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## Globetrotting Judoka visits the JMJC



The JMJC welcomed the Globetrotting Judoka and hosted him April 7-10, 2017. Morgan Girardeau has been on a Judo World Tour that has so far spanned 34 countries visiting over 150 dojos. Morgan has been on this tour for almost 2 years. You can follow him by liking his Facebook page, Judo World Tour - The Globetrotting Judoka.



## **Jason Morris Honored at NY Open**

*New York, NY* - A USA Judo and New York Athletic Club (NYAC) legend, **Jason Morris** received the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" on March 26, 2017 at the historic NYAC. Morris was on hand at the historic club to coach the USA Men's team at the 34th NY Open when, during a break in the action, he was surprised with the ceremony to celebrate his phenomenal achievements in the sport of judo. 2017 also represents the 25th anniversary of Morris' Olympic glory in Barcelona as well as his father's Bernie's untimely death, 9 days following Jason's victory.



Jason receives the award from long time NYAC Judo Chairman, Kevin Earls along with his wife Teri and twins, Dani (left) and Randi

2012), **Jimmy Pedro** (Bronze, 1996 & 2004), **Ronda Rousey** (Bronze, 2008) and **Travis Stevens** (Silver, 2016).

Morris also founded the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) in Glenville, NY, which has become one of the top programs in the country. In fact, JMJC developed Stevens for his first Olympic appearance in 2008, as well as Rousey in her early years, long before she found fame in MMA.

The JMJC boasts more good news on the day with the results of the USA men's and women's teams, as they both took silver medals, including terrific performances from JMJC/NYAC athletes **Brad Bolen**, **Quentin Cook** and **Hannah Martin**, as well as former JMJC prodigy **Jack Hatton**.

The men reached the final for the first time since the NY Open became a team event seven years ago.

"I am extremely honored and proud to receive this award from this institution (NYAC) which I hold in such high regard," Morris said after the ceremony. "It was an extra bonus that my wife, Teri, my twins, Randi & Dani and my mother (Chris) could be here to share this with me, as well as so many current and former JMJC athletes."

Morris enjoyed one of the all-time great careers for USA Judo, which included winning a silver medal at the Olympics, being a 4x Olympian (1988, 1992, 1996 & 2000), winning a bronze medal at the world championships along with being the head coach of the Olympic Judo team in 2008. His NYAC accolades already included becoming the first judoka inducted in its Hall of Fame, being named as its best overall athlete in 1993 and winning the NYAC's first Olympic judo medal in 1992. Morris' success was an integral part of raising the NYAC judo budget, so future stars could receive more funding, including Olympic medalists Kavla Harrison (Gold, 2012 & 2016), Marti Malloy (Bronze,



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One of the highlights of the event was a demo put on by Japanese judo players who work for a sake company and call themselves the sakemen. They included the cute 7-year-old Morris twins in their demonstration, to the delight of the sellout crowd.

#### Photos by Lou Digesare/realjudo.net



Hannah Martin (red pants) attacks her Israeli opponent

# UMUC Excel in PA

Philadelphia, PA - Athletes from the Glenville, NY based Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) won a total of 11 medals including seven gold at the 30th annual, Liberty Bell Judo Classic, Saturday, April 1, 2017. Burnt Hills High School Sophomore, **Tyler Michaelson** (15) won double gold winning the Cadet (under18) 60kg division as well as the 60kg senior novice category. Burnt Hills Senior, **Ruslan Izerkin** (17) was also a double medalist, winning a gold in the under21 73kg weight class then picked up a bronze in the men's elite 73kg division. JMJC/NYAC veteran, **Brad Bolen** was sharp all day claiming the 73kg elite men's category and collect the \$750 prize for his efforts. **Nate Keeve** (21) easily took a gold in the 100kg division while **Alexa Silao** (14) continued her rise as she won the women's elite 48kg category. Scotia High School Freshman, **Serenity Presti** (14) fought well again winning a gold in the Cadet (under18) 70g weight class. The newest member of the JMJC competition team, **Nate Torres** (17) made it all the way to the final to take a silver medal in the 81kg under21 category while **Ari Berliner** (18) won a bronze in the men's elite 66kg division. **Zach Judy** (23) picked up a bronze in the men's elite 60kg division to close out the JMJC medal count.



