

# Judo Canada

## President's Newsletter

Dear Fellow Judoka,

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of two key positions in Judo Canada. Danek Nowosielski has been hired as High Performance Director and we welcome back Adrien Landry as Executive Director. Judo Canada can now focus on the present and the future of Judo in Canada.

– Michael Tamura, President



## Danek Nowosielski

Danek has over 25 years of experience in high-performance sport. He was a carded athlete and a member of Canadian Fencing Team from 1984 to 2000. He competed in 3 Olympics (best result 7<sup>th</sup> in 92), 4 Pan-Am Games (1 silver & 4 bronze), 5 FISU Games (silver) and 12 World Championships (top 8 in 94 & 95). After his athletic career he was the High-Performance Director at Fencing Canada from 2000-2010 during which he acquired an extensive knowledge of the Canadian Sport System. During his tenure he led Fencing Canada to a consistent improvement in international performances including the first ever medals at the Senior World Championships (3 medals between 2005-2009) and numerous best ever results at Junior and Senior World Championships and the Olympic Games. He was responsible for the development and implementation of the HP strategic plan, which was recognized by OTP resulting in significantly enhanced funding for Fencing Canada.



## Adrien Landry

Adrien Landry is a graduate from Laurentian University. He has spent most of his professional life working in sports. He has worked for seven years with Judo Canada: five years as Development Coordinator and two as Executive Director. He also worked for over a year as Executive Director for Fencing Canada.

His most recent work experience was in the health system as a Community Health Agent for the Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie.

He is a familiar face in the judo community through his many years of support to domestic competitions. He is really excited to be back with Judo Canada and is looking forward to the new challenges.



Our Mission Statement - As the national sport governing body, Judo Canada promotes, supports and encourages the implementation of principles promoted by the Long Term Athlete Development Model, and supports Canadian success in high performance judo at the World level.

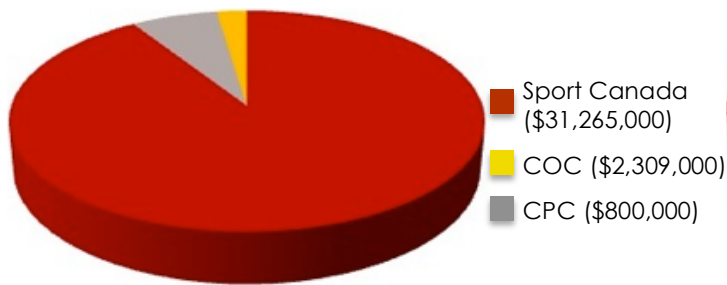


# OTP Board Approves Summer Funding

After 49 reviews were completed with all partners present including Sport Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee and Canadian Sport Institutes, Own the Podium narrowed its targeted sport funding from 19 summer sports to 14 with the ultimate goal of delivering more medals for Canada in 2016 and beyond.

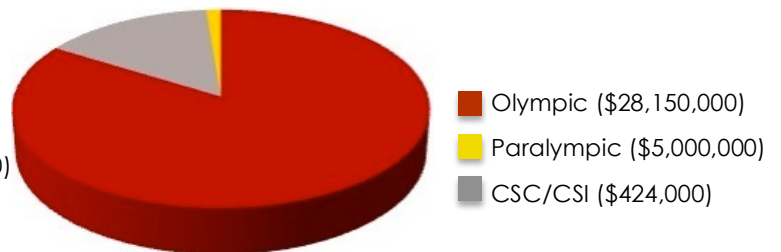
The overall summer 2013-2014 recommendations were:

## Revenue:



## Funding Recommendations:

Combined summer sport NSO ranking recommendations:



Highlights from the reviews and funding recommendations for Olympic sports are below:

1. Recommendations were based on a top-down approach using an evidence based analysis;
2. Investment for sports in Categories one and two focused on podium potential athletes for 2016 and 2020 (78% of funding goes to category one and two athletes);
3. Investment in category one sports grew from five to six, category two funding was reduced from five to three sports, and category three sports dropped from nine to five;
4. Women's rugby was added as a Category 3 sport for Rio;
5. Men's rugby and men's basketball were added as sports in the summer team sport strategy.

