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Goal/Objective of Regional Coordinators:

The goal of these coordinators is to facilitate development of judo on all levels. The regional coordinator, he/she should contact and encourage many clubs and individuals to participate and host events aimed at

increasing participation (via the USJA) in judo.

Possible duties and activities:

1. Soliciting feedback and suggestions from local clubs and judoka:

- Formally and/or informally survey individual and clubs to identify programming that would best address local interests and needs.
- Ask for feedback and ideas.

2. Serving as a resource person for his/her area:

- Forward helpful information to clubs/individuals, such as USJA newsletter and grassroots coaching news.
- Convey information to clubs/instructors and provide support. Answer questions or help them to find answers to their questions.
- Direct clubs/individuals to USJA resources, such as the list of available clinicians, coaching resources and marketing materials.
- Provide sample flyers, forms, “to-do” lists, etc. to assist event hosts.

3. Coordinating USJA Judo events, such as camps, clinics, and exchanges between clubs such as inter dojo workouts in his/her area:

- Encourage many different clubs to host clinics, camps and exchanges on a regular basis.
- Help clubs select and/or contact a clinician.

4. Support hosting clubs with arrangements and logistics: setting fees and schedules, getting sanctions, etc.

- Assist hosting clubs with publicity, including composing a flyer and distributing it through a regional email list.
- Act as a liaison between potential hosts and potential clinicians once an event is scheduled.

5. Functioning as a liaison between his/her region and the national organization:

- Be a point of contact should a USJA clinician anticipate traveling to their area and be available to teach.
- Recommend instructors in their area to be included in the clinicians list.
- Communicate with national officers and national committee chairs as needed.

6. Promoting publicity for USJA and judo:

- Write and/or solicit news items and articles from their area for the [Growing Judo](#) the USJA's online magazine.
- Maintain a contact list (email, address and phone) for clubs and individuals in their area and use this to publicize events.

Attention Club Leaders & Coaches:

If you wish to refer back to a feature article in Growing Judo for valuable information about teaching/coaching judo, please visit the [Growing Judo Page](#) .
