

April



# Shufu Kata Committee Report 2026

- ▶ 2026 Sr Nationals, May 9
  - ▶ Competitors: Margie Kettl, Billy Fineran, Leah Fisher
- ▶ Shufu mini- kata clinics at Sport Judo
  - ▶ February, March, April 2026
  - ▶ Karen Whilden, Diane Jackson, Karl Tamai, Margie Kettl, Steve Berliner
- ▶ 2026 PJC Kata Championship, May 2, 2026, in Ecuador
  - ▶ Shufu support: Theo Schwalm (Judge) and Diane Jackson (PJC Kata Committee member)
- ▶ Completed
  - ▶ Kata-palooza Kata festival – December 2025
  - ▶ November 7-8, 2025, – IJF World Kata Championship, Paris, FRN
    - ▶ Shufu support: Diane Jackson (coach)
    - ▶ USA gold medal – Buskerud's U21 Ju no kata
  - ▶ Kata offered at tournaments:
    - ▶ Judges included Karen Whilden, Diane Jackson, Margie Kettl, Steve Berliner
    - ▶ Garden State Championship
    - ▶ Jason Morris Cup
    - ▶ Maryland Open
- ▶ Kata competitions are normally offered at local tournaments
- ▶ **Upcoming events**
  - ▶ June 4 – 6, USJF Kata Conference, Denver, CO
  - ▶ September, Liberty Bell
  - ▶ September, IJF Kasta Championship, Sarajevo
- ▶ Does your dojo want to host a Kata clinic? Contact Diane: [JudoDTJackson@gmail.com](mailto:JudoDTJackson@gmail.com)
- ▶ Reminder: Kata athletes can submit for Shufu Athlete Funds from competition