



JVI NEWS #5 – PRE JULY TOURNAMENT 2017

JULY 23 Tournament

First item for this newsletter is a reminder of our next tournament, on Sunday July 23. This will be at Broadmeadows, and will again feature a team format for the u/9 competitors. At the last tournament we ran the u/9's in composite teams, and the general feedback was very positive. The kids seemed to enjoy fighting as part of a team, and were awarded their medals for their individual weight categories as well. We got the administration of the teams mostly right, and learned from a couple of errors. Rather than reach forward too boldly, we're going to stick to the u/9's for the team format at the July competition, and perfect our administration before expanding the team format to the much larger u/12 competition in September. Having said that, the more competitors there are, the easier it is to make fair teams, so *please* encourage your Tiny Tots to come and have some fun at the July tournament in a couple of weeks!

Regional Tournaments August 26/27

Not Just a Sunday Tournament...

On the weekend of August 26/27 we will have a very special weekend of judo. Bendigo and Traralgon will host the Regional tournaments this year, but it is very important to understand that these won't just be ordinary country tournaments. The tournaments have been arranged as judo weekends – a celebration of judo in an informal atmosphere, a great place for your juniors and beginners to get some experience, a place for your seniors to relax and enjoy judo without the usual pressure of selection points etc, and a place for your club members to bond as a team.

Sponsored By...

The weekend will be sponsored by the Latrobe and Bendigo local Councils, thanks to the assistance of a company called Sportsmarketing Australia. The councils aren't just giving us money out of the goodness of their hearts – our part of the deal is to provide a boost to the local economy. Our job is to try and have a couple of hundred people, at least a couple of hundred, descend upon the local hotels, motels and caravan parks, restaurants, milk bars, wineries, parks and support the local businesses.

Funding Follows Fun...

If we make a measurable impact upon the local economies, there is a good chance that we can get better funding in the future. So it is obviously in our interests to go and have a good time in either Traralgon or Bendigo! Please encourage your members to mark the weekend of the 26/27th August for a winter getaway in the country. There will be training workshops on the Saturday, followed by the Regional Tournaments on the Sunday – and the Tournaments will count towards the Club Championship too. The kids can have a great time enjoying judo in a new setting, making new friends through judo, while the parents, friends, aunts or uncles can go and have a day at the local sights, parks, wineries etc. You might like to book a couple of cabins for a few families in your club at the local caravan park. I believe that the hosting judo clubs will also be offering a bbq dinner on the Saturday night as well.

JVI now has just on a thousand members listed. *Allowing for the families of members who would also go on the trip, we can easily have at least two hundred people descend upon the unwitting communities of Traralgon and Bendigo.* So please support the Regional Tournaments and start encouraging your club members to plan ahead for a fun weekend in August!

Club Banners

Planning for MIJO, the Melbourne International Judo Open, on the 27th to 29th of October, is well underway. I won't pre-empt the Tournament Committee, who will soon be publishing details of the event. MIJO has been moved to October, partly to escape the freezing temperatures of last year, and partly to make it a celebration of the birthday of the founder of judo, Jigoro Kano.

There is one feature of MIJO of which I do wish to give you early notice. JVI has invested in supplying each club with a club banner. The banner will have the JVI logo as a background, and your large club logo smack bang in the middle of the banner. We want you to bring your banner to MIJO.

The banner is not a simple gift of goodwill from JVI. It is very much a part of our branding and sponsorship strategy. In return for supplying the banner, JVI does expect clubs to do three things with the banners:

