



OCEANIA JUDO UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

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**PRESIDENT:
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After the terrible Covid-19 pandemic that affected the whole planet, the 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo sounded like the restart of judo in Oceania, however, with a very late resumption of activities in Oceania, due to a reopening of the borders for each country, staggered over time, complicating, by the same token, the resumption of development programmes, competitions and other actions for the whole Oceanian judo community.

OJU Governance

The slow resumption of judo activities in Oceania highlighted governance problems within the OJU, both from a statutory and financial point of view.

To address this, the OJU Executive Committee decided to take steps to comply with IJF rules.

In 2022 the OJU launched their Gender Equality Commission and appointed Ms Esther Veloza (OJU 2nd VP) as the head of the commission.

In August 2022 the head of the OJU Veterans Commission, Mr Kevin Murphy, resigned from his position for personal reasons. The commission is currently under the authority of the Technical Director, Mr Josateki Naulu, pending the appointment of a new head.

Sport Commission

OG Tokyo 2021

Due to the pandemic-related border closures, several countries in Oceania were unable to accept the wild cards offered to them by the IOC.

Oceania's female judoka were the most affected by these governmental decisions.

The very poor results of the Oceanian athletes at the Tokyo Olympic Games pushed us to focus our work on the younger generations of athletes, in order to prepare them for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games but also and especially Brisbane 2032.

OJU competitions

At the beginning of 2021, the OJU, in view of the post-Covid era, decided to launch several competitions within its continent. The reason for this was to encourage and increase participation in international competitions but also to act on the development of judo in the region.

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In 2022, for the first time, the OJU organised 6 international competitions in the region, in addition to the continental championship with Panamerica.

Competitions	Seniors	Juniors	Cadets	Katas	Veterans	Referee seminar
Tahiti	X					
Perth	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lima	X	X	X			X

Panamerica-Oceania Continental Championships (Lima, April 2022)

I would like to thank the IJF and its President, Mr Marius Vizer, for the excellent opportunity to join the Panamerican Judo Confederation for a continental championship, an event operating at an excellent level for the Oceanian judoka. The championship is much more accessible than Asia at the moment.

I also thank my counterpart, Mr. Carlos Zegarra-Presser, for the fantastic collaboration between our two continental unions. This gives us great hope for the development of Oceania Judo in the years to come.

Despite the low participation of the Oceanian countries, due to the global health situation and, above all, the air transport problems; air service was still almost non-existent at that time. The OJU managed to not only do well but also to place in the top 10 of the medal table.

All the Oceanian nations present achieved at least one victory.

Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5	7
6 - Australia	2	1	13	9	5
13 - NZ			1		1

OJU Open Tahiti

For the very first time in its history, a continental open was held in French Polynesia.

In order to reach a milestone in the organisation of an international event, the OJU called upon two members of the IJF IT Team, Elisabetta Fratini and Huu Hanh Pham, who did an extraordinary job, contributing to the great success of this event.

Thanks to the collaboration with a local sponsor (OPT Tahiti), live streaming was provided throughout the competition.

For the first time in Oceania, a promotional video of the competition was produced free of charge.



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Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5	7
NZ	4				
Tahiti	2	7	3	3	3
New Caledonia	1		2	1	
Fiji	1		1		
Australia		2			
Guam			1		
Samoa				1	

OJU Open Perth

I would like to thank the IJF and its President, Mr Marius Vizer, for granting the OJU an open tournament, with the rules and benefits of a grand prix.

This huge opportunity attracted a wide range of competitors to Oceania, from seasoned athletes on the world circuit to the new generation of competitors looking to make their mark on the IJF circuit.

This year's Perth Open was once again a great success with over 280 athletes, arriving from all continents.

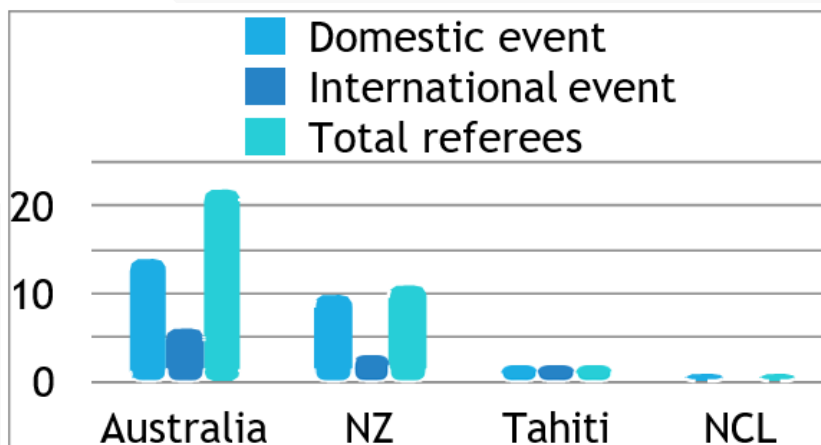
Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	5	7
Australia	1	1		6	2
NZ		1	2		
Fiji			1		1

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Referee Commission

The Oceania refereeing body is unfortunately concentrated in only 4 countries, with a very large majority in Australia and New Zealand.



In order to increase the number of referees but also the number of countries represented in the refereeing body, the OJU decided, in partnership with the IJF and the PJC, to organise two refereeing seminars.

The first one was held in April during the Panamerican-Oceania continental championship in Lima (Peru) and saw the participation of more than 80 participants, including referees and coaches.



The second seminar took place in Perth, with about 40 participants.

The 2-day seminar concluded with a continental and international examination.

The OJU presented 3 candidates, 2 for the continental licence and 1 for the international licence.



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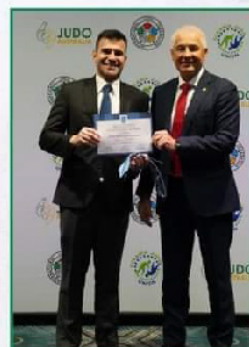
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**SRDJAN
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**LORIVALDO
PAZ LANDIM JUNIOR**

Kata Commission

For the first time in its history, the OJU, through the Australian pair Bernhard (Tori) and Bjorn (Uke) Tandean won a bronze medal at the World Kata Championships (u23 Katame-No-Kata), in Poland.

In October, after more than two years of interruption, the OJU Open Kata brought together 13 pairs of practitioners. This number is increasing compared to 2019 and shows a growing interest in the practice of kata.

In order to promote the practice, the OJU has decided to initiate steps to have kata present at the Pacific Games from 2027.

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Finally, 2023 will see elections within the OJU Executive Committee with the renewal of part of the management team.

With this new team, the OJU will continue to work for the good development of Judo in Oceania with the main objective of the future Olympic Games in Brisbane in 2032.

Long live Judo.