

JOHN MALKINSON

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Personal Details

Age: 43½

Practising Judo since: 1981

Current grade: 4th Dan

Club: Medway Park (formerly Rainham) Judo Club

County: Kent

Profession: Associate Professor, University College London



Current Qualifications and Positions

Southern Area Vice-chair

Secretary and Senior Coach, Medway Park JC

UKCC Level 3 Coach & National B Referee

Senior Examiner and Southern Area Senior Examiner Trainer

Kent Male Squads' Manager & Southern Area Male Squads' Manager

Member of Kent County Committee, Southern Area Committee, Southern Area Promotions and Examiners' Sub-committee, Southern Area Kata Sub-committee

Personal Statement

I have been an extremely active member of the Judo community for many years, dedicating my time as a volunteer in many different roles and at all levels from grass-roots club Judo, through county, area, national and international performance Judo. Through coaching at least four evenings a week, training two evenings a week (when my body allows it!) and weekend commitments coaching or officiating, Judo occupies most of my spare time (I attended nearly 60 events in 2018). This has helped me to establish good relationships across the breadth of the Area. I was appointed as the Southern Area Vice-chair in 2018 and would like to seek the support of the Area for appointment as Chair.

I am fully committed to the continued success of the Southern Area and of its members. For many years, the South has been the foremost of the English Areas, largely as a consequence of the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. We are very fortunate to have many highly experienced and eminent men and women that have been – and still are – very prominent in British Judo, and most of us have benefited enormously from their leadership. It is important that the Area does not stand still. It is not enough that we maintain our position as frontrunners; we have to strive to further develop and modernise, engaging a younger generation to push forwards.

If appointed, I hope to work with the Committee to prioritise:

- **Engagement.** Working with Southern Area member clubs more closely to better understand how the Area can support them. Better interaction with County committees. Establish more formal mechanisms to provide opportunities, including financial support, for the development of players, coaches, officials and volunteers. Develop more inter-Area events with our neighbours.
- **Communication.** Overhaul and update the way in which the Area communicates and shares information with member clubs, players and volunteers through better use of email, online resources and social media. Increase the Area's social media presence as this is the means by which most members choose to access information about local

events and competitions. Improve transparency and accessibility of information resources for member clubs on the Southern Area website. Develop a member's area of the website for publishing minutes and reports from meetings, committee contacts, forms (*e.g.* funding applications), *etc.*

- **Modernisation.** More consistent advertising of events on social media. Phasing out of postal entries and cheque payments for courses and events, moving towards universal electronic forms and flexible electronic payment options. Diversify current committee representation to include other stakeholders *e.g.* a young player, a club secretary.
- **Leading Area.** As highlighted above, the Southern Area has been one of the most successful areas, if not the most successful area, by a number of measures for many years. Other areas have closed this gap in recent years. We need to better use our strengths to lead from the front in a sustainable way. Bid to host more national events.

Judo-specific Experience

Further details of my qualifications and experience are listed below.

Club

Senior Coach at Medway Park (formerly Rainham) Judo Club since 2000

Medway Park JC Secretary and Clubmark Coordinator since Feb 2009

One of a team of Club Welfare Officers since Oct 2012

Trustee of Medway Park JC Charitable Incorporated Organisation since Nov 2017

Coaching

Achieved UKCC Level 2 (formerly Club Coach) award in Aug 1994 and UKCC Level 3 (formerly Senior Club Coach) award in Nov 2000

After acting as a support coach for the Kent and Southern Area Squads from the late 1990s, I was appointed as the Kent Male Squads' Manager in Dec 2006 and the Southern Area Male Squads' Manager in Jul 2009

Managed the Southern Area cadet/junior squad to three National Team Championship titles
Joint responsibility with Female Squads' Manager for monthly and quarterly Kent Squad sessions and for oversight of the quarterly Southern Area Squad sessions, hosting of which rotates through the four counties

Regional England Development Squad (REDS) support coach since the inception of the REDS programme in 2018, providing an excellent opportunity to work with Southern Area players and to develop relationships with coaches from neighbouring Areas making up the Southern Region (London, NHC, East, West)

Previous roles include national support coach, Medway Judo Development Group coach and Kent County Schools' Coach and Representative

Track Record

Competed at national/international level until my mid-20s, when a series of injuries stemming hip joint impingement started to limit my activity. Multiple county and area individual and team titles but never placed higher than 5th at British Championships. Former National Schools' champion.

Coached players at every age band spanning minor, pre-cadet, cadet, junior, universities, police, senior and masters categories up to national and international level, including multiple national squad players, national medalists and an EYOF & ECC champion.

Refereeing

First Level 1 Junior Referee award in May 1986 then first senior referee qualification (Area) in Jun 1992; National B Referee since Sep 1996

While not very active, I still referee at Dan gradings, inter-club, county and area events

Examining

First qualified as a Practical Examiner (examining mon and kyu grades under the former competitive scheme) in Jun 1993 then as a Theory Assessor in Jan 1995

Senior Examiner since Jan 2013

Jointly developed the Southern Area Senior Examiner training programme in 2015

Southern Area Senior Examiner Trainer and Assessor since Oct 2015

Kata

Experience in six Kodokan kata and competed in nage-no-kata and kime-no-kata

Kent county lead for kata and member of the Southern Area Kata Sub-committee

Administrative Roles and Committees

Kent County Committee since Dec 2006

Southern Area Committee since Jul 2009

Southern Area Promotions and Examiners Sub-committee since Oct 2015

Southern Area Kata Sub-committee since Sep 2015

Vice-chair of the Southern Area since Jul 2018, including representation of the Area at bi-monthly Judo England meetings

Other Volunteering

BJA Registered DBS Checker since Feb 2016

Competition Organisation

Venue liaison for Medway Park Leisure Centre

Kent International organization committee for over 10 years, with extended role since its relocation to Medway Park in 2015

Southern Area Regional Schools' Championships since 2015

National Team Championships 2017

Southern Area Intercounties 2018

Awards

Medway Coach of the Year 2008

Jack Cook Volunteer Award (Southern Area) 2016

BJA Volunteer of the Year Bronze Award 2016

Other

Medway Sport Academy coach Sep 2009-Jul 2017

Medway 2012 Elite coach

Professional Experience

A number of my roles and responsibilities from my professional life will be beneficial in supporting this role. These include:

- Chairing numerous committees, working groups and panels of the university
- Senior management and administrative responsibility at module, year-of-study and programme level (Master of Pharmacy programme; *ca.* 800 students)
- Extensive experience in applying for funding and evaluating funding applications
- Management of research funding budgets
- Very extensive experience in education and training of undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Staff training, development and mentoring
- Presentation and communication skills, and responsibility for teaching innovation and technology-enhanced learning