

All Judo Seminar Sunday 19 February 2023 Outputs & Actions

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Judo – 'Integrity of Judo in GB' Sunday 19 February

- Andrew Scoular, CEO British Judo Association and Bernard Richmond, British Judo Council opened the day by welcoming those in attendance. Andy Reed, Founder of SAJE Impact, facilitated the day.
- The purpose of the Seminar was to understand how we assure a safe, fun judo experience for all who participate in Great Britain. Context for the need to be able to monitor all judo activity in Great Britain was highlighted, referencing the recently published Whyte Report. This report is important for ALL sports activity in the country. 'Workforce' (Coaches, Officials, Volunteers) governance is an emerging area of focus. This Seminar will help us understand and improve the structures, processes and systems that exist within it, to make engaging in sport and physical activity safer and more enjoyable for all participants.
- Understanding that all judo activity in the country has an implication on judo's integrity. Therefore, this was an opportunity to understand the risks we currently see, what needs to be in place to minimise them, and how can we equip those beyond the judo family to be able to regulate who delivers judo in their environments.

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- The room then broke out into groups to consider 'Worst case scenario Thinking what could go wrong and how to mitigate'.
- Discussions ranged from on and off the mat, and from physical to emotional wellbeing.
- Our groups considered some specific scenarios, to consider how we would deal with poor behaviours and experiences. This helped us understand the systems we need in place and the support coaches, clubs and volunteers need to maintain.
- Topics mentioned, and discussed by the group: Safeguarding training, robust investigation procedures, sharing of information, coach education, judo family of shared responsibility, safety on and off the mat, understanding what good looks like, best practice, how to call out poor behaviours, understanding diversity and inclusion, training for Officials and Volunteers, parent resources & judo curriculums.
- A key point from the floor: The difference between compliance and culture our aim is for the CULTURE of the judo family to be the best it can be to provide a safe, consistent environment.

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Conclusion

• This is about reducing risks but also much more, creating a culture and standards for the entire Judo family- A judo wide response is needed. (The outside world is judging JUDO - not the various parts and politics that make up its various parts!)

Next Steps

- Circulate and promote the notes
- Create a draft outline of what we agree could possibly make a standard for judo delivery for sign off.
- Once agreed, take our judo standards to external stakeholders, e.g.: UKS/SE, Department for Education, local Government association, Youth Sport Trust, CIMSPA
- Finalise agreement, publish and publicise with all agreed stakeholders and hosts of judo activity

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- Purpose and setting the scene. Whyte Review, CIMSPA Workforce Register work will make us all think and act differently
- The difference between compliance and culture our aim is for the CULTURE of the judo family to be the best it can be to provide a safe environment
- Workforce governance is an emerging area within the sector and the purpose of this phase of the project is to consider, understand and improve the structures, processes and systems that exist within it, to make engaging in sport and physical activity safer and more enjoyable for all participants
- Whyte Review a wake up call for ALL sports
- Worst case scenario Thinking what could go wrong and how to mitigate
- Sexual predators the most obvious. How much do we understand?
- Controlling behaviour is abuse
- Individuals How do we create a community culture of shared responsibility?
- Clubmark v individuals
- Safety on the mat is the most important part of safeguarding