Photo: Second from left, JMJC's Izerkin & on top of the podium is JMJC's Brad Bolen



Glenville, NY - Over 50 athletes from all over the Northeast attended the 21st JMJC Open developmental event hosted by the Jason Morris Judo Center April 22, 2017. The event is geared toward developing athletes by getting them more matches in a relaxed fun environment to feel comfortable competing. This addition featured some of JMJC's top local athletes including, **Brad Bolen** (NYAC), Burnt Hills High school senior, **Quentin Cook (18)**, and Pan Am Championship bound, **Hannah Martin** (NYAC) & **Nicole Stout (19)** This event is the brainchild of USA Judo legends, Teri Takemori and 4x Olympian & NYAC Hall of Famer, Jason Morris.

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Maddie executes a harai-goshi



Maddie (white) v. Dylan (blue)



Nicole Stout (white)





Kell Berliner (white)



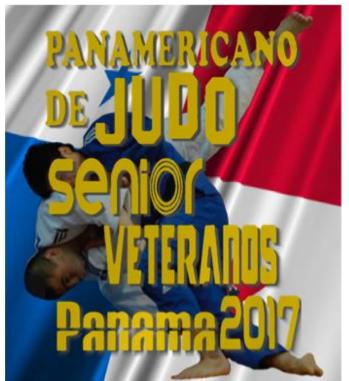
Randi (blue) v. Henry (white)



Julian (white) v. Joe (blue)

# **Martin & Turner Win Bronze**

*Panama City, Panama* - Burnt Hills High School Graduate, **Hannah Martin** (28) and **Alex Turner** (24) from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville turned in the performances of their career to date as they both



won bronze medals at the Pan Am Judo Championships, April 28, 2017. Martin only lost an overtime thriller to Yanka Pascolino (Brazil) in the semis. Martin then defeated former 2x Pan Am Champ, Maricet Espinosa (Cuba) in a crazy crowd-pleasing bronze medal bout which included multiple scores with a lot of action. This result moved Hannah's 63kg world ranking all the way up to #27 from #42. Martin adds this to her bronze in 2013 in her fifth Pan Ams.

Turner went 3-1 on the day in his maiden trip to the Pan Ams with his only loss coming in the semis losing to Eduardo Araujo (Mexico). Like Martin, Turner lost an overtime thriller. Turner jumps up a whopping 29 slots in 73kg on the world ranking list up to a career high #35. Both Martin and Turner also represent the New York Athletic Club. "This was a tremendous performance by the kids" Commented Coach, **Jason Morris**. "Alex and Hannah put in so much effort in the dojo and it's showing on the field" 4x Olympian, Morris continued. The JMJC has now won 16 total medals at the Pan Am Championships in its 16-year history.







Brad Bolen with his 5 GOLD National Championship Medals



Fighting Films sponsored athletes, Alex Turner & Brad Bolen with their medals

### **Berliner & Bolen Claim National Titles**



Salt Lake City, Utah - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) had a stellar day at the US Sr. Nationals, April 29, 2017 winning six medals including three gold. Brad Bolen (28) and Kell Berliner (23) led the way both taking titles in their respective divisions. Bolen went 4-0 in 73kg on his way to claiming his 4th

straight National title and 5th overall, tying **Carrie Chandler** for the most for a JMJC athlete in its 16-year history. Bolen also ties Chandler's mark of eight total medals at the Nationals for the JMJC. Berliner earned his first National crown going 4-0 at 81kg becoming the first one in his family to do so. Kell's father, Gary, was a National contender during the early 80's taking four (3 Silver) overall medals but never gold. Gary and Kell exchanged a touching father/son embrace directly after Kell's victory. Burnt Hills High School Senior, **Quentin Cook (18)** took his second straight National silver medal at 66kg losing again in the final to Cole Chandler (19) from Hawaii. Cook was leading the bout 2-1 in scores when he was called for an illegal head dive and disqualified with about 30 seconds left. Chandler defeated Cook in last year's final as well. Bolen and Cook also represent the NYAC. **Pete Stanley (32)** was a double medalist on the day, first winning a gold in the Masters (30-34yrs.) +100kg division then picked up a bronze in the Open weight category. **Nate Keeve (22)** made it all the way to the final of 100kg before losing to John Jayne and settling for silver. Nate is the son of 2x Olympian Damon Keeve. Damon was a 2x teammate of JMJC head coach Jason Morris as they both were on the 1992 & 1996 team together.

