

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

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 tournament packages, the Judo Alberta website and on social media.

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 Provincial “A” referee grading. Provincial “B” & “C” evaluations will only require 1 evaluator. The evaluator(s) 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.

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 (40)

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 must make quick decisions and the decisions must be correct. In addition, corrections, if warranted, must be made accurately and quickly. The candidate must have overall ability, confidence and competence.

b) Prohibited Acts (30)

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 the referee 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 (10)

Mobility refers to movement with the contestants and anticipating movements by knowledge of judo. Distance refers to the referee's ability to maintain the optimum distance from the contestants. The referee should not be too close so as to make contact with them nor too far so as to miss an action. The referee should maintain a proper position to view the action but not block the view of Joseki or cameras used for video reviews.

d) Gestures (10)

The gesture is for the spectators and other technical officials. The referee's signals must be distinct and clear. The gesture should be maintained for a period of time that ensures the spectators and the other technical officials can recognize the referee's decision. A line of sight should be maintained between the referee and Joseki.

e) Voice, attitude, personality (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 always alert during the contest. The referee must follow judo etiquette. The referee must be able to work with the official's team. Teamwork between the referee and the mat chief ensures 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. 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)