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56th Annual

Dallas Open Tournament

&

The President's Cup

Special Edition

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56 TH ANNUAL DALLAS OPEN JUDO TOURNAMENT



BIGGER & BETTER!!!

“Was it bigger? YEP! Was it better? ABSOLUTELY!” Although the pre - Thanksgiving tournament, formerly known as the Dallas Invitational, has been around for almost six decades, things were different this year.

- There were just shy of 1,000 judoka who registered for the competition.
- The tournament’s name was changed to the Dallas Open.
- The cash prizes increased for each category.

So, what about the 57th Annual Dallas Open tournament coming up in November of next year? From this writer to you, let me tell you a secret, I HAVE NO CLUE! I may not know what is in the future for the tournament, but I can’t wait. See you there next year!

人々の、人々による、人々のための *HITOBITO NO, HITOBITO NI YORU,* *HITOBITO NO TAME NO*

“... OF, BY, & FOR THE JUDOKA”

By RP Taylor



“Hmmm, I’ve never heard that before?” Yes, you’re right, you haven’t heard that before. It is a phrase that was curated right here at Mat Burn to describe refereeing, especially as it relates to judo. The famous quote from Abraham Lincoln’s Getty’s Burg address which provided the framework for such a powerful phrase reads: “...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Obviously Lincoln was speaking of government, but the sentiment can be applied to refereeing as well. And no, not only by a stretch of the imagination, but in real time. In theory, the US government is set up the same way, which is why our current president (executive branch) is elected by the people of our nation. Think about it...the referee acts as the executive branch and enforces the rules/laws of a sport.

It’s no secret that judo refereeing in America, at times, has struggled in comparison to some other countries like Japan and France. This in part, inspired Eastside’s very own Stephanie Davis, Hieuy Ngyuen, and Lin Voigt to earn their national refereeing certification at the Dallas Open.

Stephanie and Hieuy spoke with Mat Burn about their undertakings thus far. While each of them had a different “why”, the “what, when, and where” of their ventures mirrored each other. For example, although one has to manage officiating as if it is a part time job, there is no pay for this position. Yes, you must really love the sport to embrace this task. Other aspects of their journeys that matched are:

1. Prerequisite: Black Belt in judo
2. Learn the written rules and their correct current interpretations by: - studying the rules often; attending clinics; discussions with other referees who hold a higher certification.
3. Local Certification (1 event)
4. Regional Certification (3 events)
5. Continued Training & procurement three recommendations from Nationally & Internationally Certified referees
6. Testing & Certification at the Dallas Open

Both Stephanie and Hieuy began their refereeing journey at Eastside, but for different reasons. Hieuy began this endeavor because of some perceived inaccurate calls against him as a judoka. His motive was, and still is, to understand the rules and officiating better, and to be the middleman between referees and competitors. He believes this is necessary because the relationships between officiants and judoka are not always as amiable as they could be.

Stephanie’s initial motives arguably were not as altruistic as her counterpart’s, but her newly discovered mission has become bigger than she imagined. She began this venture because she was injured and could not compete. Refereeing provided her an opportunity to stay close to the sport that she loved. She quickly realized that it also provided a means by which she could help create a balance between the sexes for women in a male dominated sport. Obstacles for female referees include, but not limited to:

- They are the minority
- Harsher criticism
- More frequent criticism

“AT THE DALLAS OPEN, SO MANY MOTHERS OF DAUGHTERS THANKED ME FOR REFEREEING THE TOURNAMENT BECAUSE IT GAVE THE GIRLS A CHANCE TO SEE A YOUNG WOMAN IN THAT ROLE. IF I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE SOMEHOW, THEN IT’S ALL WORTH IT TO ME.”
-STEPHANIE DAVIS

EASTSIDE MEDALISTS

WHILE EASTSIDE DOJO WANTS TO CONGRATULATE EVERY JUDOKA WHO SHOWED UP TO COMPETE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO MEDALED. ✨

GOLD



DALLAS OPEN

MARYLENA BLEILE
JORDAN BURTON III
KAYLEIGH ESCUDERO
LUCIA DE LA PARRA
ZACK PATTESON

PRESIDENT'S CUP

WADE ALLISON
MARYLENA BLEILE
TY BLOCKER
ROMINA CELESTE
ZAYD ELHITY
RUSSELL HOGAN
ANORA KHAMRAEV (2)
MADELINE SOLIS
VEDA NAIR (2)



DALLAS OPEN

TY BLOCKER
HUGO BONACCI
JORDAN BURTON III
ZAYD ELHITY
ANA SOFIA GALLEGRO
OMAR HASSAN
AUSTIN HOWARD
ANORA KHAMRAEV
EMMANUEL RODRIGUEZ
MADELINE SOLIS

PRESIDENT'S CUP

ROMINA CELESTE
JATOIA COATS
AUSTYN MCNEILEBERHART
SEAN MURIITHI
ISAAC DIAZ TAMEZ
JUSTIN WOOD



SILVER



BRONZE



DALLAS OPEN

JAMES CAMPBELL (2)
ADAM ELHITY
AUSTYN MCNEIL
VEDA NAIR
LILIAN NEW
ISAAC DIAZ TAMEZ
MAY TRAN

PRESIDENT'S CUP

ZAYD ELHITY
RAYYAN GALAL
BRUNO GOLETTA
ANMOL MURICKANANICKAL
MARCUS PARKS





**IF
YOU BUILD IT-
THEY WILL
COME!**





1ST
PLACE TEAM
WINNERS

DALLAS
OPEN

TEAM
WINNERS

1ST

COHEN
BROTHERS
JUDO
CLUB

2ND
BECERRA
JUDO
CLUB

3RD
KI ITSU
SAI
NATIONAL
TRAINING
CENTER

WHO DOESN'T



PRIZES!





2022 DALLAS OPEN





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