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USA JUDO REFEREE COMMITTEE POLICY ON REFEREES FROM OTHER FEDERATIONS

USA Judo welcomes credentialed judo referees from National Federations and other Continental Unions to work all events in the United States, with the explicit exception of the four USA Judo national championship events (Senior Championships, Junior Olympics, Youth Nationals, President’s Cup.) Also excluded are events held in the United States, but managed by the Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC) or International Judo Federation (IJF), since the working referees are selected to work these events.

All judo referees that are not active members of USA Judo must have appropriate credentials which are those granted by National Federations (hereinafter called 'National' credentials) or granted by the IJF. Further, the individual must have approval in writing (letter or email) by their National Federation to show that they are a member in good standing with their National Federation, Continental Union, and/or the IJF.

Status Title	Verifications (letter or email)	USA Judo Referee Membership	USA Official Referee with release from home country	Limited Events
Guest Referee	Needed	NO	NO	Open tournaments in the USA and/or has received approval from their national federation to participate
Resident Referee	Needed	Needed	NO	No USA National Championships
Transfer Referee	Needed	Needed	Needed	Eligible for all events within their certification level

Foreign judo referees with such credentials who find themselves in the United States for a relatively short period of time, should present a copy of their certification to the USA Judo Referee Committee (RC), but will NOT be entered into the USA Referee Information System. Those judo referees whose stay is expected to be more prolonged (multi-year) will be entered into the USA Referee Information System. Those who plan to reside within the United States indefinitely, should apply to transfer control of their referee membership and affiliation from their home National Federation to USA Judo.

Foreign judo referees at the National level, who have successfully transferred to USA Judo and have been entered into the USA Referee Information System, will be evaluated in the same manner as USA National referees, and will be eligible to officiate the events for which their rating qualifies them. National judo referees

from National Federations which have a differential rating system will be assigned to the level most comparable to their rating within their native National Federation. Judo referees with IJF Continental or International licenses, who have successfully transferred to USA Judo and have been entered into the USA Referee Information System, will likewise be evaluated in the same manner as USA referees at that level. Only those who have applied for transfer of control to USA Judo will be considered for upgrade examinations. Only judo referees with IJF Continental or International licenses, who have applied for and received approval to transfer control from their home National Federation to USA Judo, will be considered for assignment to events outside of the United States or be considered for examinations, if applicable.

Foreign judo referees who reside in the United States, but regularly travel back to their home National Federation to remain an active referee and/or frequently represent their National Federation at international events, should NOT apply to transfer to USA Judo. Any judo referees who have applied and been granted approval for transfer of membership to USA Judo, must request formal permission to serve as a referee to work international events, even if the event is in a referee's former home National Federation. Formal permission requests must be submitted to the USA Judo Referee Committee Co-Chair (International Activities).

The following is a list required of Resident and Transfer referees

1. USA Judo Membership and (as appropriate IJF and National Federation Membership)
2. Safe Sport Certification
3. CDC Concussion Certification
4. Background Check
5. Passport Copy
6. Current Immigration Status if appropriate
7. Proof of Judo Rank
8. Copy of IJF card or Home Country National Certification