

NATIONAL JUNIOR OFFICIALS AND REFEREES AWARD SCHEME



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1. OBJECTIVES

- a. To promote a better understanding of the rules by the younger judoka and therefore future senior judoka/coaches.
- b. To promote a better understanding of the way the referee arrives at his/her decisions.
- c. To introduce junior players to, and give them experience of, refereeing and working as a table official so that they:
 - Are better able to understand and appreciate decisions given by senior referees
 - Get a deeper understanding of other aspects of judo rather than just the competitive side
 - Are prepared for the future when it is hoped they will progress into National Referees/ Table Officials.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The Junior Official/Referee Award Scheme will be administered by the National Refereeing Commission who will appoint a National Junior Refereeing co-ordinator,

The National Junior Refereeing co-ordinator will put into place the structure of, and promote, the Scheme.

3. THE AREA JUNIOR REFEREEING CO-ORDINATOR

A Junior Refereeing co-ordinate will be appointed to each area. This official will be responsible for the administration of the Junior Officials within his/her area under the directions of the Area Refereeing Co-ordinators/Committee.

The duties of the Area co-ordinator will include:

- Keeping records of all Junior Officials in their area
- Amending the list of Junior Officials as required
- Keeping records of all Area Junior officials examinations and results
- Issuing certificates, cards and badges to successful candidates
- Collecting monies from Examiners and forwarding to the Area Treasurer.
- Liaising with Examiners on the organisation of courses and examinations for new and existing Junior Officials
- Liaising with Examiners and co-ordinating activities
- Calling Junior Referees as requested by event organisers
- Producing an annual report, complete with a balance sheet, on the Junior Officials Refereeing Award in his/her area which shall be submitted to the Area Committee and the National Junior co-ordinator at the end of each year

4. AREA APPOINTED EXAMINERS

Each Area Committee will, in conjunction with the Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator, appoint senior referees as Examiners.

The duties of the Area Examiners will include:

- Liaising with the Area Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator on dates, venues, courses and examinations.
- The running of courses, examinations, and seminars
- Completing all paperwork associated with the running of courses and examinations, including a balance sheet, and forwarding to the Co-ordinator.
- Collecting all monies for courses and examinations and forwarding to the Co-ordinator.
- Issuing receipts for all monies taken.

5. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINERS

To be eligible to be considered as a JUNIOR OFFICIAL / REFEREEING AWARD Examiner the candidate must:

- Have held a National B Referee grade for one year
- Have examined with a qualified BJA Refereeing Examiner on a minimum of two occasions
- Be recommended by his/her Area
- Be approved by the National Refereeing Commission.

6. RECOMMENDED JUNIOR OFFICIALS REFEREEING AWARD COURSE AND EXAMINATION FEES

• Level 1	£10.00
• Level 2	£10.00
• Level 3	£10.00
• Practical re-take	£ 8.00
• Certificates	No charge
• Badges	No charge
• Cards	No charge

All monies will be retained by the Area.

Badges, certificates and cards are available from the Area Representative or the National Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator.

7. INFORMATION SHEET FOR JUNIOR OFFICIALS REFEREEING AWARD CO-ORDINATOR

Competition Controllers/Organisers/Referees and Grading Examiners

Where junior referees are to be used at an event it is essential that the following procedures be strictly adhered to at all times to ensure the safety of the players:

- a. The organising of junior referees to attend at events is the responsibility of the Area Co-ordinator after consultation with the Senior Refereeing Co-ordinator in the area/county.
- b. The Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator should be notified of any event being organised where junior referees are able to officiate.
- c. Junior Officials will be permitted to work on clocks and scoreboards at events under the supervision of a senior qualified official.

LEVEL 1

- d. Level 1 Junior Officials are permitted to referee at Yellow Belt and Below, Club or School events in their own county. They may also referee at gradings up to 10th mon.

LEVEL 2

- e. Level 2 Junior Referees are permitted to referee at mini mon events which are closed to their county/area and
- f. gradings up to 12th mon.

For training purposes they may, with the approval of the Area Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator and the Senior Referee, referee at area events provided they have two senior referees, minimum National C grade, on the mat with them. In the interest of the players safety the senior referee on the mat will have the right to stop the contest at any time.

LEVEL 3

- g. Level 3 Junior Referees are permitted to referee at junior closed area/county events and gradings.

With the approval of the Area Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator and the Senior Referee they may referee at open mini mon competitions provided they have two senior referees, one of which must be a minimum National C grade, on the mat with them.

