

Shufu Kata Report

Summary: Shufu Yudanshakai showed strong international, national, and local leadership in kata since the last report. In particular great progress was made in the expansion of the pool of certified kata judges from Shufu as a result of efforts by Diane Jackson working in conjunction with USA Judo. This was key goal outlined in the November 2018 committee report. A detailed outline of activity is listed below.

Pan American Kata Championships, 4/24 – 4/27

The Pan American Kata Championships were hosted in Lima, Peru. Karl Tamai and Diane Jackson received silver in Katame no Kata and a bronze medal in Ju no Kata. Lisa Capriotti and Robert Gouthro received gold in Kime no Kata and Kodokan Goshin Jutsu. Fran Vall served as a judge on the international panel and Theodore Shwalm managed logistics for the team. Following the event the Shufu contingent of the USA Team along with several judges and player teams visited UNESCO World Heritage sites in the Cuzco, the Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu.

USA Judo Senior Nationals, 06/01 – 06/02

Shufu was well represented at Senior Nationals, winning multiple medals and sending a strong contingent of judges. Full tournament results are available at here: [USA Judo Kata Results](#).

IJF World Kata Championships, 09/04-09/05

Shufu sent two of the three teams representing the United States at the IJF Kata World Championships in Chungju, South Korea. Lisa Capriotti and Robert Gouthro competed in Kime no Kata and Karl Tamai and Diane Jackson competed in Ju no Kata. Both teams performed well and continued to gain valuable experience at the world level.

Faye Allen Kata, 9/20-9/21

The Faye Allen Kata Tournament, hosted again by D.C. Judo, had 11 performances split across 3 divisions. The competition was followed by a clinic featuring a large group session focused on foundational concepts followed by a split session. The first split session featured kata judging and was led by guest instructors Kuniko Takeuchi and Frances Glaze as well as Shufu's own Diane Jackson, and supported by numerous Shufu sensei. The second featured instruction in Kime no Kata and was led by Lisa Capriotti and Robert Gouthro. Full tournament results are available at:

<https://dcjudo.com/fayeallen/>

USA Judo Kata Judge Testing – Pilot, 09/20 – 09/21

Diane Jackson organized and conducted the pilot testing for the revised USA Judo kata judge examinations. Evaluators Kuniko Takeuchi, Frances Glaze, and Diane Jackson were assisted by Fran Vall and Karen Whilden in examining 6 candidates for various levels of certification. The practicum portion of the evaluation was held in conjunction with the Faye Allen Kata Tournament with the written testing conducted off site. The pilot was successful, and Diane Jackson prepared a detailed technical report for the USA Judo kata committee outlining procedures for program fidelity and recommendations for future testing protocols. Congratulations to Karl Tamai, Lisa Capriotti, Theodore Shwalm, and Robert Gouthro

for achieving national kata judging certifications, and Margaret Kettle and Wayne Lifshitz for achieving local judging certifications.

Edwin Takemori Kata Clinic 9/28

Sensei Edwin Takemore taught Nage no Kata to a well-attended clinic in Cary, NC, hosted by the Cary Judo Club, assisted by Robert Gouthro. Of note was the presence of many junior players from ranks white to green belt, demonstrating the strong influence local sensei can have on the prevalence of kata practice among all groups in judo.

Grass Roots Kata Events

Kata at local tournaments continued to thrive since the last report, with strong kata competitions at local tournaments including the Shufu Open Shiai and Kata Tournament on October 5th

Margaret Kettle continues to organize regular open kata practice sessions, hosted by Sport Judo, on Sundays. Practices have been consistently attended and 3-4 players, with additional players attending to prepare for rank examinations and prior to local competitions.