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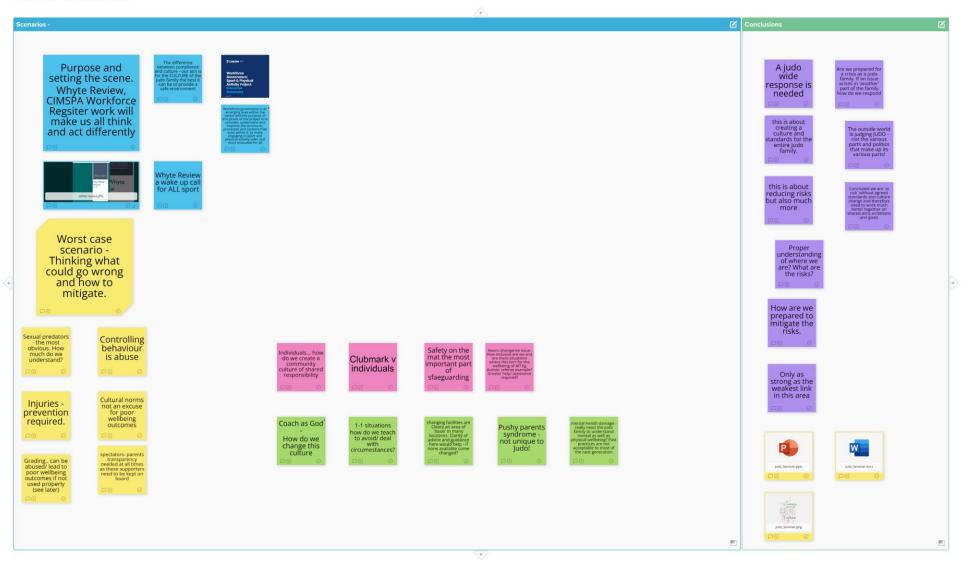
- Neuro divergence issue. How inclusive are we and are there situations where this isn't for the wellbeing of all? Eg: Autistic referee? Greater help/assistance required?
- Injuries prevention required
- Cultural norms not an excuse for poor wellbeing outcomes
- Coach as God How do we change this culture?
- 1-1 situations How do we teach to avoid/deal with circumstances?
- Changing facilities are clearly an area of 'issue' in many locations. Clarity of advice and guidance here would help if none available come changed?
- Pushy parents syndrome Not unique to Judo!
- Mental health damage Really need the Judo family to understand mental as well as physical wellbeing. Past practices are not acceptable to most of the next generation
- Spectators Parents transparency needed at all times as these supporters need to be kept on board
- Grading Can be abused/lead to poor wellbeing outcomes if not used properly

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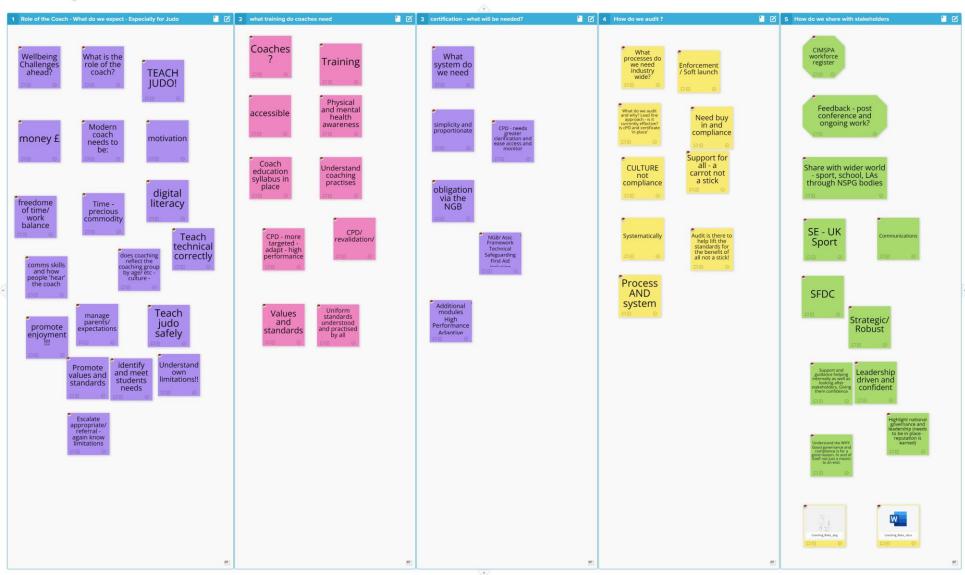


- A judo wide response is needed
- Are we prepared for a crisis as a judo family? If an issue arises in 'another' part of the family how do we respond?
- This is about creating a culture and standards for the entire judo family.
- The outside world is judging JUDO not the various parts and politics that make up its various parts!
- This is about reducing risks but also much more
- Concluded we are 'at risk' without agreed standards and culture change and therefore need to work much better together on shared aims ambitions and goals
- Proper understanding of where we are? What are the risks?
- How are we prepared to mitigate the risks?
- Only as strong as the weakest link in this area

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Coaching Risks



Technical and Curriculum

