

2012 USA Judo RC Seminar/Workshop

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Scottsdale, AZ

Welcome to All Participants

Chief Referee - standards, expectations, etc.

- prior to the event
 - Prearrange use and control of CARE System, Weigh-in Personnel, etc
- during the event
 - enforce RC policies and interpretations
 - individual debriefs – offer at end of each event – also available later (e-mail RC Chair Assistant)
- following the event
 - report requirements – be timely (within 1-2 weeks)
 - Standard Report Form (including List of all participating referees and their event rating) [e-mail to RC Chairman and Chairman's Assistant]
 - Mailing of all ref. registration forms to RC Chairman Assistant
- Chief Referee Manual is located on the USA Judo Web Referee Page

2012 new interpretations and implementation

- Mat side coaching requirements at IJF events
 - Only during Mate
 - Potential application at U.S. domestic events? RC recommended but subsequently not approved by USA Judo. Therefore **do not** implement in the U.S.

New Application of 2011 IJF Rules for US Implementation

- “White on Right” – Last year the IJF implemented the change of order of calling the players. White is now called first along with all other subsequent changes such as seeding, white to the referees right, changes to the scoreboard, etc. **The RC recommender implementation at all events in the U.S. and subsequently, USA Judo has adopted this rule, effective immediately** *[Note: scoreboards should be changed as soon as possible without imposing undue hardship on tournament directors – it would be better to have the blue on the scoreboard not match the position of the blue player rather than not use the electronic scoreboards if available]*
- Blue and White markers – the use of tape markers to indicate the exact starting locations of the competitors has been eliminated. As long as the players are in the approximate location to start, hajime may be called. Too much time and disruption occurred when a player was only a couple of inches away from the correct location but looked obvious when the tapes are used. **The RC recommender implementation at all events in the U.S. and subsequently, USA Judo has adopted this rule, effective immediately**

Current (2012) implementation of Rules and other comments

- This section of the seminar was conducted by a panel of “traveling referees”
- Competitor tone (dynamic or passive) effect on application of penalties throughout a match – let dynamic players play and passive players should be penalized to encourage dynamic play – busy is not “active” and should be penalized – matches tend to be called differently depending on the level of the event (PJC encourages strict application of the rules to drive the action of less dynamic players while IJF level stresses “let the players play” since the competitors are often more dynamic – finals likewise often involve the more dynamic players and, although the matches are not always “exciting”, the players are usually “active” and thus do not merit a penalty

Current (2012) implementation of Rules and other comments(continued)

- The approach to teamwork varies depending on the level of the event – at PJC and below levels, expression of individual opinion and then combining these opinions into a team decision is the normal approach whereas , at the IJF level, the judges most often come to agreement before publically expressing their individual opinions which avoids a single judge giving a public signal for a differing opinion which does not lead to the referee changing his call
- Leg grabbing is allowed during follow-on attacks as long as the attacks are continuous and the initial attack was “real” (effectiveness at least includes kuzushi); cross grip interpretation - opponent can attack with leg grab and not be penalized if player has, or is in the process of getting, a cross grip – the cross grip criteria is met when tori’s hand crosses the vertical plane of the body above the opposite side shoulder or arm (see the attached video); penalty should not be given if there is incidental contact or a grab and immediate release with no effect on the balance of the opponent (kuzushi)

Current (2012) implementation of Rules and other comments(continued)

- Get to know other referees – helps develop trust and improves teamwork
- Referees must adapt to level of event (e.g. at many IJF level events there may be up to 8 TV cameras and referees should avoid blocking the TV view of the action – this may require modified referee positioning and movement)
- Penalizing going out-of-bounds (when and consistency) – penalize randomly walking out of bounds without action and repeatedly going out of bounds by a competitor who is not fighting dynamically
- Team Matches – Tie goes to Golden Score then Hantei – no Hikiwake
- Bear Hug from the front is not OK – from the side or back is OK

Problem areas in recent events regarding rule implementation

- Use of coach's or spectator's videos to change incident outcome – RC position is that this should not happen; only use CARE system (when available)

Preparing for travel as a referee - responsibilities of all involved

- National and Major U.S. Regional (test/evaluation/credit) Events
 - “Designated Referees” are being selected by the USA Judo Referee Commission for the 4 national championship events – most benefits (i.e. per diem, etc.) will be allocated to the “designated referees” but group activities (such as referee dinners, etc) will include all participating referees – for most events in 2012 it is anticipated (as indicated by the activity forecast responses currently received) that the majority of those indicating they will attend will end up being “designated referees” – All referees that desire to and are qualified to attend any of these events should do so
 - Annual attendance forecast – goal is more uniform referee support of events at appropriate levels – this is an important management tool, but is only effective if most of our referees respond (with a somewhat accurate forecast)

