



Referee Rules

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Section 1: Area of Application

- a. These rules apply to the referees in the area of the international association, the continental unions and international championships, the education and further education of international referees and the use at competitions and tournaments as well as for the organization.
- b. The nations are free concerning the regulation of their national referees.

Section 2: International Referee Group (IRG) and International Referee Committee (IRC)

- a. International Referee Group (IRG) is the total of all JJIF-Referees. It is a technical organisation of the JJIF of which it is an integral part.
- b. The IRG is coordinated by the International Referee Committee (IRC), which is composed of: Director, Vice-Director, Secretary and two other members. They are required to be World Referees. They are designated by majority by the Technical Representatives of the Member Countries among themselves every two years to the Board of Directors of JJIF, which has the final decision regarding their appointment.

Section 3: Continental Referee Groups (CRG) and Continental Referee Committees (CRC)

- a. The board of directors of a continental union with the agreement of the board of directors of JJIF can decide to have a continental referee group in its continental union.
- b. A continental referee group is responsible for the continental referees of a union, in the same manner as the international referee group (IRG) is responsible worldwide. If a union has not a continental referee group, the International Referee Group and the International Referee Committee are responsible.
- c. The Continental Referee Committee is composed of: Director, Vice-Director, Secretary and two other members. They have to be at least World B referees.

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Section 4: Referee Committee tasks

- a. The Referee Committee is responsible for educating new referees on its level and to organise refresher courses. It has to evaluate all proposals and suggestions coming from technical member delegates, in relation to referee matters.
- b. The International Referee Committee together with the Continental Referee Committee are responsible for the preparation of all teaching, tutorial and promotional material needed for a proper evolution and presentation of referee duties and activities to the new and existing Member Countries.
- c. The Referee Committee educates the referees (Continental Referee Committee the Continental Referees, International Referee Committee the World Referees and the Continental Referees where there is no Continental Referee Committee). All of them can give instruction in Fighting and Duo System. The Referee Committee writes the examination text and is responsible for the registration of new referee licenses and for the issuing of referee diplomas, ties and badges.
- d. The Referee Committee compiles a historical data base for every referee. It contains full address, country represented, licence, dates of examinations and results, behaviour, participation in referee courses and competitions, with evaluation score received. This in order to give the referee a judgement-capacity recognition (reward) or, when appropriate, penalty, suspension or a revoked license. A Continental Referee Committee is obliged to give these data to the International Referee Committee.
- e. Before a World Championship or World Games the Director of the International Referee Committee will send out a list of potential referees. This list will be sent to each country. Referees who are not on the list cannot referee at World Championships or World Games. The director for Continental Referee Committee will do exactly the same thing for the continental championships.
- f. The Referee Committee designates at each official Championship a number of "evaluators"; they will fill out an "evaluation form" in real time during the matches. The data will be evaluated after the Championship to feed the database.

- g. The Referee Committee are responsible for the correct preparation of material needed around the competition area (score boards, red and blue belts, red and blue half-sleeves, etc.), which make the activity of referees clear to the public during official competitions on their level.
- h. The Director of the Referee Committee is, on his respective level (JJIF or continental union) responsible for the Referee Committee's behaviour, for the correct rotation of referees during official championships and has control of the application of Referee Rules and Competition Rules during competitions. He reports to the Board the situation of referees and future plans. He represents the Referee Committee in question in any controversial matter.
- i. The Secretary of the Referee Committee has the responsibility of writing the minutes of the Referee Committee meetings and of keeping the Referee historical database updated. He must preserve all the meeting register books, referee registrations and other important documents. In particular he must file the "observation reports" compiled by the responsible referee, which contain remarks on the behaviour of individual referees at a specific official competitions (see [Section 10, paragraph b](#)).

