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(JJIF)**



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REFEREE RULES**

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# Referee Rules

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### **Section 1 Area of application**

- a. These rules apply to all referees officiating in the continental unions and in international championships, in the education and further education of international referees and for use at competitions and tournaments as well as for organizational purposes.
- b. The JJNOs should follow these JJIF standards for the regulation and evaluation of their national referees.

### **Section 2 JJIF Technical Commission (TC)**

- a. The education and work of the International referees is coordinated and supervised by the JJIF Technical Commission. The Technical Commission governs and includes the JJIF Committees of Disciplines and the JJIF International Referee Committee [ IRC]
- b. The JJIF Committees of Disciplines are responsible for the education for specific content and the evaluation of the referees in the specific discipline. Each Committee of Disciplines must include at least one highly qualified referee for that Discipline. The JJIF board shall appoint a “Head Referee” for each discipline.
- c. The International Referee Committee consists of all “Head Referees” for all disciplines. Further technical representatives of Continental Unions can be appointed for inclusion by the JJIF Executive Board. They are responsible to coordinate the work of all referees during competitions.
- d. The Technical Commission shall be entitled to administrative support from JJIF Executive Board

### **Section 3 Continental Referee Committees and Regional Referee Groups**

- a. The Executive Board of a Continental Union with the agreement of the JJIF board , can establish a continental Technical Commission [ including a Continental Committee of Disciplines and a Continental Referee Committee], within its continental union..
- b. The JJIF Regional Associations (JJRA) can create Regional Referee Groups to work directly with the Continental TC and the JJIF TC .

### **Section 4 Committee tasks**

- a. The JJIF Technical Commission is responsible for the education of referees. This includes the preparation of all teaching, tutorial and promotional material needed for a proper dissemination, evolution and development of referee duties and activities to all new and existing JJNO.
- b. All referees with valid JJIF World Referee licenses are qualified to officiate in all World and Continental Championships. The Head Referee of each of the respective JJIF disciplines shall have the authority to grade and appoint continental referees for the competitions.

- c. The Technical Commission shall designate (with the approval of JJIF executive board), a number of "evaluators"; for each JJIF Championship, whose responsibility would be to fill out an "evaluation form" in real time during the matches. This data be evaluated by the TC , after the Championship to feed the JJIF database.
- d. The Technical Commission and the Referee Committees at their respective levels (JJIF or Continental Union), are responsible for the performance and conduct of all referees, for the correct rotation of referees during all JJIF championships and shall govern and control the application and interpretation of JJIF Referee Rules and Competition Rules during all competitions. The Technical Commission , in due consultancy with the Referee Committee shall report to the Executive Board the results of referee management and future plans. The Head Referee of each discipline shall represent the Referee Committee in any resolution of any controversial matter.

## Section 5 Referee categories and levels

- a. A referee's certification level determines the type and level of competition that a referee may officiate in .
- b. Within each JJNO , each national organization shall determine their referee levels and respective criteria for evaluation and shall regulate certification through evaluations and examinations. The highest level of referee category in a JJNO is the "National Referee " category.
- c. At the international level there are six levels of Referee Certification in each discipline. (in decreasing order as under ):
  - 1. **Continental C License:** By examination. The candidate must be of minimum of 18 years of age and experienced in the respective discipline. He must have been a referee, in his own nation, for at least 1 year and must have refereed at least three [3] competitions in the respective discipline. The candidate must have knowledge of English or the language mainly used in this regions.
  - 2. **Continental B License:** By examination. The candidate must be of minimum of 21 years of age and have a good knowledge<sup>1</sup> of this discipline. He must have been a referee on national level for at least 1 year and must have refereed at least three [3] competitions in the respective discipline. The candidate must have a good knowledge of English or the language mainly used in this regions. A minimum communication ability in English language is required.
  - 3. **Continental A License** may be issued to an eligible referee already holding a Continental B License for a minimum period of one year and after officiating as a referee in at least three international championships and /or three official JJIF events with more than three participating countries, states or provinces ( such as USA, Mexico, Russia, Canada), attaining positive evaluation reports within a maximum of two years time.

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<sup>1</sup> Competition experience as athlete or coach, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Ju-Jitsu, Purple Belt Ne-Waza Jiu-Jitsu

4. **JJIF World B License:** By examination. The candidate referee must have extensive knowledge<sup>2</sup> of the discipline. He must have been a Continental A referee for at least 1 year and must have refereed as such in at least 3 International Competitions and 6 other events. Positive evaluation reports are required and a recommendation of his Continental Technical Commission / Referee Committee shall be also be required.
  5. **JJIF World A License:** The candidate referee must have been a World B referee for at least 1 year and must have refereed as such in at least 3 International Competitions with positive evaluation reports and must have been involved in at least 6 national/regional level events. The International Referee Committee has the right to demand participation as a referee in more competitions if needed.
- d. **JJIF Referee Expert:** Any World Referee (A/B) with good experience and expertise can be promoted to the Referee Expert category, by the Technical Commission. Referee Experts shall be involved in the education, evaluation and mentoring of Referees of lower levels.
  - e. The control of the referee licenses is under the jurisdiction of the JJIF Technical Commission.