- h. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL JUNIOR OFFICIALS OF ANY GRADE BE ALLOWED TO REFEREE ANY CONTESTS WHERE ARMLOCKS OR STRANGLES ARE TO BE USED.**
- i. When officiating Junior Officials must wear the correct dress
- j. Record books/cards must be signed to verify attendance at an event.

8. JUNIOR REFEREES /OFFICIALS DRESS

The Junior Official must wear the correct uniform when officiating. The uniform will consist of:

- Dark blazer - a navy or dark v necked sweater is acceptable
- White shirt or blouse
- Mid grey trousers
- Dark tie
- Black shoes
- Black socks

The Junior Official must wear the badge corresponding to their refereeing grade on their blazer/sweater.

9. DEFINITION OF DIRECT SUPERVISION

- a. At closed school/club events Junior Officials must at all times, when on the mat area, be under the direct supervision of a qualified senior referee.

The ratio of junior to senior referees will be on a two senior to one junior basis, therefore there will never be two juniors on the mat with a senior referee.

The supervising referee will always be the most senior referee at the time.

- b. When using a junior referee a senior referee will have the right to call matte to stop a contest, when acting as a judge, if a situation develops which he/she considers to be dangerous to the players, or in any other situation which he/she considers warrants this extreme action.
- c. An adult referee acting as a judge may, in extreme circumstances, overrule a junior referee if they feel that a junior referee has committed a grave error which would affect the result of the contest.

Past experience has shown that the quality of the junior referee is very high. These guidelines should be followed to encourage and improve the standard of these young people.



10. JUNIOR OFFICIAL/ REFEREE AWARD STRUCTURE

Eligibility for the Level 1 Award

To attain the Level 1 Award the candidate must:

1. Be a minimum of 10 years of age
2. Have achieved a minimum grade of 7th mon
3. Have attended a course, maximum time 6 hours including a 30 minute theory examination
4. Have passed a theory examination with a minimum mark of 60%.
5. Have passed a practical examination with a minimum mark of 40%

Level 1 Junior Officials can officiate at Yellow Belt and Below, Closed School or Club events in their own county. There must be two senior referees on the mat with them, minimum grade National C. The senior referee will have the right to stop the contest at any time.

Level 1 Junior Officials can officiate at gradings up to 10th mon. There must be a minimum of one National C grade referee on the mat with them.

Level 1 Junior Officials are also able to operate clocks and scoreboards under the supervision of a senior qualified official.

NB. If the candidate has the ability and satisfies the age/grade requirements they may, with the approval of the National Junior Officials Refereeing Co-ordinators approval, be promoted to Level 2.

Eligibility for the Level 2 Award

To attain the Level 2 Award the candidate must:

1. Be a minimum of 12 years of age
2. Have achieved a minimum grade of 10th mon
3. Have attended a course, maximum time 6 hours including a 30 minute theory examination.
4. Have passed a theory examination with a minimum mark of 70%.
5. Have passed a practical examination with a minimum mark of 50%

Level 2 Referees can referee at mini mon events that are closed to their own area or county, promotion examinations up to 12th mon and, for training purposes, at closed area events. There must be two senior referees on the mat with them, minimum grade National C for competitions and one senior referee, minimum grade National C for promotion examinations . The senior referee will have the right to stop the contest at any time.

Level 2 Junior Officials are also able to operate clocks and scoreboards under the supervision of a senior qualified official.

Level 2 Referees will only officiate if they have the approval of the Junior Officials Refereeing Award Area Co-ordinator .

Eligibility for the Level 3 Award

To attain the Level 3 Award the candidate must:

1. Be a minimum of 14 years of age
2. Have achieved a minimum grade of 13th mon
3. Have held the Level 2 Award for 1 year
4. Have attended a course, maximum time 6 hours including a 40 minute theory examination.
5. Have passed a theory examination with a minimum mark of 80%.
6. Have passed a practical examination with a minimum mark of 60%

Level 3 Referees can referee at junior closed area and county events and promotion examinations. There must be two senior referees on the mat with them, minimum grade National C for competitions and one senior referee, minimum grade National C for promotion examinations . The senior referee will have the right to stop the contest at any time.

Level 3 Junior Officials are also able to operate clocks and scoreboards under the supervision of a senior qualified official.

Level 3 Referees may also referee at open mini mons with the approval of the Junior Officials Refereeing Award Co-ordinator.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY JUNIOR REFEREE BE ALLOWED TO REFEREE CONTESTS WHERE ARMLOCKS AND STRANGLES ARE USED.