While this group was doing battle in Salt Lake City, the Pan Am Championships in Panama City were on its second day where JMJC **Nicole Stout (20)** competed. Stout dropped her first 70kg match to Maria Carla Chirila (Canada) and was eliminated from her first Pan Ams. Yesterday on Day 1 of the Pan Ams, **Hannah Martin** and **Alex Turner** took bronzes. "This was a terrific weekend all around for

the JMJC" Coach and 4x Olympian, Jason Morris commented. "Even the Boston Celtics won this weekend, closing out the Bulls in six" Morris wryly continued as he is an avid Celtics fan. The JMJC now boasts 114 total National medalist including 34 champions. A special shout out to the JMJC coaching team in Utah which included, **Jim Branson**, **Dave Faulkner** and **Stuart Ramos** 



Photo L to R:

Quentin Cook, Ari Berliner, Zach Judy, Pete Stanley, Alexa Silao, Stu Ramos, Brad Bolen, Nate Keeve, Kell
Berliner, Leah Fisher, Kaleb Muckerman



Kell Berliner & Quentin Cook show off their national medals



Kusakura sponsored athletes, Quentin Cook & Hannah Martin

# JMJC Win 14 Medals

# ocean state

providence, rhode island
may 20th, 2017

Providence, RI - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) in Glenville, NY excelled over the weekend winning a total of 13 medals at the Ocean State International Judo tournament held at the Providence Career Technical Center on May 20<sup>th</sup>. **Kell Berliner (23)** led

the way for the JMJC earning the "Most Outstanding" player by winning the 81kg title which included a final upset win over former JMJC athlete and US #1, Jack Hatton. Berliner received \$250 for his gold medal performance. Burnt Hills High School Senior, Quentin Cook (18) also collected the \$250 prize money winning the 66kg division going 4-0 on the day. JMJC newcomer. Nicole Stout (20), picked up a gold in the 78kg women's elite category in her debut with the club. Julia Gould (17) was a double medalist winning gold in the 63kg under21 division then added a silver in the women's elite 63kg weight class. Julian Crisostomo (13) easily captured a gold in the 13-14yrs. 40kg division. Alexa Silao (15) was a double medalist also winning a silver medal in both the 48kg under21 and 48kg women's elite divisions. Burnt Hills High Senior, Ruslan Izerkin (17) continued to improve looking very sharp winning a gold in the 73kg under21 division. Burnt Hills High Senior, Mitch Paltiel (17) reached the podium and took a silver in

the 81kg under 21 category. Will Chery (19) fought well and took a silver in the 90kg under 21 category posting a 3-1 record. Scotia High Freshman, Serenity Presti (14) took silver in the 70kg under 21 division while Burnt Hills High Sophomore, Tyler Michaelson (15) also won a silver in the 66kg under 21 category. Burnt Hills High Freshman, Alexa Michaelson (14) pick up a Bronze in the 57kg under 21 division to close out the JMJC medal count at the Ocean States. While her teammates were in Rhode Island, JMJC/NYAC athlete, Hannah Martin competed on the IJF tour losing a tough 63kg OT battle in her first bout to Diana Dzhigaros (Russia) and was eliminated at the Grand Slam in Ekaterinburg, Russia. Martin's world ranking remains at #25.



# JMJC Win 11 Medals at Am Cans



Buffalo, NY - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY won 11 medals over the holiday weekend including 9 gold at the 45th Annual Am Can International Judo Challenge. Burnt Hills High School Freshman, Alexa Michaelson (14) led the way winning gold medals in the 13-14yrs.