Preparing for travel as a referee - responsibilities of all involved (continued)

- Selection criteria for each event will include the referees requests, the event needs, individual referee development opportunity and balance of numbers and levels of referees to provide quality officiating for each event
- Referees and judges for the finals will be selected according to their performance during the preliminaries, not necessarily according to their certification level (although, in general, one would expect referees with a higher level of certification to perform better and thus have a higher probability of being selected)

Preparing for travel as a referee - responsibilities of all involved (continued)

- International Events
 - Some selected by IJF/PJC without input of USA Judo RC
 - Selections made by the USA Judo Referee Commission to fill non-specific request of IJF/PJC
 - Referees selected to travel with U.S. teams
 - Other events (request attendance through the US RC)
 - Approval required
 - All official international contacts are to be made by the National Office of USA Judo – not individual referees
 - Work with/through the USA Judo National Office, if approved
 - Additional help from the USA Judo Referee Commission
 - All referees are required to submit timely reports to the RC
 - “Requests for Partial Reimbursement” should be submitted to the RC Chairman upon return from trip - include copies of expense receipts

Event Listing

Group 1 (selected by IJF/PJC from World Ranking List)

- Masters (World top 16) - Almaty, KAZ (1/14-15/12) *** (selected by IJF with input from PJC/USA Judo)
- WC - Tblisi, Georgia (1/28-29/12) A M (selected by host)
- GS - Paris, France (2/4-5/12) A+ M/W *** (selected by IJF with input from PJC/USA Judo)
- GP - Dusseldorf, Germany (2/18-19/12) A M/W {selected by IJF}
- *GP - Tunis, Tunisia (5/6-8/11) A M/W*
- GP - Baku, Azerbaijan (5/5-6/12)
- GS - Moscow, Russia (5/26-27/12) Refs selected by IJF
- GS - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (6/16-17/12) A+ M/W
- Olympic Games - London, UK (7/28-8/3/12)

Event Listing

Group 1 (selected by IJF/PJC from World Ranking List) (continued)

- *World Champs Cadets - Kiev, Ukraine (8/11-14/11)*
- *Pan American Games (10/ /11) M/W team*
- GP - Amsterdam, Netherlands (11/17-18/12) A M/W
- *Junior World Championships - Cape Town, South Africa (11/3-6/11) A+ M/W*
- *World Champs Open - Tumen, Russia (10/29-30/11)*
- GP - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (10/15-17/12) A M/W
- World Champs Team - Salvador de Bahia (10/27-28/12)
- GS - Tokyo, Japan (11/30-12/2/12) A+ M/W
- GP - Qingdao, China (12/15-17/12) A+ M/W

Event Listing

Group 2 (selected by IJF/PJC with input from USA Judo RC)

- WC - Sophia, Bulgaria (1/28-29/12) A W
- WC - Oberwart, Austria (2/11-12/12) A W
- WC - Budapest, Hungary (2/11-12/12) A M [A Test]
- WC - Prague, Czech Republic (2/25-26/12) A W
- WC - Warsaw, Poland (2/25-26/12) A M
- *Pan American Cup - Guayaquil, Ecuador (3/3-5/11)*
- *North-Central American Champs - (3/11/11)*
- Pan Am Sr Champs - Montreal, Canada (4/28-29/12) - full team
- WC - Miami, USA (5/10-11/12)
- *WC - Cairo, Egypt (5/14-15/11) A M/W*
- WC - Madrid, Spain (6/2-3/12) A W
- WC - Bucharest, Romania (6/2-3/12) A M

Event Listing

Group 2 (selected by IJF/PJC with input from USA Judo RC) P2

- WC - Lisbon, Portugal (6/9-10/12) A W
- WC - Tallinn, Estonia (6/9-10/12) A M
- *WC - Sao Paulo, Brazil (6/25-26/11) A M/W*
- *WC - Colombia (6/19-20) A M/W - full team*
- *South America Under 17 & 20 - Montevideo, Uruguay (9/??/11)*
- *WC - Isla de Margarita, Venezuela (7/9-10/11) A M/W*
- *WC - San Salvador, El Salvador (7/16-17/11)*
- WC - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (9/8-9/12) A M/W
- *North & Central American Seniors - Orlando, Florida (8/30)*
- *Pan Am under 17 & 20 - Ciudad Panama, Panama (10/??/11)*
- *Pan Am Veterans - Porto Alegre, Brasil (9/??/11)*
- *Pan Am Junior Championships - Santiago, Chile (9/9-10/11) M/W*

