



JUDO NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCEMENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL DIRECTOR (NTD)

Dear Members

The current NTD (David Browne) gave notice in the last quarter of after holding the position since 2016, and the JNZ Board has been conducting a replacement process since.

After advertising the position multiple applications were received , interview panel appointed, interviews completed, recommendation made and approved.

The role has been offered to Zane Lightfoot (TAU WB) who has accepted and will officially assume NTD duties on 23 January 2023.

Dave Browne will also continue for a one month period to aid the transition. The Board are very grateful to Dave for his patience awaiting a replacement, as the role is quite specialised and not easy to replace.

For those who don't know Zane, a bit of background:

- He is a Kiwi from Canterbury which is where he started his Judo. Was a regular competitor here in NZ and National representative back in the early and mid 1990's
- Late 90's Zane moved to the United Kingdom where he practised Judo and competed in various British championships
- Founder and Head Coach of the Lightfoot Judo School (2005 to 2020)
- European Judo Union Level 5 Elite Performance Coach and holds a number of other formal qualifications
- Zane returned to NZ with his family in 2020, and is currently coaching at Tauranga Judo Club

Zane's first formal duty in the role will be attending the National Camp in Nelson over the weekend of 27th to 29th January.

I am sure you will join with us in welcoming Zane to the JNZ team, and wishing him all the best in his role.

Yours in Judo
Derek Maggs
President