



Candidate Requirements for USA Judo NATIONAL REFEREE EXAMINATION

(Please read carefully this entire document.)

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

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

Documentation: *(All these documents must be sent to contacts below by email and mail at least 30 days prior to the examination. Exceptions may be allowed for special circumstances, but will be determined on a case-by-case basis. A screen shot of the referee's information page on the website of USA Judo, or a National Affiliated Organization which has a reciprocal agreement with USA Judo, can be used in place of copies of the required documents if that data has been verified.)*

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, USJF or ATJA 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);

A copy of your current NCSI Background Check verification letter (two-year renewal);

A copy of your current USOC SafeSport Certificates (annual renewal);

A copy of your current CDC Concussion Training Certificate (two-year renewal);

A copy of your current USA Judo membership card (available on-line at www.usjudo.org).

All Candidates *MUST* attend the National Referee Candidate Meeting. There they must complete the appropriate forms, prerequisites will be verified and, if not already received by one of the RC assistants, 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. Candidates ***MUST*** be on time and attend all meetings, take the written examination and referee (practical examination) the full duration of the event.

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

Referees who wish to be candidates **MUST** inform the Chief Referee of the Examination Tournament **AND** Ralph Palmer refcomasst2@surewest.net, David Malek macifp@aol.com or Dana Rucker ncreferee@gmail.com by email of their intention to take the National Referee Exam and include the required documents listed above.

Mr. Ralph Palmer, Mr. David Malek or Mr. Dana Rucker will assist in the preparation for this examination. All can clarify any concerns a potential candidate might have, and accept 'attached' copies of documentation prior to the meeting and examination.