OTP and its partners have also identified the critical need to increase the pool of podium potential athletes if Canada is going to improve its performance at the Olympic Summer Games.

OTP recognized that Canada has significant work to do to reverse the performance trend in the Paralympic Games. Many competing nations have significantly improved and strategic shifts are required in order for Canadian athletes to maintain pace with the world's best. As a result, based on the reviews of summer Paralympic sports, OTP has refocused its support to 11 sport groups.

Highlights in the funding envelope for Para-sports includes:

1. Category one sports dropped from five to three;
2. Category two sports grew from five to six;
3. Category three welcomes two new sports in triathlon and canoe.

Own the Podium will work with national sport organizations to integrate sports wherever possible, and provide Paralympic athletes with quality coaching and better daily training environments. OTP will work closely with the Canadian Paralympic Committee and targeted national sport organizations in recruiting and developing the next generation of podium potential athletes with a disability.

Judo according to our High Performance Director has retained its classification as a category 3 sport and received an increase to the OTP from 575k for 2013-2014 from 465k in 2012-2013.

Andrzej Sadej, the Sport Director for Judo Canada, also notes that OTP funding is dedicated financial support to help targeted Canadian Judokas win medals at the World Championships and Olympic games. An increase in OTP funding **does not mean increase in Core Grant money, which covers Referees, Grading and Kata.**

*Nothing changes if nothing changes.  
We will remember our past, embrace the present, and change  
our future.*

## President's Report

- At our last Executive Meeting for Judo Canada, Mr. Roger des Champs accepted the Vice-President Position for the remainder of the term.
- Judo Quebec has appointed Mr. Alexandru Ciupe as Director, Quebec and Nunavut Region.
- The Legal Committee is busy working on the transition to the Federal Not For Profit Corporations Act.
- Sport Canada has reduced the 2013-2014 funding to Judo Canada by \$88,000.00. Judo Canada will be reviewing our priority funding requirements for the association.
- I have asked the PSO's to a videoconference meeting in March/April to discuss the Tournament Circuit, mandatory backpatches for the circuit, changes to the by-laws #17, and the fee plan 2013-2014.
- I will be attending the Edmonton International on April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please email me if you would like to spend some time discussing any issues you may have with Judo Canada. I will try to facilitate as many people as I can within the time I have at the Tournament.
- I attended the PJC Congress with Mr. Daniel De Angelis, Mr. Vincent Grifo (IJF), and Mr. Alexandru Cuipe (IJF). Mr. Paulo Wanderley was re-elected as President of the PJC. I also was able to spend several hours with the President of the IJF, Mr. Vizer, formally and informally.
- I would like to see if we could host a Canada Grand Prix each year. I would open it up to the following cities to see if they can organize a great event for our athletes, referees and for Judo Canada: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax would be acceptable destinations to host this event.
- I am excited for the 2013 National Judo Championships being held in July 2013 at the Richmond Olympic Oval. I will be asking Mr. Vizer, President of the IJF to attend this event to showcase the venue, the great organizing committee and see what a great job we can do for Judo.
- I am hoping to be more involved with the PJC and IJF to ensure that our athletes, referees and Judo Canada have an active voice within each group. It also is a great benefit for us with Sport Canada that we are participants at the highest levels of our sport.
- I am currently reviewing each committee and I will present the people involved with each committee as well as budgets for the 2013-2014 year. Nothing will change until the AGM slated for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Ottawa. At the meeting I will have information to all PSO's. Currently the Board of Directors are involved with making changes to all committees and the financial commitment to the operations of referee, grading, kata and development. Please contact your Regional Director to voice your concerns to the Board of Directors. Our next meeting is March 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 in Montreal.
- Finally, Canada was awarded the 2015 Pan Am Championships. We are hoping to get Federal and Provincial support from the Government of Ontario. If we cannot get support from Ontario, we will have to move the event to Quebec due to generous contribution from the city of Montreal, the Quebec Government and Judo Quebec.

Thank you and I respectfully submit this to you the members of Judo Canada.

Michael Tamura - President