57kg weight class and the 15-16yrs. 57kg division. Alexa's brother, Burnt Hills High Sophomore, **Tyler** was also a double medalist winning a gold in the 66kg



under18 category and then picked up a silver in the 66kg under21 division. **Nate Torres** turned his best performance to date winning a gold medal in the 81kg under21 category then captured a silver in the senior men's brown belt 81kg weight class. Burnt Hills High Senior, **Quentin Cook (18)** dominated the men's 66kg division going 4-0 to claim the title. Cook's classmate, Burnt Hills Senior, **Ruslan Izerkin (17)** also took a gold in the 73kg under21 category. **Nicole Stout** continued to improve as she went 4-0 to capture a gold in the women's 78kg weight class. **Serenity Presti (14)** also took a gold in the 70kg under18 division while **Will Chery (19)** closed out the JMJC medal count by winning a gold in the men's 90kg category. Burnt Hills Senior, **Mitch Paltiel (17)** just missed the podium in the men's 81kg division as he placed fifth.



Alexa Michaelson on top of the podium



L to R: back row: Nate Keeve, Alexa Michaelson, Nicole Stout, Willmailer Chery, Tyler Michaelson, Will Chery, Front row: Brad Bolen, Quentin Cook, Steve Bollinger, Ruslan Izerkin



# **Shanahan's Promoted**

2x Olympic (1996 & 2008) trials participant and longtime JMJC member, **Bill Shanahan** was promoted to 6th degree black belt. On the same night Bill's youngest son, **Kiernan** (16) earned his brown belt.

# **Bolen & Cook Win Gold**

Staten Island, NY - **Brad Bolen** (28) and Burt Hills High School Senior, **Quentin Cook** (18) of the Glenville based, Jason Morris Judo Center captured gold medals at the third annual Celita Schutz East Coast Judo Championships, June 11, 2017. Bolen posted a 3-0 mark to win the 73kg men's elite category and Cook won the 66kg men's elite title also with a 3-0 mark.



Interesting tidbit: 3X
Olympian, Celita Schutz is
Olympian, Celita Schutz is
also a graphic designer and
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made her own tournament
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made her own tournament
that
logo. The drawing of her
throw is from a photo that
JMJC's Lou DiGesare took of
Celita at the 1999 World
Loudo Championships.
Judo Championships.



Congratulations to JMJC Alum, Vicbart
Geraldino (far right in photo) for being elected
to the Naco Athletic Club Hall of Fame.
Geraldino is a 2x Olympian for the Dominican
Republic and is the youngest ever to receive this
honor in the club's 60 year history. The Naco
Club is similar to the New York Athletic Club in
Manhattan.



Warren Harris and Jason's Mother, Chris Morris



Randi Morris, Warren Harris, Dani Morris

The JMJC was treated to a visit from Jason Morris' first Judo coach, **Warren Harris**. Harris had a program at the Parkside YMCA which is now called the Greater Glenville YMCA that Jason joined all the way back in the fall of 1975. Harris now makes his home in Germany.



Chuck Dalessio, Jason Morris, Warren Harris

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Back Row: L to R: Brad Bolen, Nate Torres, Dan Masucci



JMJC's Randi (left) & Dani Morris point at their daddy, Jason's poster made out to their school.

# JMJC Outreach

**JMJC's** Brad Bolen, Dan Masucci & Nate Torres lend a hand at the career awareness jamboree at the Charlton Heights elementary school on May 18, 2017





# JMJC Celebrity Fan Club

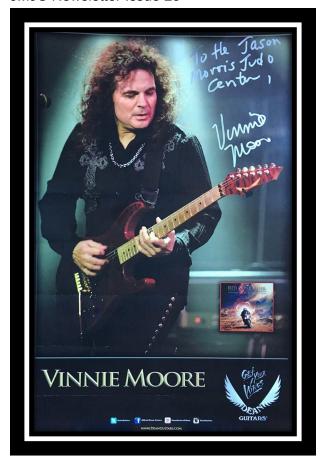


Snorth Broken

A big JMJC thank you to the legendary comedy team, the **Smothers Brothers** for the autographed photos. They are **Thomas** and **Richard** who are singers, & musicians as well as comedians. The brothers' trademark double act was performing folk songs (Tommy on acoustic guitar, Dick on string bass), which usually led to arguments between the siblings. Tommy's signature line was, "Mom always liked you best!" Tommy (the elder of the two) acted "slow", and Dick, the straight man, acted "superior". In the 1960s, the brothers frequently appeared on television variety shows and issued several popular record albums of their stage performances. Their own television variety show, The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, became one of the most controversial American TV programs of the Vietnam War era. Despite popular success, the brothers' penchant for material that was critical of the political mainstream and sympathetic to the emerging counterculture led to their firing by the CBS network in 1969. One show was left unaired. The brothers continued to work, both independently and as a team, on stage and television, and in films during subsequent decades.