Section 5: Referee Categories and Levels

- a. A referee's certification level determines the type and level of competition that a referee may officiate.
- b. Within each country, each nation determines their levels and respective criteria, and regulates certification through evaluations and examinations. The highest level is "National Referee".
- c. At the international level there are two levels of certification with each two steps (in decreasing order):
 - 1. **Continental B License:** The candidate must have a minimum of 21 years of age and 1st Dan in Ju-jitsu. He must have been a referee, in his own nation, in Fighting System and Duo System for at least 1 year and must have refereed at least 1 Fighting System and 1 Duo System Competition. The candidate must have a good knowledge of English.
 - 2. **The Continental A License** will be obtained after having been a referee in three international and official events of the continental union with more than three countries, states (USA, Mexico) or provinces

(Canada) with positive observation reports and stamps in the license and within a maximum of two years time.

3. **World B License:** The candidate must be at least 2nd Dan in Ju-jitsu. He must have been a Continental A referee for at least 2 years and have refereed as such in at least 2 Continental Competitions in Fighting System and Duo System, with positive observation reports and stamps in the license. The candidate needs also a recommendation of his continental Referee Committee.
 4. **World A License:** The candidate must have been a World B referee for at least 2 years and have refereed as such in at least 2 International Competitions of each System, with positive observation reports and stamps in the license. The International Referee Committee has the right to demand more competitions if needed.
- d. The control of the world referee license is under the jurisdiction of the International Referee Committee, also the continental referee license if there is no continental union. If there is a continental union, its Continental Referee Committee has the control on jurisdiction of these continental referees.

Section 6: Education of the Referees

- a. The referee committee is responsible for educating the referees in the Fighting and Duo Systems.
- b. The JJIF and each continental union will every year hold at least 2 referee courses for all levels with examinations after each course if possible, at least once a year.
- c. A JJIF member nation may require a referee course organized under the coordination of a JJIF / CRC instructor, designated by the director of the IRC / CRC.
- d. The referee courses must consist of at least 3 hours of theory and 3 hours of practical lessons for each system (Fighting and Duo) for a minimum of 12 hours total. Where possible such courses will be held at camps, tournaments or special courses called by JJIF (for world referees) or the continental union (for continental referees).

- e. A JJIF member nation may require a referee course organised under the co-ordination of a referee instructor of the JJIF or a continental union, designated by the Director of the IRC / CRC.

Section 7: Examinations

- a. The candidate must be presented by his national federation and approved by JJIF (for world referees) or the continental union of his country (for continental referees; if there is no continental union by JJIF) before the referee course begins (preferably at least 21 days in advance). The presentation is obligatory and must be signed by the President of the national federation or by his delegate. The presentation must include: name, address, birth date, Dan grade, telephone or fax number, copy of the national license and referee curriculum (number of competitions the candidate has refereed at in Fighting and Duo System in his own nation). The presentation must be sent to the Secretary of the referee committee.
- b. The examinations must be held by the Director of the Referee Committee, or by one of his out pointed member, at least one more committee member, and one other expert. This additional expert has consultative vote and is selected from a list proposed by the Technical Committee of the JJIF or of the continental union and approved by the Board of the JJIF or the continental union. When there is an examination for continental license there must be a member of the international referee committee in the test commission.
- c. The theoretical test shall consist of at least 40 questions (20 for each System), whereas a minimum of 90% for world referees, 80% for continental referees must be answered correctly to pass the test.
- d. If the theoretical test is passed, candidates may proceed with the practical test. In such a test each member of the examination commission will give candidates a judgement of 1 to 10 points. To pass the practical test candidates must obtain at least 90% for world referees and 80% for continental referees.
- e. The practical test has to be on an international tournament or championship which is accepted by JJIF or JJEU.
- f. The examiners are required to make a formal report to the referee committee on the referee course and the examinations.
- g. The fees for the referee course and examination have to be paid to the JJIF or the continental union before the course begins, as indicated in the official announcements issued by the General Secretary of JJIF or the continental union.