1. Display the banner in a prominent place in your dojo whenever you have a judo session. If you are a club that has to lay out mats as part of your judo routine, we ask that you include raising your banner as part of your set up routine. The purpose is very clear – whenever any person visits any JVI club, they should see a banner that has both the club logo, and the JVI logo prominently displayed.
2. JVI will expect all clubs to bring their banners to all JVI tournaments – **especially our premier tournament, MIJO**. We believe that a line of banners, all sharing the JVI logo while proudly displaying the logo of each club, will greatly add to the atmosphere and spectacle of our tournaments. It will help instil pride in both our judoka and their parents. I look forward to seeing kids with their certificates and medals proudly having their photos taken in front of their club's banner. It is also hoped that a display of many banners will help us take one more step toward major sponsorship.
3. The banners are intended to be used by you as a tool for finding local sponsors for your club. The idea is for your club to find local sponsors and add logo stickers of your sponsors to your banners. Just as the boundaries of football fields around the country serve as a prominent place for sponsors to hang their signs, the pull up banners are intended to display the sponsors of your club. JVI will be encouraging you to find three tiers of sponsors – their stickers will accordingly be of three sizes. The effect of our local sponsor campaign has great potential – for example if every club could find \$5000 worth of annual sponsors, this would be the equivalent of, conservatively speaking, a \$150,000 grant to JVI, *per year*.

Post Nationals

The 2017 Nationals have now faded away. Six months of very hard work by one of the biggest State Squads ever to represent Victoria have finished. I thought that the nationals were a huge success for Victoria. Knowing how hard the whole team worked at State Training and at the JVI Clubs, I was immensely proud of the efforts of every single Victorian. It was particularly pleasing to see our Junior Team fighting so well. I cannot thank enough the Victorian coaching team of 2017. David Nabulsi, Nao Taketani, Ben Donegan and Miki Mayer, strongly supported by Dave Karney, Dennis Iverson and

Paul Coughlan all did a tremendous job in the lead up to the Nationals and performed a marathon job during the whole of the tournament. Not forgetting of course, our two original State Coaches who stepped back from the State roles to take up duties as National Coaches, Dan Kelly and Maria Pekli.

Particular thanks goes to David Nabulsi, who has since retired from the State Coaching role. David has done a tremendous job over the last seven years as the State Junior Coach. His leadership, expertise and dedication have been whole-heartedly appreciated by the kids, who have had fun while learning to train at the next level from club training. In his notice of retirement David said that he would like to focus on training for some masters judo. I wish him success on the competition mat, and good luck to his opponents, because they're going to need it!

School Leagues

In case you were wondering, the School Leagues Programme is chuffing along very nicely. At this stage the goal is to raise awareness of judo in schools. This is being achieved, with the results of the JVI tournaments being sent to our schools after each tournament. We have some twenty-two leagues set up now. The competition in each league varies, with location playing a big part. There is quite a difference between some of the country leagues and some of the metropolitan leagues.

After just two rounds of the JVI Schools Championship, it has been interesting to see certain schools emerge as strong schools. Some are strong because they happen to have students who train at more than one JVI club. Valkstone Primary School for example, has almost doubled the score of the next school, because it has members who train at either Taketani Judo Academy or at Judokan.

These emerging schools are obviously prime places for JVI to establish working school clubs. The kids at Valkstone for example, would be in a good position to start practising one or two nights at school, supervised by a teacher, or ideally coached by a JVI instructor. Practice need not be long and should have no randori – basically fitness uchikomi and technique study sessions. However they should be able to entice their friends to try judo at school. Those friends could then take the next step and go to their local JVI club, enrol there and start training to represent Valkstone in competition.

At the moment, the Schools Programme is achieving its first aim of raising awareness of judo in schools. The next stage will be educating schools and PE teachers. We will soon need instructors of minimum shodan level to go into schools and either run judo courses for the kids (short, medium or long term) or run Professional Development courses for PE teachers, introducing them to basic judo.

If you have the time available, please consider doing some promotional coaching work in your local schools soon, and contact Doug Noack if you are interested in helping JVI take the next step.

Finally...

