

Presidents Report on the 2010 National Championships

Due to the efforts of State Coaches and dedicated players I am very proud to report that Victoria is once again back on top of the National table after the completion of the National Judo Championships 2010.

Queensland was the host for this year's championships, trying out the format of running four competition areas, which allowed the event to be completed over two days.

My impression of this year's Championships was of a generally well run event. Congratulations to all who were involved.

In relation to the Victorians who were involved, I could not be more impressed with the way the team participated individually and the way most of the team rallied behind their fellow Victorians.

There were so many outstanding individual results that I will avoid mentioning them except to state that it was pleasing to see families like the Bensteds and the Coughlans joyous in their talented children's results. Both these families have given much to judo in this State so it was nice to see someone like Jean Coughlan beaming away after her daughter Mauve won her respective National Championship.

Finally I would like to again, add my personal thanks to the Coaches and in particular senior coach Maria Pekli and the Manager Sandy Hollingsworth, for the terrific job they accomplished. This I'm sure added to the terrific results.

Yours in Judo,

Michael Picken

Please see Neville Sharpe's report for a more comprehensive summary.