11. CONTENT GUIDE FOR Junior Officials Refereeing Award COURSES/EXAMINATIONS

This is a guide for all Junior Officials Refereeing Award Course Instructors on the content that should be included in the practical part of each course. The course should be made as interesting as possible with the involvement of course members. Demonstrations and practical refereeing should be used wherever possible.

LEVEL 1

COMMANDS AND SIGNALS

Commands

Hajime	Matte
Sono Mama	Yoshi
Osaekomi	Toketa
Sore Made	

Scores

Koka	3 points
Yuko	5 points
Waza ari	7 points
Ippon	10 points

Penalties	Shido 1	3 points against
	Shido 2	5 points against
	Shido 3	7 points against
	Hansoku Make	10 points against
Osaekomi times	0 - 9 seconds	Kinsa
	10 - 14 seconds	Koka
	15 - 19 seconds	Yuko
	20 – 24 seconds	Waza-ari
	25 seconds	Ippon

Referees Signals

All signals are to be covered as in Article 8 (Gestures) of the Contest Rules using demonstrations of the correct technique and held for a minimum of 3 – 5 seconds.

POSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE REFEREE

The position of the referee to the players should be 2 – 3 metres in tachi waza and 1 – 2 metres in ne waza. The referee shall generally stay within the contest area (Article 6). The referee must control the players, give the correct decisions know when to call matte and check that the scoreboard is correct.

POSITION AND FUNCTION OF THE JUDGES

- The judges shall be seated opposite each other, outside the contest area.
- They should be sitting up straight and prepared to move their chairs if necessary. They shall assist the referee as stated in Article 7.
- They will confirm whether techniques on the line are valid (in/out).
- They will check that the scoreboard is correct.

USE OF THE CONTEST AREA

- Position of the referee in tachiwaza.
- When is a technique in/out in both tachiwaza and newaza.
- The half body rule for sutemi waza.

CORRECT BOWING PROCEDURE

- The correct bowing procedure for officials opening and closing of the mat at competitions.
- The correct bowing procedure for players at the start and end of the contest.

OSAEKOMI

- When osaekomi is on.
- When osaekomi is broken.
- The position of the referee in relation to the players in osaekomi.

PROHIBITED ACTS

- Give a brief introduction to Article 27.

ASSESSMENT OF THROWING TECHNIQUES

- What is an attack.
- How a referee decides on a particular score.
- Criteria for scoring as in Articles 21 – 25

USE OF SCOREBOARDS

Set up different scores at the end of the contest.

Nb. THE COURSE SHOULD BE RUN IN SUCH A MANNER THAT FAILURES ARE VERY RARE.

LEVEL 2

All sections in Level 1 should be included plus the following:

JUDOGI INSPECTION

- Procedure for inspection
- Size of judogi
- Action if judogi does not meet the required condition.

JUDGES SIGNALS

- All signals to be covered as in Article 8b
- Demonstration of correct technique

PROHIBITED ACTS

- A more in depth look at Article 27 number
- Set up a practical situation of the more common infringements
- Method of awarding penalties

ENTRY INTO NE WAZA

Cover all sections in Article 16

SONO MAMA

- When and how to apply sono mama
- When Osaekomi has been called and uke commits a prohibited act
- For an injury including when a doctor has to attend a player

POSITION OF REFEREES

- Correct position around the contest area in relation to the players and judges.

LEVEL 3

All sections in Levels 1 and 2 should be included plus the following:

JUDGES OPINION

Cover all items in the appendix of Article 7

REFEREES AND JUDGES RESPONSIBILITIES

- During the call of hantei.
- Techniques coinciding with the time signal (including osaekomi).
- Calling ippon or matte in error and placing the players back in the original position if necessary.
- Assessment of score when player lands in a bridge.
- The awarding of non-combativity.
- The difference between non-combativity and excessive defence.

KINSA

- What is a kinsa
- What is an kinsa in tachi waza .
- What is an kinsa in ne waza.

PROHIBITED ACTS

- A more in depth look at Article 27.
- Setting up practical situations on the more common infringements.
- Method of awarding hansoku make.
- Demonstrate common dangerous situations and how to handle them eg neck locks and shoulder locks caused by incorrectly or carelessly applied turnover.

DECISION ON INJURY, ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT

- All sections in Article 29.
- Include signals for calling the doctor onto the mat and for medical examination.

