

ANNUAL REPORT
PROVINCIAL GRADING BOARD
NLJA AGM – NOVEMBER 22, 2014

Since the last AGM the Provincial Grading Board has conducted two grading sessions.

Four judokas were successfully graded:

- November 10, 2013 – Kevin Kelly was graded to Shodan and George Beckett to Sandan.
- April 6, 2014 – Stephen Patey and Scott Ogilvie were graded to Shodan.

Congratulations to each of the successful candidates.

The Provincial Grading Board will continue the established practice for grading at each of the provincial tournaments in accordance with submitted applications. The PGB through discussions with the National Grading Chair will grade up to Sandan while higher belt gradings will be planned in conjunction with Atlantic gradings as they become scheduled and communicated. All provincial judoka grading applications must be submitted and administered through the PGB within the province they are registered and cannot be submitted to other provincial grading boards outside the province.

The National Grading Board is in the process of establishing a National Kata Committee in the interest of establishing and maintaining kata standards. Sessions and educational materials will be prepared accordingly. Mr. Fred Blaney, Chair of the National Grading Board met with the PGB and conducted a clinic at the recent Judo on the Rock Camp in August. Applicants should also note that kata classes are held at the MUN Judo Club on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Please contact Sensei Maurice Sheppard for further details. Sensei Sheppard is our kata standards lead for the PGB.

While kata is an important part of grading, judoka should not overlook the importance of their general curriculum – gokyō.

Applicants preparing for grading, please note that there are two sets of forms, those for points acquired prior to implementation of the new National Grading Syllabus, January 1, 2013 and the new forms for points acquired after new syllabus implementation.

The syllabus states in article 3.2.1 **“The nominating person who recommends the candidate must ensure that the candidate is eligible for examination. This includes ensuring that the candidate has the required number of valid points and meets all requirements of the syllabus.”**

The PGB welcomes any suggestions for improving its services to or NLJA membership.

Sincerely

Bob Simms – PGB Chair

c.c. Blair Bradbury, Maurice Sheppard – members PGB