Section 8: Validity of License and Compatibility

- a. The continental license is valid for 3 years and can be renewed if the referee has participated in a new referee course or a refreshment course on a competition of the continental union and has refereed at least 2 competitions of the continental union in this period, with positive observation reports and stamps.
- b. The world license is valid for 3 years and can be renewed only if the referee has participated in a new referee course or a refreshment course on a JJIF-Competition and has refereed at least 2 JJIF-competitions (also World Championships and World Games) in this period, with positive observation reports and stamps.
- c. If the referees meet the mentioned requirements, their license will be renewed for 3 more years.
- d. A referee who does not meet the above mentioned requirements cannot judge any competition. In order to obtain the license again then he must pass the required theoretical and practical tests. If he does not participate to the course and/or do not pass the tests, at the end of the 3 year period he will be automatically declassified to the lower class (from world A to world B, from world B to continental A, from continental A to continental B, and from continental B to national).
- e. The referee position is incompatible with that of team coach or competitor.
- f. The position of national delegate or member of JJIF-Board or union boards is not compatible with the qualification of referee. Therefore, referees elected to these positions will be temporarily suspended as referees.

Section 9: The International Referee Passport

- a. The international referee passport is the official JJIF documents that prove the participation of the owner as a referee in a specific international sport event specified in their respective JJIF or Union calendars.
- b. The passports, when given, will be signed and stamped by the Director of the JJIF - RC, or by delegation, by the JJIF - RC Secretary.
- c. The referee responsible of the event must sign the different activities settled in the passport.

Section 10: Recalling of Referee Licences

- a. The Referee Committee may recall a license, after having consulted the Technical Committee of its level. The recall can be totally, or only down from A to B. The recall can also be for a given period of time.
- b. A referee license may be recalled in the following cases:
 1. The referee has repeatedly made major mistakes
 2. The referee behaves in an unacceptable and/or unsportsmanlike manner
 3. The national federation has no longer confidence in its referee.

Section 11: Refreshment Courses

- a. A one-day refreshment courses before all Union or World Championships will be organized by the Continental or International Referee Committee (depending on the level, see [section 4 point c](#)). All referees of the championship must take part of this course. Referees, who do not pass the test in the course, can only work as table referee on this tournament.
- b. A nation can also organize a refreshment course before an international tournament if a member of the IRC / CRC is involved.
- c. A referee can participate in a course for new referees for refreshment. Instead of an examination he needs a positive observation report to fulfil the refreshment.

Section 12: Participation on Competitions

- a. The organizer of a tournament is responsible for ensuring that there are enough referees for this tournament. The organizer also declares a responsible referee for the tournament.
- b. In international championships the referees must have the following license:
 1. Continental Referee can referee at all Continental Competitions at all match levels except in matches for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (medal places) in both Systems.

2. In world competitions (World Championships, World Games, etc.) a World B referee can be Referee at all match levels in both Systems except in matches for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (medal places). A World A Referee can be referee at all match levels in both Systems and in all Competitions.

Section 13: Number of Referees by Nations

- a. On World and Union championships and union cups every participating nation has to send the following number of referees:

1 referee	for 1 - 4 competitors;
2 referee	for 5 - 9 competitors;
3 referee	for for more than 9 competitors;
- b. A Duo-team counts as one competitor.
- c. Referees who do the practical test cannot be included in the number of referees.
- d. The General Assembly of JJIF bi-annually fixes the penalty for the lack of every referee, minimum 400 Euro. This penalty will not be applied for new members on continental events till 2 years after their affiliation and till 5 years on World Championships. The penalties will be used for the cost of the participating referees.

Section 14: Referee Dressing

- a. Referees shall wear grey trousers and socks, white shirt, JJIF tie and blue jacket with a JJIF badge attached to the left side. Alternatively, depending on the temperature, Referees shall wear the same as above but without jacket.
- b. Referees must fix on their jacket or shirt the JJIF Referee badge indicating their respective class (Continental or World).

Section 15: Referee Behaviour

- a. Referees must behave correctly towards all functionaries, athletes and the public.
- b. During Competitions referees must not express negative opinions (criticisms) regarding other Referee's conduct.
- c. Referees must not express to the press or the television any interview or opinion concerning the Competition in which they officially participate.
- d. The behaviour and performance of Referees at all JJIF and continental competitions will be noted by the Director of the responsible referee committee in dedicated "observation reports" which will be filed by the Secretary of the mentioned referee committee.

Section 16: Coming into Force

These rules are authorized by the Board of the JJIF on April 2nd 2006 and will come into force on January 1st 2006. They replaces all earlier existing rules.