

Ranking Process for IJF-A and IJF-B Potential Candidates

SCOPE:

As the last portion of the Annual Reevaluation Process, lists will be generated to capture the prioritized order as of January 1st each year to be used when the USA Judo Referee Commission (USA Judo RC) is requested or has the opportunity to make recommendations for potential candidates from the U.S. for International (IJF-A) and/or Continental (IJF-B) tests. These lists would be updated as of July 1st each year to include activity of the first half of the year, as well as the activity captured in the January rankings. It is recognized that the evaluation of referees and the generation of these lists is determined by both subjective and objective factors, however the goal of this process is to utilize objective criteria as much as possible. These two lists (B4 referees who meet IJF-A test requirements and N4 referees who meet IJF-B test requirements) would not be binding when selecting or recommending referees for participation in international events that may be available to a wider range of referees – they are ranking lists for recommendations for IJF-A and IJF-B Candidates.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each list should be driven by referee performance, both quality and quantity. The ability to observe and evaluate quality is generally limited to specific U.S. events, where formal evaluations are conducted. However, even though our U.S. referees are not officially evaluated at international events, they should receive credit for participation in those events. The lists are to be based on performance during the current and 2 previous years. All N4 and B4 referees will be evaluated but only listed on the ranking list if they meet all other general test requirements established by the testing authority (PJC and/or IJF).

THE POINTS ALGORITHM:

- 1) A weighted evaluation is calculated for each individual event by multiplying the rating received at that event by the event level multiplier. Event level multipliers are 1.0 for N1 events; 1.2 for N2 events and 1.4 for N3 events. For example, a referee rated N4 at any of the regional evaluation events would receive a 4 (4x1.0) while a referee rated N4 at the Senior Nationals would receive 5.6 points (4x1.4). *[This accounts for the additional difficulty and pressure at higher level events.]*
- 2) An average weighted evaluation is determined by adding all weighted evaluations and dividing by the total number of domestic events.
- 3) The total domestic points for any given year = the average weighted evaluation plus 0.3 points for each event. *[This accounts for the amount of domestic participation]*
- 4) International points are given depending on the level of the event (Category 1=0.3 points per event, Category 2=0.4 points per event and Category 3=0.6 points per event). A list dividing international events into Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3 will be updated as events are

published. Since we are not evaluating our referees at these international events, these points are given strictly for participation.

- 5) "Total Points" per year would be the sum of "Domestic Points" and "International Points" earned during that year.
- 6) The "Weighted TOTAL Points" are calculated by multiplying the current year "Total Points" by 1.0, adding the previous year "Total Points" multiplied by 0.8 and adding the year before that "Total Points" multiplied by 0.6 *[This gives more credit for more recent performance]*
- 7) After the "Weighted TOTAL Points" are calculated, the USA Judo RC reviews all pertinent information (including raw data) and may make adjustments to the ranking lists for selecting potential candidates for any given test due to extraordinary circumstances.