To The Jason Morris Judo Center

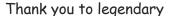


Vinnie Moore, currently of the legendary rock band, UFO gives the JMJC a shout out. Moore is one of the most influential and important guitarists to emerge from the virtuoso boom in the mid to late eighties. Moore played lead guitar with the heavy metal band Vicious Rumors on their debut album, Soldiers of the Night (1985). The album features Moore's solo-song "Invader", which was in the style of Van Halen's "Eruption". The shred guitar craze of the late eighties led to more releases for Shrapnel.[citation needed] Moore also began performing with other hard rock and heavy metal bands.

Moore joined Alice
Cooper's band for a tour
and then appeared on the
"Hey Stoopid" (1991)
album. Moore has been the
lead guitarist for UFO since
June 2003, releasing his
first studio album with them
"You Are Here" the
following year in 2004. This
has been followed by The
"Monkey Puzzle" (2006),
"The Visitor" (2009), "Seven

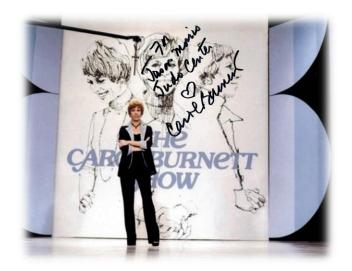


Deadly" (2012) and "A Conspiracy of Stars" (2015).



Comedienne, Carol Burnett for sending the JMJC these fantastic photos! Burnett, who is also a singer and writer, whose career spans six decades of television. She is best known for her long-running TV variety show, The Carol Burnett Show, originally aired on CBS. She has achieved success on stage, television and film in varying genres including dramatic and comedy roles. She also has appeared on various talk shows and as a panelist on game shows. In the group photo, Burnett is pictured with her Carol Burnett show cast, Tim

Conway (left), Vicki Lawrence and Harvey Korman.





Legendary Actor, Robert Wagner and his wife, Jill St. John who is also an actor, gives the JMJC a shout out. Wagner best known for starring in the television shows <u>It Takes a Thief</u> (1968–70), <u>Switch</u> (1975–78), and <u>Hart to Hart</u> (1979–84). He also had a recurring role as Teddy Leopold on the TV sitcom <u>Two and a Half Men</u> and has a recurring role as Anthony DiNozzo Sr. on the police procedural <u>NCIS</u>.

In movies, Wagner is known for his role as <u>Number</u>
<u>Two</u> in the <u>Austin Powers</u> trilogy of films (1997, 1999, 2002), as well as for <u>A Kiss Before Dying</u>, <u>The Pink</u>
<u>Panther</u>, <u>Harper</u>, <u>The Towering Inferno</u> and many more.

Jill St. John is perhaps best known for her role as Bond girl Tiffany Case in Diamonds Are Forever (1971).





#### **NEWS**

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Berliner leads

way for JMJC

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Kell Berliner of Glenville's Jason Morris Judo Center was named the most outstanding player of the Ocean State International Judo Tournament after winning the 81kg division title over the weekend.

Berliner beat former JMJC member Jack Hatton in the final.

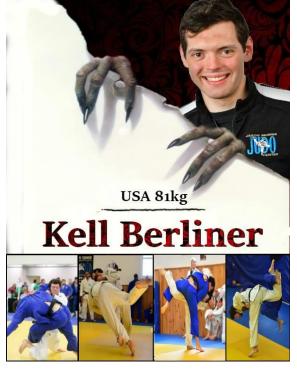
Also earning gold medals were Quentin Cook in the 66kg division, Nicole Stout in the 78kg women's elite category, Julia Gould in the 63kg under-21 division and Ruslan Izerkin in the 73kg under-21 division.

Gould won silver in the 63kg elite division. Also getting silvers were Alexa Silao in the 48kg under-21 and women's elite divisions, Mitch Paltiel 81kg under-21 category, Will Chery in the 90kg under-21 division, Serenity Presti in the 70kg under-21 division and Tyler Michaelson in the 66kg under-21 category.

