Shufu Kata Committee Report
October 2026

- Sunday kata practices continue at Sport Judo
  - Special thanks to Maurice Allen and Steve Berliner
  - D. Jackson (IJF), K. Whilden (PJC), Ka. Tamai (N), M. Kettl (N), S. Berliner (R)
- New Shufu Judge certifications
  - Steve Berliner, Billy Fineran, Karl Tamai
- Judo Demonstration at Japanese Ambassador's residence for DC Passport Day
- Completed
  - 2026 May, Sr. Nationals
    - Shufu Athletes: Margie Kettl, Billy Fineran: 1st Itsutsu no kata and 3rd in Ju no kata
    - Shufu Judges: D. Jackson, T. Schwalm, K. Whilden
  - 2026 August 9, Eastern Kata Championship at College Park Judo
    - 23 performances; 6 of 7 IJF-level kata competed
    - Shufu Judges: S. Berliner, D. Jackson, M. Kettl, E. Spears, Ka. Tamai, K. Whilden
    - Athletes: LOTS and congratulations
    - 7 new judges certified
  - 2026 September, IJF Kata Championship, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovinia
    - Shufu Judges: D. Jackson, T. Schwalm
  - 2026 May PJC Kata Championship
    - Shufu support: T. Schwalm (judge), D. Jackson (PJC Kata Committee member)
  - Shufu judges on the international road: T. Schwalm (Spain, Belgium and more), D Jackson
  - Shufu judges and clinicians on the road: D Jackson, K Whilden, M Kettl, S Berliner
- Kata offered at local / regional tournaments
  - Eastern Kata Championship
  - Jason Morris Cup
  - Maryland Open
  - Garden State Championship
  - Nutmeg Games
- **Upcoming events**
  - December, Kata-palooza Kata Festival, Competition and Certification
- Does your dojo want to host a Kata clinic? Contact Diane: JudoDTJackson@gmail.com
- Reminder: Kata athletes can submit for Shufu Athlete Funds twice per year