**Candidate Requirements for USA Judo NATIONAL REFEREE Examination**

**Prerequisites:** Candidates must meet and document all of the following conditions:

a. 18 years of age or older;
b. hold the rank of Shodan or higher;
c. have been a Regional-level referee (State Association or USJA or USJF) for a minimum of one year;
d. be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident Alien (Green Card);
e. Current member of USA Judo,
f. Current CDC Concussion Certificate 
g. USOC SafeSport Certifications 
h. Current Background Check.

Certificate copies and Background Check letter REQUIRED.

**Documentation:**

For citizenship and age, a copy of your passport information page (or Green Card), or birth certificate;
For rank, a copy of your USA Judo, USJA or USJF belt-rank certificate or your USA Judo membership card with rank (V)erified;
A copy of the Regional Referee certificate, or a signed letter from the National (or higher) referee who promoted you to that level (including date);
CDC Concussion Training Certificate
USOC SafeSport Certificate
SCCI Background Check verification letter
A copy of your USA Judo membership card (available on-line at www.usjudo.org).

Candidates are **required** to attend the Candidate Clinic the evening before the event, and must present themselves at the practical examination (competition) in the official referee uniform.

Candidates who don't present these must agree to meeting the conditions cited above and deliver them to the Commission within 60 days of passing Exam.

**All Candidates MUST attend the National Referee Candidate Meeting.** There they must complete the appropriate forms, prerequisites will be verified and collected and the $30 Examination fee (cash or check to USA Judo) will be collected. At the end of that meeting, the written examination will be given. Forms for the SSCI Background Investigation will be distributed for those who have not already completed that, such as, for example, through Coach Certification. Candidates **MUST** attend all meetings, take the written examination and referee the full duration of the event.

Successful candidates will pay a $20 registration fee; provide a Digital passport-style photograph (2-megapixel minimum, in coat and tie); and complete & submit the National Referee Registration form to the Referee Commission (including a three-year history of your referee activities – events and clinics.). The digital photo must be JPG ‘attached’ to an email to the Commission assistant.

It is required that those referees who intend to take this examination notify Ralph Palmer at refcomasst2@surewest.net to assist in the preparation of this test. Either can clarify
any concerns a potential candidate might have, and accept ‘attached’ copies of
documentation prior to the meeting and examination.

It is required that ALL USA Judo referees (National, PJC Confederation,
IJF Continental and IJF International) have a current (two-year-old or less)
clear Background Investigation from SSCI on file at USA Judo.