

USA Judo Referee Commission Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2021

- I. Roll Call and Introductory Remarks – *Katie Sell is newest member of the RC*
- II. Review /acceptance of last RC Meeting (2/13/21) Minutes – *approved by email*
- III. Status Reports of RC Activities
  - A. Policies/Procedures updates
    - 1. *Tournament Staff Roles & Responsibilities – Feedback from Referee Corps received*
    - 2. *2021-24 Referee Commission Workplan – Feedback from Referee Corps received*
  - B. Website Updates
    - 1. *New RC Member Info posted*
    - 2. *Town Hall video posted*
- IV. Career Planning
  - A. *Questionnaire – The responses showed some interest in mentoring and personal development plan discussion*
  - B. *RC keeps database (part of USA Judo Referee Info System) – currently data entered in a stand-alone Microsoft Access database*
- V. Task Force Updates
  - A. *Referee Evaluation System Modifications (TF #6) – The RC decided to wait until TF #6 has its final report before adding RC input.*
- VI. Event Status Reports
  - A. *Domestic Events – (Youth Nationals – 4/24-25 - Salt Lake City, UT); (Sr. Nationals – 5/15-16 - Reno, NV); (J.O.s - 6/18-20 - Winston-Salem, NC); President’s Cup – 11/21 – Irving, TX)*
    - 1. *Referee and staff assignments for 4 national events - For Youth Nationals we need 6 men and 4 women for weigh-ins (so far we have 6 men but still need 4 women) and 2 refs to set up CARE Systems (we have CARE setup staffed)*
    - 2. *Moved by David Smith (seconded by Gary Berliner) – “There will be no caps on referee participation (other than Senior Nationals) but there will be caps on the number of stipends given at each national event if referee participation is significantly higher than the budgeted numbers.” – passed unanimously*
    - 3. *Other N1 Events – none currently scheduled*
  - B. *International Events –*
    - 1. *Startup and Assignments - Published IJF and other international events – assigned, requested and/or suggested recommendations – the IJF is only assigning those referees on track to referee at the Tokyo Olympics – EJU on hold for their events*
    - 2. *Update Travelling Referees data on website – no progress*
- VII. *Other Old Business -none*
- VIII. *New Business – It was requested that the results of the recent surveys be distributed to the full Referee Corps by “blast email”. Russ Scherer will accomplish this task.*
- IX. Executive Session
  - A. *RC Meeting at Senior Nationals (Reno) – Friday, May 14, 2021 (10:00AM-1:00PM)*

- B. Emeritus Status Request – *Michael Landstreet submitted request – moved to accept by Gary Berliner (seconded by Bill Gugino) passed unanimously.*
- C. Verification of most recent International Event Level list – *input from some of the International Advisors is missing but Gary Takemoto will get the data within a week.*
- D. 2021 Budget Proposals – *a draft budget for 2021 was presented and reviewed*
- E. Selection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Evaluator for Youth Nationals – *Mark Hirota was selected subject to his acceptance of that role.*
- F. Potential future evaluators will be solicited and those interested will be listed and trained for future events. One potential approach will be to have new recruits “tag along” with current evaluators at N1 events and upon obtaining adequate experience be available for selection as an independent evaluator at N1 events and ultimately at N2 and N3 events.
- G. Selection of Referees for Senior Nationals – *cutoff date of April 1, 2021 was set for all selections – as of that date if there are more referees in that category (N or B) than can be accommodated, priority will be given to those “in the hunt”/eligible for their next level examination – Otherwise it will be first come first served per category.*
- X. Next Meeting – *Sunday, March 21, 2021 – 7:00PM*
- XI. Adjournment – *9:22PM*