



October 14, 2016

To All Airdrie Judo Club Members,

Thank you to those who could attend our "Emergency Meeting" and Annual General Meeting last night.

As discussed, the Airdrie Judo Club dojo will be shut down for approximately 2 months for the proper remediation of asbestos located in the boys and girls bathrooms. The asbestos was disturbed when flooding caused by a water line that fills the toilet tank in the boys' bathroom broke on October 6th.

The flooding damage was isolated to our two bathrooms upstairs, and the arena downstairs. Luckily, the renovations that the club did over the summer were not damaged, and the silver lining is that the bathrooms will now be updated, clean and asbestos free. The down side is that it's going to take time. It is unfortunate that this occurred just as our season started, but somethings are out of our control. It is important to me that we have a safe club that will allow us to perform at our best. Hopefully we will be able to get back into the dojo earlier, but it is looking like this semester may be done.

What are our options? As discussed last night, the Airdrie Judo Club provided 2 options;

- 1) We have completed about 20% of this semesters practices. A member can use their credit for next semester. (credit to be determined case by case)
- 2) We have completed about 20% of this semesters practices. A member can have their credit returned. (refund will take into account time trained, Judo Alberta fees, and Gi received if applicable)

If a member of the Airdrie Judo Club decides to use their credit for next semester, that athlete can continue to train as a drop in student at either Hiro's Dojo in Calgary or Yaruki Dojo in Carstairs. Both clubs have agreed, as we have always had an open door policy between the clubs. The club address and class times are as follows;

Hiro's Judo Club

1919-27 Ave NE, Calgary
Jr. & Sr. Classes Tuesday & Thursday
(Jr. 6:30-8pm), (Sr. 8-9:30pm)

Yaruki Judo Club

Memorial Arena, Havenfield Dr.
Jr. & Sr. Classes Monday & Wednesday
(Jr. 7pm – 8pm), (Sr. 8pm-9pm)

I'm am confident that we can get back into the dojo before the next semester starts. We will have our second semester registration in January. We are currently looking into other options and spaces to rent, but it is difficult to find accommodation that is available to cover all of our practice times and has space for our mats, at a reasonable cost.

I know this an inconvenience, but it has been hard for everyone at the club. We have put so much work into the dojo and we have had success in increasing the membership. With all this momentum and excitement we have created, this shut down is unfortunate but I am confident we will continue to be a strong club within Judo Alberta and continue to grow Judo in Airdrie.

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your patience and commitment to the Airdrie Judo Club.

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