



REFEREE EVALUATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

PURPOSE:

The following guidelines relate to the three provincial categories of referees. It is intended that each candidate becomes familiar with the criteria that are looked at by the evaluations.

POLICY:

1. CATEGORIES OF REFEREES

The provincial levels and Provincial “A:”, Provincial “B” and Provincial “C” Candidates are expected to progress through each category starting at Provincial “C”. The level after Provincial “A” is National C.

2. PROVINCIAL REFEREE GRADINGS

Referee gradings are held at designated tournaments. There is normally one Provincial “A” referee grading in the Spring and one in the Fall in each year. They are normally held one each in the northern and southern areas of the Province. The Provincial “B” and “C” evaluations are distributed in the same manner.

Notices will be published in the Newsletter and in the tournament invitations.

Special referee evaluations may be called from time to time at the discretion of the Chairman of the Referee Committee.

3. EVALUATIONS

The Referee Committee will assign a minimum of two evaluators to conduct a referee grading. The evaluators will be at least National “A”.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVINCIAL GRADING

Candidates must:

- a) Be a registered member of Judo Alberta
- b) Be active as a referee as defined by Policy 4.07.
- c) Hold at least the judo rank of sankyu for Provincial “C” level, and at least the judo rank of ikkyu for Provincial “A” level.
- d) Complete a registration form and pay the evaluation fee prior to evaluation.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A number of factors are considered in an evaluation. A candidate who may be weak in one or two less important areas but is strong in the important areas can still pass. Emphasis is placed on certain factors which are listed below in general order of their importance. A higher level of competence is required as the candidate moves upward through the referee levels.

a) Technical Results (Referee 40 Judge 35)

This refers to the candidate's appreciation of judo techniques and an understanding of what the criteria are for the different levels of scoring. Referees and judges must make quick decisions and the decisions must be correct. In addition, corrections, if warranted, must be made accurately and quickly. Line calls for in and out are critical for judges. The candidate must have overall ability, confidence and competence.

b) Prohibited Acts (Referee 30 Judge 25)

Officials must know the contest rules and how to apply them. They must not be too severe, but should also avoid being too lenient in the application of penalties. It is important that the contestants respect the referee, which they will if he is competent. Another factor is whether the official is influenced by outside factors such as spectators or coaches. A referee should be aware that a loss of control may lead to injury to a competitor.

c) Mobility, distance, moving (Referee 10)

Mobility refers to movement with the contestants and anticipating movements by knowledge of judo. Distance refers to the referees ability to maintain the optimum distance between himself and the contestants. He should not be too close so as to make contact with them nor too far so as to miss an action. The referee should position himself to view the action and not block a judge's view.

d) Gesture (Referee 10 Judge 10)

The gesture is for the spectators and technical officials. Officials signals must be distinct and clear. They should be maintained for a period and the referee should position himself so that other officials can see them.

e) Voice, attitude, personality (Referee 10 Judge 10)

Clarity of pronunciation is the key to having the contestants and other officials understand the commands. The voice must be powerful and clear so as to be heard and understood by the contestants, other officials and spectators. The officials must be alert at all times during the contest. The referee must conduct himself properly with judo etiquette. The referee must be able to work with the officials team. Teamwork between the referee and judges insures that the winner of the contest will be the best fighter. The official must be and appear to be fair and unbiased.

A pass mark will be 70/100 as a Referee and 55/80 as a Judge. At the conclusion of the evaluation, the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate will be discussed with them by the evaluator. It is expected that officials will continue to strive for improvement just as the contestants and in compliance with the spirit of judo.

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL GRADING

Evaluations for national referees are conducted under the auspices of Judo Canada at selected tournaments. The Judo Alberta Referee Committee selects and recommends active referees as candidates for evaluation by Judo Canada. Judo Canada will not accept an examination request directly from the individual. Candidates should be aware that requirements are more stringent at the national level and they must have substantial referee experience at higher level events and particularly senior events where the full IJF Rules are in force. In addition, for the National “A” and “B” levels, out of province experience is required.

It is necessary for candidates to complete National Referee Grading application forms and submit them to the Chairman of the Judo Alberta Referee Committee with the examination fee at least 5 weeks prior to the event. Those forms and fees are then submitted by the Chairman to Judo Canada 4 weeks prior to the event.

7. GENERAL

Referees are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct (Policy 4.06) at all times.

Recommended:

(Chairman, Referee Committee signature)

(Date)

Approved:

(President, Judo Alberta signature)

(Date)