Event Listing

Group 2 (selected by IJF/PJC with input from USA Judo RC) P3

- *North & Central America under 17 & 20 - Guatemala (9/17-19)*
- *WC - Almaty, Kazakhstan (9/15-16/12) A*
- *WC - Tashkent, Uzbekistan (9/22-23/12) A*
- *WC - Rome, Italy (9/29-30/12) A W*
- *Pan Am Comp under 15 & 13 - Buenos Aires, Argentina (9/??/11)*
- *WC - Birmingham, Great Britain (10/1-2/11) A M*
- *WC - Minsk, Belarus (10/6-7/12) A W*
- *WC - Baku, Azerbaijan (10/6-7/12) A M*
- *WC - Apia, Samoa (11/9-10/12) A M/W*
- *North & Central American under 13 & 15 - Panama (11/26-28)*
- *WC - Suwon, Korea (12/2-3/11) A M/W*

Event Listing

Group 3 (suggested by USA Judo RC and approved by host)

Section A

- Belgium Ladies Open - Arlon, Belgium (1/28-29/12)
- *British Open - West Sussex, Great Britian (5/13-15) B
M/W 2 refs A or B*
- *World University Games*
- *World Military Games - Brazil (7/12-23/11) [every 4
years]*

Event Listing

Group 3 (suggested by USA Judo RC and approved by host) P2

Section B

- *Jose Rodriguez/Judoguis - Cuba (4/15-17)*
- *Juan Carlos Vargas & Yanira Vigil Tournament - San Salvador, El Salvador (7/17/11)*
- *XXI Juegos Deportivos Central America & Caribbean - Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (7/18-21)*
- *Bahamas Open - Bahamas (10/??/11)*

Event Listing

Group 3 (suggested by USA Judo RC and approved by host) P3

Section C

- *Benito Juarez, Guadalajara, Mexico (4/3/11)*
- *World Veterans Championships (5/27-30) M/W*
- *Jita Kioei Juv, Jr, Sr - Lima, Peru (10/7-9/11)*
- *Panama Open - Panama (10/??/11)*
- *South American under 15 & 13 - Lima, Peru (10/10/11)*
- *Barbados Independance Judo Champs - Bridgetown, Barbados (12/4)*

[Note: We don't currently have a verified date for any event on these lists with a 2011 date, which is the date the event was held last year]

Travel Suggestions by Several “A’s”

- Make arrangements through USA Judo Office
- Check travel restrictions/advisories with State Department
- Take extra supplies to most countries – food, water, medicine, first-aid kit, toilet paper, water purification kits, etc.
- Take extra emergency cash – prepaid rooms, meals, fees, etc may not be properly credited
- Take copies of all required documentation, applications, pictures, etc in case they were lost
- Take phone numbers – key personnel in U.S. and cell phone #'s of those traveling to the event (other referees, coach, head of delegation, etc)
- Attend Draw/meetings in suit (IJF) or Referee Uniform (PJC)
- ***[Note: a list will be supplied in future prior to travel]***

Sunday Discussion – 2nd Session

Developing as a Referee and Leader

- Discussion and informal presentation on How Referees Develop and the Leadership roles to assert influence in your area
- How to develop yourself and stature as you move up. How do you find mentors?
- We must all take responsibility for Referees coming up; collaborate on how best to help individual referees improve.
- Advise on efficient ways to travel, and how to prepare for major evaluation events.
- Encourage Referees to take notes on areas of improvement and interpretations when critiques occur- review notes before next referee event.

Sunday Discussion – 2nd Session

Mentoring

- How do you develop as a Referee Mentor?
- Find mentors you respect and who are willing to take the time to informally advise over time.
- Be a mentor to developing referees.
- Encourage and create supervised referee experiences for young and developing referees at dojo level, local tournaments, clinics. Follow and track their development and mentor.
- Share experience and encourage/constructively critique developing referees (Regional, N3, N2, N1). Advise on Events.
- Encourage Development Plans be written by lower level referees; review and provide input, help them set goals.

Sunday Discussion – 2nd Session

Formal Ref Development Programs

- Participate in the development of formal Local/Regional planning for sustained Referee Development at Local, State, and Yudanshakai organizations
- Train, Supervise and Test Referees (both adult and youth). Examples Hawaii, Nanka Yudanshakai (Southern California), Northwest Yudanshakai.
- *[Note: additional information is available on the USA Judo Website (Referee Page) in the archived article “Personal Referee Development Program”*