



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
JUDO ASSOCIATION

President's Report 2016

This fall marks my second year as president. Including my previous time on the board, it has certainly been the most challenging for both the association and myself. This year's report, along with outlining our accomplishments, will focus on upcoming challenges that we face.

Financially, the NLJA is in a responsible position. Last Season, with the help of the Hanna fund, we continued supporting such things as athletes travel, and NCCP training for coaches. We recently approved to set aside \$5000 along with adding an additional 10% of our registration revenue per year to create a "rainy day" fund. With the end of the Hanna fund, and the provincial government cancelling travel subsidies for sport, we are constantly looking for ways to maximize our budget. We are currently in the process of selling the tatami set of tournament mats with the goal of purchasing an enclosed trailer to store the rollout mats. A move that will see an annual savings of \$4500.

In the aftermath of the Canada Games, we have a moment to reflect on our NCCP programs and qualifications. With a successful grading, Eileen Parsons will become the first level 3 certified female coach in over a decade. On the male side, however, we haven't had a new qualification in almost 20 years. In addition to offering DA/DI courses to every club at no cost, we have appointed Troy Smith as NCCP coordinator. Troy has already taken a proactive approach and arranged a DA course for St. John's in early December.

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing our association is a lack of enthusiastic, unbiased volunteers who truly want to further our group. We need people for a variety of roles. From the board of directors to the committee chairs, to the people who run our tournaments and camps, change can and should be a healthy part of our organization. It encourages growth and new ideas, making our end product more attractive to current and new members. Right now, unfortunately, our pool of people to draw from is dwindling. We need to pursue new avenues like parent volunteers or compensation in order to increase interest in the various positions that run the NLJA.

In closing, I;d like to thank everyone that helped to keep the NLJA running smoothly. Unfortunalty, if we continue with complacency, I fear those people will become burnt out and quit, and the NLJA will be left behind in the sporting community.

Thanks,
Chris Wellon