## **Section 6 Education of the Referees**

- a. Referee courses will be held at camps, tournaments and special courses called by JJIF.
- b. A JJNO may request for a referee course in their nation , organised under the co-ordination of a JJIF certified instructor, designated by the TC. , subject the JJNO undertaking to cover the costs .
- c. Participants for a referee course must register for the same through their JJNO. They are expected to be well prepared, with adequate prior knowledge of the rules and regulations and must be physically fit enough to fully participate.
- d. The referee courses must consist of at least 3 hours of theory and 6 hours of practical lessons, for each discipline.
- e. The theory of the referee course shall be executed as E-Learning or Self-study.
- f. Practical lessons may consist of refereeing, sports and Ju-Jitsu classes.

## **Section 7 Examinations**

- a. The Referee examinations must be held by the experts appointed by Technical Commission.
- b. Successful candidates must secure a minimum of 75% marks in each of the following tests :
  - Physical Fitness Test
  - Theoretical Test
  - Practical Test

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<sup>2</sup> International Competition experience as athlete or coach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Ju-Jitsu, Brown Belt Ne-Waza Jiu-Jitsu

- c. The practical test has to be at a tournament or championship which is accepted by JJIF or Continental Union .
- d. The examiners are required to make a formal report to the TC on the referee course and the examinations.
- e. JJNO might ask for report respective their candidates.

### **Section 8 Validity of License and compatibility**

- a. The continental licenses are valid for 3 years and can be renewed only if the referee has participated in a new referee course and/or a refreshment course and has refereed in at least 2 international competitions during in this period, with positive evaluation reports.
- b. The world license is valid for 3 years and can be renewed only if the referee has participated in a new referee course and/or a refreshment course and has refereed in at least 2 international competitions during this period, with positive evaluation reports.
- c. If the referees have complied with the aforementioned requirements and pass the physical fitness test, their licenses will be renewed an additional 3 more years.
- d. If the test results and/or evaluation for attaining the level of a licence for any candidate is below the norms , then his present licence may be declassified or withdrawn according to the results.
- e. A referee whose test results are below the norms , cannot renew his/her license will be declassified to a lower level by the Decision of the Technical Commission / Referee Committee :
- f. A licenced referee cannot hold the position of team coach, national delegate or competitor on the same tournament.
- g. A licenced Referee can not simultaneously hold post as a Referee and well as be a Member of the JJIF Executive Board or Executive Board member of the Continental Union . Such referees elected to these positions on the Board must voluntarily relinquish their licences and will be temporarily suspended as referees till the end of their board position. They may then seek reactivation of their suspended licences after a new refreshment and physical test.

### **Section 10 Recalling of referee licences**

- a. The TC may recall any referee license at anytime. The recall can be total recall or only a declassification to a lower licence level. The recall can also be for a given a specific period of time.
- b. A referee license may be recalled in the following cases:
  - 1) The referee has repeatedly made major mistakes (see Sec. 8d)
  - 2) The referee behaves in an unacceptable and/or unsportsmanlike manner
  - 3) The JJNO has no longer confidence in its referee.

## **Section 11 Refreshment courses**

- a. Referee Refreshment courses should be organised regularly in conjunction with JJIF /JJCU / JJRA events.
- b. A JJNO can also organise a referee refreshment course in conjunction with an international tournament or other events if approved by TC.
- c. A licenced referee may participate in a new referees course for attaining refreshment. But he/she does not need to take any examination at this course , but he/she would still need a positive evaluation report to fulfil the refreshment criteria.

## **Section 12 Coming into Force**

The rules 1.0 were authorized by the Board of the JJIF on the April 2nd 2006 and came into force on the January 1st 2006.

The version 2.0 was authorized by the Board 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and sanctioned by the JJIF Session 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

They come in force immediately.

They will replace all existing rules.

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## **Appendix**

### **Section 1 Referee Attire**

- a. Referees shall wear grey trousers [colour code] and dark socks, mat shoes, white shirt, JJIF tie and blue jacket [colour code] with a JJIF badge attached to the left side.
- b. Depending on the temperature, Referees shall wear the same as above but without jacket.
- c. According to the event format organizers can change the dress code. (example Beach events)

### **Section 2 Code of Conduct for Referees**

- a. Referees must behave correctly towards all functionaries, athletes and the public.
- b. During Competitions referees must not express negative opinions (criticisms) regarding other Referee's conduct in public.
- c. Referees must not release to the press or the television any interview or opinion concerning the Competition in which they officially participate. Except of the head of referees or authorized by him/her.
- d. The referee has to be an example of sportsmanship and the positive effect of sports