

School Judo Competition President's letter of appreciation

On the 13th August 2012, JVI ran a very successful School Competition at Darebin. The competition was well attended by just over 100 competitors from a number of schools. Kardinia College and Dando's Sports Academy were both very well represented. We saw some great judo and a very high standard of sportsmanship which is a credit to all of the students their schools, and clubs

The competition was run using modified Judo rules specifically designed to cater for junior grades and inexperienced competitors .

At Jean Coughlan's suggestion we gave students in the smaller weight categories a better experience by making a category with only two contestants a best of three competition. It was found to be very successful and we will do the same again in the future.

It was very nice to see many of the students having their first competition experience in judo. I hope it was a memorable and pleasant experience for all of them

I would like to thank the following people without whose assistance the day would not have been possible.

Our referees: Malcolm Slade, Rodney Cox, Dr Ian Gillies, Stan Ashley, Judd Hallas and Simon Carroll.

Our scorers and timekeepers: Jean Coughlan, Eoin Coughlan, Pat Quek and Boris Ansons . Simon Sheilds and Douglas Noak who assisted with the player identification belts.

Jean and Eoin Coughlan for doing the Weigh ins..

Linda Hallas and Carolyn Angelin who carried out the draws and took turns in the heated nursery and organised the official's refreshments.

I would like to thank the students from the Dando Sports Academy who arrived early to assist in the tournament set up, and the parents and competitors who assisted in the packing up at the end of the day.

I would also like to acknowledge a number of our elite players including Tom Pappas, Perry Papadimitropoulos and Eoin Coughlan who attended this competition to support the students and assisted in running it.

It was great to see so many coaches, teachers and parents in attendance at the competition. I hope we see you all at the next JVI Competition.

I would also like to thank Frank Dando 7th Dan, Nicky Witkamp 7th Dan and Robert Todd 7th dan for their continued support of our sport.

Peter White
JVI President