

Board Statement



We would like to introduce our newly formed Events Commission, which will be headed by Averil Taggart.

The creation of this commission is to enhance events for all parties involved, and add a level of Federation support and compliance assistance for all Judo connected functions (revalidation, competitions, pathway and performance squad training, masterclasses, training/education courses etc) pursuant to NIJF Covid 19 Protocols.

It is our vision to support clubs and coaches in implementing events (beyond normal standard club activity), in turn, creating more of an opportunity to benefit the entire membership through attendance.

A structured calendar should arrest any date clashes, allow for Federation marketing support, and maximise attendances. It will also allow for access to volunteers and trained and competent officials to assist in the delivery.

As part of the support for the clubs and event organisers, it will ensure that all the compliance is in place in terms of insurance and correct practical safeguards (including appropriate event licences, tournament directors, referees, designated safeguarding officers and first aid etc.)

The creation of this commission is to ensure that all the NIJF members / licence holders are always protected at sanctioned NIJF events.

This means that the integral insurance that an NIJF licence holder benefits from, will be invalid should they attend a non-sanctioned event.

We would strongly advise that in cases where events may not be NIJF sanctioned, that due diligence and prior checks take place by the member or responsible person. This is to ensure they are satisfied and assured that all adequate insurances are in place for all circumstances that may arise.

It is our overriding goal to create the smooth execution of all sanctioned events and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all those attending.

If you are planning to stage an event, access to the events commission is by email to events@nijudo.com

When emailing, it will assist proceedings if you can provide the following details:

- The proposed dates and times
- The planned location
- The reason for the event (competition, club funding etc.)
- An overview of what the event demands
- An indication of the level of voluntary assistance required
- A proposal of targeted attendance numbers and any medals or presentation requirements
- Any other supporting details (i.e., catering facilities, disability access, any other entertainment on the day)

The proposed event will then go through a process of ratification, and the outcome will be returned to the person applying for the event.

Once the event is sanctioned and a decision confirmed, a planned process of delivery will be agreed by all parties.

We would like to thank all our members, coaches, and clubs in their support in bringing events back to Judo in Northern Ireland.