Finally, before I finish this newsletter, I can't help but ponder the standings in the School and Club Championship. The Club Championship in particular is very interesting, even more interesting than the AFL Ladder (partly because I'm a Tigers fan and I know we'll finish ninth). At the least tournament the Taketani crew made a huge statement. If the other clubs are going to be competitive, they're going to need to field full teams. Quite a few winners from the first tournament were missing from the May tournament – I think the action in July could provide some real fireworks! Remember, the key to winning the Club Championship is getting your kids on the mat and earning those 2 participation points – the rest is a bonus! Good luck to all the teams on July 23!



JVI SCHOOLS LEAGUE SUMMARY ROUND 2

STATE TOP 10

School	Region	Points
1 Valkstone Primary School	South East	52
2 Kardinia International College Junior School	South West	27
3 Lalor East Primary School	North West	23
4 St Paul's Anglican Grammar School (Traralgon)	South East	22
5 Gardenvale Primary School	South East	22
6 Mill Park Primary School	North West	16
7 Caulfield South Primary School	South East	16
8 Lyndhurst Primary School	South East	13
9 St Monica's College	North West	13
10 Derrimut Primary School	South West	12

REGIONAL TOP 5

South West Region

1. Kardinia International College (JS)
2. Derrimut Primary School
3. Williamstown High School
4. St Albans Meadows Primary School
5. Footscray West Primary School

North East Region

1. Collingwood English Language School
2. Presbyterian Ladies College
3. Canterbury Primary School
4. Templestowe College
5. Camberwell High School

North West Region

1. Lalor East Primary School
2. Mill Park Primary School
3. St Monica's College
4. Laurimar Primary School
5. Essendon Primary School

South East Region

1. Valkstone Primary School
2. Gardenvale Primary School
3. St Paul's Anglican Grammar School
4. Caulfield South Primary School
5. Lyndhurst Primary School



JVI MAY 7 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

STATE TOP TEN

Club	19/3	7/5	23/7	27/8	24/9	VIC	TOT
1 Taketani Judo Academy	65	105					170
2 IJUDO	78	90					168
3 Resilience	75	81					156
4 Western Judo	39	42					81
5 Senshi	38	42					80
6 Bentleigh & Southern	40	39					79
7 Kardinia	37	39					76
8 Judo Bendigo	68	4					72
9 Hawthorn / Lilydale	34	32					66
10 Judokan	29	33					62

REGIONAL RESULTS

SOUTH WEST REGION

Club	19/3	7/5	23/7	27/8	24/9	VIC	TOT
1 Resilience	75	81					156
2 Western Judo	39	42					81
3 Kardinia	37	39					76
4 Martial Spirit	10	8					18
5 Geelong YMCA	11	6					17
6 Grampians	8	x					8
7 Aspire	5	1					6

NORTH WEST REGION

Club	19/3	7/5	23/7	27/8	24/9	VIC	TOT
1 IJUDO	78	90					168
2 Senshi	38	42					80
3 Judo Bendigo	68	4					72
4 Preston	29	18					47
5 Yarra Judo	11	9					20

6 Diamond Valley	9	5					14
7 Judo Club Victory	x	4					4

NORTH EAST REGION

Club	19/3	7/5	23/7	27/8	24/9	VIC	TOT
1 Taketani Judo Academy	65	105					170
2 Hawthorn / Lilydale	34	32					66
3 Shinojimakai	14	5					19
4 Balwyn	8	8					16
5 Noble Soul	6	7					13
6 Waverley	4	x					4
7 Dando Sports Academy	1	1					2

SOUTH EAST REGION

Club	19/3	7/5	23/7	27/8	24/9	VIC	TOT
1 Bentleigh & Southern	40	39					79
2 Judokan	29	33					62
3 Traralgon	8	44					52
4 AUSJUDO	13	25					38
5 Kyu Shin	18	3					21
6 Mornington	13	8					21
7 Caulfield	6	8					14
8 Endeavour Hills	6	5					11
9 Sang Rok	1	x					1

INTER-REGIONAL RESULTS

REGION	TOT
1 NORTH WEST REGION	405
2 SOUTH WEST REGION	362
3 SOUTH EAST REGION	299
4 NORTH EAST REGION	290