

JVI NEWS #4 – PRE MAY TOURNAMENT 2017

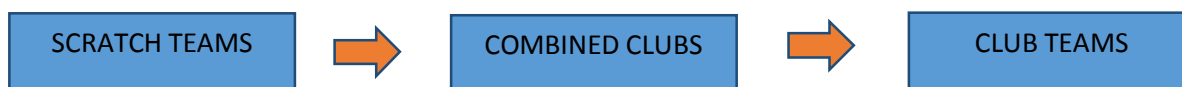
May see some teams in May!!

If you have ever been involved in a team judo tournament, you know that there is much more atmosphere and fun than at an individual tournament. One of our goals over the next five years is not only to bring back team tournaments, but to make them an ongoing feature of JVI tournaments in the future.



3 Stages

The main reason that there have been no JVI team tournaments for a long time, is that very few if any clubs have had the numbers to be able to make up teams. Our aim is to build up clubs to the point where they can once again put forth their own teams. This will be a 3 stage process, starting with scratch teams i.e. teams made up from different clubs and assigned an arbitrary name eg :”Red Team”. The second stage will be to have combined club teams eg Aspire / Kardinia / YMCA team. The final stage will be reached when most clubs can enter teams made up only of their own members.



For now, please encourage your members to take the Scratch Team format as a fun part of a tournament. Ribbons or certificates will be awarded for team results, but only individual results, which will also be recorded, will count towards the School League and Club Championship Ladders.

Running a team tournament is a little trickier than running an individual one. That is why JVI will start small, and take baby steps in learning how to do the job right. So at the May tournament, only the u/9 division will run as a team tournament. At the following tournament, after reviewing the processes and if we feel ready, we may then extend the team format to the u/12's.

In order to be able to record Individual as well as Team results, teams will be formed out of all the entered competitors, and the tournament will then be run in a round robin format.

If we get the right amount of competitors entered, we will be able to make full teams. Eg: if there are 42 competitors, there could be either six teams of 7 competitors, or seven teams of 6 competitors. We are more likely however to get an odd number, so it is likely that there will be one incomplete team at the tournament. In fact, there could even be a team of 1 competitor!!

This is not as dramatic as it may appear. That sole person will still get their participation ribbon or certificate, and will still compete against everyone in their weight group. I.e. they can still win the medal and points for the Club and School League championships.

It will be very helpful if you could educate your competitors and table volunteers on the following points:

- On the day, once your competitors have been put in a team, eg “Red Team”, they simply cannot wander away. Red Team sticks together until the end of the medal presentation.
- To help Red Team stay together, follow instructions, line up in the right order, be where they are supposed to be etc, we will need a club senior or adult looking after them. **Please encourage a member of your club to volunteer for this vital role.**
- Each Red Team member will have an allocated **Player Number**, based on weight. Each member will receive a card with a number on it, eg “**Player One**”. They must not lose these cards.
- Before each bout, the competitors must give their Player Number card to the referee. This will ensure that *Player 1 is versing Player 1*. Player 1 Red cannot be allowed to verse Player 2 Blue by mistake. **THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECORD ACCURATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.**
- At the end of the tournament, the person in charge of each team must collect the Player Number cards and return them to the officials.

If we get plenty of volunteers to help keep the team tournament orderly and smooth, we should be able to put an extra layer of value for money for the competitors, not to mention help our young judoka make new friends in judo.



Volunteers

Thanks to those people who advised me of volunteers whom I had missed prior to the last tournament. Their names were added to the list of volunteers, and the points earned for their clubs were added. It would be helpful if you could e-mail the names of volunteers from your club to Sandy Hollingsworth prior to the May tournament, so we can ensure that their contribution is rewarded with points for your club.

Results Managers

Still looking for Results Managers to come and sit by me at the tournaments, and help ensure that I get the results correct! Not to mention helping to get the job done twice as fast! Anyone with a computer can help – please e-mail me to find out more: d.noack@kardinia.vic.edu.au

Referees

It was great to see some new referees judging contests on last tournament! Taira Tajiri, Daniel Arzhintar and Clancy Freemantle all earned points, some cash and invaluable experience by doing some refereeing of the junior bouts, under the watchful eyes of Chris Legaud and Stan Ashley. I'm sure that all three boys gained a fresh appreciation of contest judo from the experience too. Please encourage your club seniors to referee at the next tournament.

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!

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?