

Update: On August 15, 2017, Gary was elected by unanimous unopposed vote Nanka's President



[Gary Goltz](#)

Facebook - September 1, 2015

Forwarded by Nanka per request of New Tournament Director, Gary Goltz!

To the Judo Community:

Nanka was founded in 1928 and in 1930 was approved to be an official affiliate of the Kodokan by Jigoro Kano himself. We all understand the essence of judo is built on the principle of jita kyoei or giving back to help oneself and others at the same time. Yes, there are a lot of politics in judo, however I can honestly say in the 52 years I've been involved in the sport and having been in the Los Angeles Area since 1985, Nanka has impressed me with their pure devotion to judo. It was for these reasons I humbly accepted their position of First Vice President of Tournaments a few weeks ago.

I appeal to all of you especially my friends who have been on the fringe of Nanka for many years to roll up their sleeves and get involved. We need volunteers at tournaments to work tables, referee, handle medical, security, pooling, hospitality, food, and help with the concessions, etc.

If everyone pitched in, we would all mutually benefit by not overloading a handful of people willing to step up to the plate. Therefore, I'm asking each and every area club leader to designate people from your dojo so that we can spread these tasks out over a broader field and not burn anyone out. If you are available to assist us, please contact me at gary@goltzjudo.com or call / text me at 909-702-3250.

At this time we are still in need of a hospitality chairperson for the Nanka tournaments in addition the volunteer roles already listed. If you are able and wish to assist, we would greatly appreciate your help. Together we can all benefit the cause of promoting judo in our local area.

Thanks for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary".