

## **USJA Judo Rank Promotion System – Addendum 4.0 (Effective 8/2/2023)**

(Approved by majority of BOD 8/2/23 Walter Dean President)

### **Official Policy Changes of Rank or Rank Date**

Any request to change an individual's rank and or rank date must first be approved in writing by the promotion board. The chair of PB will notify the President and the office of the decision. If denied an appeal can be referred to the President of the BOD or if unavailable the Vice President.

If an appeal is granted the President or VP shall notify the BOD, the PB and office presenting the facts leading to the decision. This will be considered with extraordinary circumstances and must contain justification.

The following circumstances do not require notification if the request is approved by the PB.

1- The PB verifies with the assistance of the USJA office the information was entered incorrectly such as typos.

2- New evidence such as a valid and verified promotion certificate as those issued by USJA, USJF, USAJudo or a recognized IJF approved body of Judo shows a new rank and or date. Dojo certificates of promotion or those issued by a non-approved source are not considered valid, and may not be used as evidence to alter the records. The PB must verify the document(s).

Notes regarding these changes must be entered on the records of the individual and available for examination in the future

Changes of records without written justification is falsification of records and consider an ethical violation.