Alexa Michaelson won bronze in the 57kg under-21 division.

# JMJC in the News







JMJC's Jason Morris, Hannah Martin & Nick Kossor made the "wall of fame" at the Montgomery Judo Club in Alabama run by Louis Anthony

# Check out the \*\*NEW\*\* Jason Morris Judo Center's hooded team sweats! Inquire within the JMJC for prices and sizes









## **Dedication Event**

Glenville, NY - The town of Glenville has decided to honor it's hometown hero, Jason Morris by naming a road after him. The entrance street to Indian Meadows Park will be named, Jason Morris Way. The dedication event will be held at the Indian Meadows park at the baseball pavilion on **Saturday**, **July 15**, **2017** from 12noon-4pm. The event will feature the street sign and kiosk unveiling as well as remarks from MC, Rodger Wyland from Ch. 13 along with town dignitaries. After that unveiling there with be a meet and greet with Jason as well an autograph session followed by a special performance by long time JMJC friend, Dan Wos with his band the Dan Wos Project. Wos will be joined on stage by a very special guest, Johnny Gioeli, from the rock band Hardline. Gioeli is one of the JMJC's favorite rock singers and he has become a fan of the JMJC as well

and agreed to attend and sing at the event.

# **ALL ARE INVITED!!!**















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# **2017 Schedule of Events**

- June 16-17: Junior Olympics -Spokane, Washington
- June 16-17: Cancun Grand Prix Cancun, Mexico
- June 30- July 2: Hothot Grand Prix Hothot, China
- July 6-9: JA/JF Jr. National Championships West Palm Beach, FL
- July 8-9: Asian Open Taipei, Taiwan
- July 15: Jason Morris Way Glenville, NY
- Aug. 9-13: Cadet World Championships -Santiago, Chile
- Aug. 28: September 3: Senior World Championships *Budapest*, *Hungary*
- Sept. 22-24: Zagreb Grand Prix Zagreb, Croatia
- Sept. 29 -1: Tashkent Grand Prix Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Oct. 8: Morris Cup XVI Burnt Hills, NY
- Oct. 14-15: European Open Belgrade, Serbia
- Oct. 16: Irwin Cohen Memorial Chicago, IL
- Oct. 22: New England Championships Danvers, MA
- Oct. 29: Ken Tamai Memorial Hyattsville, MD
- Nov. 4-5: Quebec Open- Montreal, Canada
- Nov. 11-12: Ontario Open- Ontario, Canada
- Nov. 11: African Open Port Louis, Mauritius
- Dec.1-3: Tokyo Grand Slam Tokyo, Japan



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Dear Friends,

I'm very happy and proud to announce that the Judo Mixed Team Event was selected to be part of the Olympic Games, starting with Tokyo 2020.

The judo family would like to thank to: IOC, ASOIF, the IOC Executive Board, the IOC Program Commission, the IOC Sports Department, the Tokyo 2020 Coordination Commission for the trust and recognition of our sport and its values for society.

The judo community is today proud and happy, and we want to share this honor and respect to our Father Jigoro Kano.

The Judo Mixed Team Event in the Olympic Games is a dream come true for the Judo Family and the fact that we will start in Tokyo, the homeland of our sport makes it all more special.

We would like to thank Japan for all their support and for the chance to have this event for the first time in Tokyo!

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the judoka in the world for their contribution to the development and promotion of our sport and its values worldwide.

I would also like to thank all international media and our sponsors and partners for their big support in the development and promotion of our beautiful sport.

I believe the Mixed Team Event in the Olympics will strongly contribute to the popularity of the Olympic Movement and to the values of the Olympic Games.

Thank you,

Marius L. Vizer IJF President



One extra day of judo following seven days individual action across 14 weight categories, will see teams of three male judoka (-73kg, -90kg +90kg) and three female judoka (-57kg, -70kg, +70kg) join forces to bid to become the inaugural Olympic Judo Team Champions. Athletes will come from the individual competition and the format will be a quarterfinal repechage, with the four (4) best teams seeded. The schedule will see the final block composed of the medal contests only, all taking place on one (1) mat. A minimum of 12 teams will be expected to take part in this exciting format. Each team will be made up of athletes who qualified for the individual competition, taking into consideration their world ranking points for individual Olympic Games qualification.

