

Welcome Judoka

Nationally judo is changing. The USA judo has implemented and is enforcing a coaching certification program we have 9 coaches certified by USA judo. There are 4 registered clubs with University of Iowa to soon. These clubs are sanction for insurance and competition.

Judo has seen an increase in interest due to the Mixed Martial Arts as seen on TV. This has also caused the national and international refereeing committees to change the rules of judo. Early in the history of judo you defeated an opponent with an ippon throw any thing less the match continued. This had recorded fights of 4 hrs. As judo progressed the time of the match was delegated and thus the referees called the winner more often. To keep track and make the match less subjective they created system of smaller points, which could be scored, and a winner decided (the referees didn't have to it in there head). As the 21-century arrived judo lacked the funds of boxing and televised sports. So to make the matches more dynamic, they made achievement of the points more easily. Thus more points and faster wins. In the United States judo is an athlete's sport attended more often by family fellow judoka and coaches. In the world judo teams have national sponsors big billings and many spectators. Taking the lead in the latest change is Kodokon/ Japan collation, which wants to step back to the ippon era of the art. How this plays out time will tell.

What to watch! Concern of regulation looms. This is brought on by the armature bar/ring fights of today. The state athletic commissioner stated on the news that his office is not prepared and does not have the mandate legislate or physically to handle the situation.

A city ordinance or state law could put restrictions on armature judo and TKD matches.

Please stay vigilant and e-mail the SIBBA. if you here or see legislation which may effect our sports!

Keep off your back!

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