direction and strategic advice regarding the participation and development of equity deserving members. To design and

recommend programs specific to the needs of female members and other equity deserving members.

SECTION 11. TERM OF OFFICE

All officers of the Association shall be elected at an Annual Meeting and shall hold office for a term of two years. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. When an officer resigns or is unable to carry out his duties before the expiry of his term the Executive may appoint a member to replace the resigning or disable officer and such replacing officer shall hold office until the expiry of the current term.

Election of officers shall be in alternate years with the positions of President, Vice President - Administration, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Chair in one year followed by the positions for Vice President of Finance, Registrar, Athlete's Representative and Gender Equity Committee Representative the next year.

SECTION 12. POWERS OF THE OFFICERS

Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Officers has the powers of the Corporation and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions, including:

a) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Corporation in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;
b) Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members and Registrants and have the authority to discipline Members and Registrants in accordance with such policies and procedures.
c) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Corporation and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
d) Employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Corporation;
e) Determine registration procedures and membership fees, dues, assessments, charges, and other registration requirements;
f) Enable the Corporation to receive donations and benefits for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
g) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
h) Borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
i) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Corporation.

SECTION 13. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

Every Officer, Director, or committee member of the Association acting in good faith and in accordance with their duties shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association from and against:

a. Any and all costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever that such person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceeding brought, commenced, or prosecuted against them for or in respect of any act, deed, matter, or thing made, done, or permitted by them in or about the execution of the duties of their office; and

b. All other costs, charges, and expenses that they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs of the Association, except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect, fraud, or default. The Association shall maintain adequate Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance coverage at all times.

SECTION 14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any Director or Officer who is a party to, or who has a direct or indirect financial interest in, a contract, transaction, or decision being considered by the Executive Committee shall immediately disclose the nature and extent of their interest to the Executive Committee.

Such Director shall abstain from taking part in discussions, voting, or attempting to influence the decision on the matter, and shall not be counted in the quorum for that vote.

VII. REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1

There shall be one Zone Representative for each of eight members of the Association representing the eight sporting zones in the Province of Alberta established by the Government of Alberta.

SECTION 2

Zone Representatives shall be selected or elected by the member clubs within their respective zones prior to the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the procedures established in the Association's policies.

I. If a single qualified candidate is nominated by the member clubs in a zone, that candidate shall be appointed by acclamation.
II. If two or more qualified candidates are nominated in a zone, an election shall be conducted where each member club in that zone holds a vote prior to the Annual General Meeting.
III. The election results shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for formal confirmation and approval at or before the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

a. To plan, sponsor and co-ordinate Judo events in their respective zones subject to the approval of the Executive of the Association.
b. To act as liaison between the general membership and club membership in each zone and the Executive.
c. To advise the Executive on funding and general programs.
d. The Regional Council shall keep minutes of its meetings and provide a copy to the Secretary.
e. The Regional Council shall meet at least once in each year.

VIII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. JUDO ALBERTA PLANNING COMMITTEE

There shall be an advisory committee consisting of the members of the Executive, the members of the Regional Council, and all committee chairmen, which shall meet at least once in each year to review past plans and results, formulate budgets and plans for the coming year and any future years as deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

There shall be a Grading Committee, a Technical Committee, a Referees Committee, a Gender Equity Committee, a NCCP Committee, a LTAD Committee, a Awards Committee and a Coaches Committee. The Chairman of each Committee and the Head Coach shall be appointed by the President. Each such appointed person shall provide a list of committee or staff members to the Executive for approval.

The Executive or the Annual Meeting may establish such additional committees as they deem necessary from time to time. The purpose, duties, membership and other terms of such committees shall be fully set out in the Minutes of the Meeting bringing the committee into existence and such committee shall continue to exist until dissolved by a meeting of the Executive or the Annual Meeting.

All committee members shall hold office for a term of two years.

All committees shall keep minutes of their meetings and provide a copy to the Secretary.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. REMUNERATION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

No officer or member of the Association shall receive any compensation for any services rendered as an officer or member unless the same shall first have been approved by a meeting of the members of the Association. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Regular Membership of the Association may from time to time allocate funds to an officer or member of the Association to reimburse them for out of pocket expenses while carrying out the official business of the Association.

SECTION 2. AUDIT AND BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

The books, accounts and records of the Association shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the Association appointed for that purpose by the Executive at the Annual Meeting.

A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books of the previous year shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the Annual Meeting.

The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member of the Association at the Annual Meeting provided for herein, or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of the same. Each member of the Executive shall always have access to such books and records.

SECTION 3. BORROWING POWERS

For the purpose of carrying out its Objects, the Association may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit and in particular by the issue of debentures, but this power shall be exercised only under the authority of the Association and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of a special resolution of the Association.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT

These By-laws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a special resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the Regular Members as are present in person or by proxy at a general meeting of which written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given.

SECTION 5. INTERPRETATION

In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender as the case may be, and vice versa, and the references to persons shall include firms and corporations. Wherever reference is made to any statute or section thereof, such reference shall be

deemed to apply to any amendment to the said statute or section as the case may be. When construing the by-laws reference shall be made to the Societies Act and words and expressions used in the by-laws shall, so far as the context does not otherwise require, have the same meaning as would be the case when used in the Societies Act.

SECTION 6. CLUBS
Any members of the Association forming themselves into a club for the purpose of practising the sport of Kodokan Judo must have the club registered with the Association and the Association may levy a fee for such registration.

A club must have a Regular Member(s) of the Association as the person(s) responsible for the teaching of the sport of Kodokan Judo.

All members of the Association must, when practising within the Province of Alberta, practice only in a club registered under these by-laws.

SECTION 7. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
Any member clubs wishing to form a regional body and registering that regional body annually with the Association, may do so on completing an application for recognition. The Association may levy a fee for such registration. The clubs forming the regional body must be individually registered with the Association under Section 6.

SECTION 8. CUSTODY AND USE OF SEAL
The Executive may adopt a seal which shall be the common seal of the Association.

The common seal of the Association shall be under the control of the Executive and the responsibility for its custody and use from time to time shall be determined by the Executive.

X. DISSOLUTION
Upon dissolution of the Association, and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining properties and assets shall be distributed to any recognized Canadian amateur athletic association or to any recognized charitable organization.

XI. RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES
The Executive Committee may prescribe rules, regulations and policies not inconsistent with these by-laws relating to the Associations activities.

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2026 Bylaws Revision Tracker

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either: i Suspend the member for a definite period of time; ii Suspend until the suspension is terminated by the Disciplinary Committee; iii Expel the person from the Association, thereby terminating his status as a member of the Association. 4 Revision 09/25/2023 If the Disciplinary Committee does not impose any of the sanctions mentioned above, the person shall, at the termination of the meeting at which his hearing was held, be restored to full status. If the Disciplinary Committee imposes sanctions under "ii" above, the said Committee shall specify the period for review. The suspension shall continue until such time as the suspended party applies to the Disciplinary Committee as a candidate for reinstatement, after the period for review, and, if accepted as such, a candidate shall comply with the terms and conditions for re-instatement as may be specified by the Disciplinary Committee. A member suspended shall forfeit all rights and privileges of a member and shall only be eligible for re-admission or re-instatement as a member upon such terms as the Disciplinary Committee shall determine. A member who has been expelled shall forfeit all rights and privileges and shall not be eligible for re-admission or reinstatement.	
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