



JVI NEWS MARCH 2017

March Tournament now only weeks away!!

With the first tournament just a few weeks away, this newsletter will focus upon a few important checklist items that need to be crossed off before we launch our Championship Season.

Firstly, thanks to IJudo for hosting an Inter-Club Tournament last weekend. These small friendly tournaments are a great way for kids to get some tournament experience before competing for Championship points. They are also of course a great way for club seniors and parents to learn about refereeing and tournament management.

Volunteers

A reminder that each club is requested to provide at least one, preferably two volunteers to help run the tournament. Needless to say, if you can provide more volunteers, feel free to do so! If the Tournament Committee have a big pool of volunteers with which to work, it can roster people in such a way that each volunteer is asked to work for only a short time. If the volunteer pool is small, our volunteers become stressed and over-worked, which isn't a great formula for running a successful competition! Please ensure that your club makes its contribution to the running of the tournament.

As an incentive, all volunteers who register prior to the tournament with Sandy Hollingsworth via e-mail, will earn one point for their club in the Club Championship. (Competitor participation equals 2 points in 2017). In addition, volunteers aiming for 1st kyu or dan grades will be able to earn service points towards their next grading in 2017.

Online entries

ALL entries MUST be completed online, ***prior to the day of the tournament***. PLEASE ensure that your members are aware that they must register by the deadline, as NO entries will be accepted on the day for any reason.

Also, competitors are asked to **write down their weight as accurately** as they can when registering online. This will enable the draw to be completed to 90% accuracy prior to the day of the tournament. Competitors will then be required to do a Weight Check on the day of the tournament.

Competitors whose weight has changed will be put into an appropriate group. However, completing most of the draw before the day of the tournament will be an invaluable aid in running the tournament in a timely fashion.

One other point about the draw: For the juniors in particular, every effort will be made to ensure that the kids get as many bouts as we can arrange.

Correct Schools

The list of schools sent out in the last newsletter will inevitably have inaccurate information on it. Year 7 students in 2017 will very likely have their Primary School from last year listed. Can you please check the schools of your students? An e-mail to the Registrar, either a bulk email from you (which

would be much easier for the Registrar) or at least an e-mail from the parents, will help us get the lists sorted properly.

We need to get as much done as we can before the tournament on the 19th March – your help in this will be very much appreciated. We will also be checking schools lists on the day of the tournament, but the fewer schools we need to check then the better.

Results Managers

We still need three Regional Results Managers to step forward and assist myself (Douggie) with recording the Schools results. These people will be absolutely key to making the system work – if you can find someone in your club who likes working with computers and working with numbers (eg an accountant), please nudge them and suggest they might like to be a Regional Results Manager. If you find someone, please e-mail me at d.noack@kardinia.vic.edu.au.

Referees

Please encourage your club seniors to do some refereeing!! We need more referees, particularly to help referee the four u/9 tournament mats. This makes an enormous difference to the length of the day. Referees are supplied with an official t-shirt to wear, and receive support from a mentoring referee on the side. Referees are also paid a token remuneration – please encourage your members to get, in effect, reimbursed for their competition!

Set up

It's so much easier to start a tournament when the equipment has been set up the night before! It's also much easier to set up in peace and quiet, without crowds of impatient parents and kids hanging around! Please encourage your club to come and set up the equipment the night before the tournament. JVI will express its gratitude with cold hard cash (or at least a cheque from Pat) for your club's efforts. You could easily recover enough cash to cover the entry fees of your members!! Please contact Sandy to put your hand up for this PAID volunteer job!

Banners

The Club Banners are now being processed. If you have previously supplied JVI with a Club Logo in the correct file format (don't ask me what it is, some vector thingy or other), you will receive a club banner to display at your club and to bring to tournaments.

With luck the banners will be available to present to you at the tournament, however this may not be possible. If not, rest assured they will be delivered to you as soon as can be done. Our supplier, the good Ian Wallis, does a wonderful job for us, but we must remember that he also has a business to run!!

BBQ

Your club can run a bbq at the JVI tournaments and make a little extra cash!! Why not e-mail or ring Sandy Hollingsworth for information concerning this great little money maker? Oh, and service provider for JVI!!