



Shufu Kata Committee Report

November 2025

- ▶ **December 14, 2025 (Sunday) - [Capital Kata Festival: Kata-palooza I - Smoothcomp](#) at Sport Judo**
 - ▶ Thank you to Maurice Allan (and Steve Berliner) - Sport judo
 - ▶ Morning: Bowing ceremony clinic; participants perform katas and feedback
 - ▶ Community Lunch (included in fee)
 - ▶ Afternoon: clinics: Nage-no-kata and one other kata
 - ▶ Opportunity to test for Kata Judge and/or Kata Instructor
- ▶ **August 16, 2025 – 1st Eastern Judo Kata Championship and Koshiki-no-kata clinic**
 - ▶ HUGE SUCCESS - Thank you!
 - ▶ 43 performances – larger than Sr Nationals
 - ▶ Big thanks to Shufu, USJF, College Park Judo, Hui-o Judo, Karen Whilden
 - ▶ Annual grass-roots developmental USJF events to develop for both kata athletes and judges
 - ▶ Over 12 medals going to Shufu teams
 - ▶ Eleven states involved (athletes and judges): California, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Washington
 - ▶ Shufu Judges: D. Jackson, K. Whilden, Karl Tamai, S. Berliner, E. Spears
 - ▶ Dr Kuniko Taeuchi 9th dan Judo Spirit Award: K. El Idrissi and C. Levine for Goshin Jutsu
- ▶ **September 12, 2025 – PJC PanAmerican Kata Championship, Cancun, MEX**
 - ▶ Tournament needed to use Smoothcomp (Thank you CPJ /Hui-o)
 - ▶ Big shout out to Karen Whilden for her Smoothcomp support from Virginia
 - ▶ Shufu: Diane Jackson, Theo Schwalm
 - ▶ Near-by: 2nd place in Ju-no-kata: Lori Latimer and Christine Levine from Philadelphia, PA
 - ▶ Need more Under 21 kata teams
- ▶ **November 7-8, 2025 – IJF World Kata Championship, Paris, FRN**
 - ▶ Shufu: Diane Jackson and Theo Schwalm
 - ▶ Near-by: Ju-no-kata: Lori Latimer and Christine Levine from Philadelphia, PA
- ▶ Kata competition normally offered at local tournaments
- ▶ **Upcoming events:**
 - ▶ 11/2 - [New York State Championships KATA 2025 - Smoothcomp](#)
 - ▶ 12/14 - [Capital Kata Festival: Kata-palooza I - Smoothcomp](#) at Sport Judo
 - ▶ 2/14-15/2026 – Kata clinic with Andre Parent – Queens/Flushing, NYC: Nage-no-kata and Goshin Jutsu
- ▶ Does your dojo want to host a Kata clinic? Contact Diane: JudoDTJackson@gmail.com
- ▶ Reminder: Kata athletes can submit for Shufu Athlete Funds from competition