

REFEREES COMMISSION ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The Judo Federation of Australia (Queensland) Inc. is affiliated with the Judo Federation of Australia, which is a recognised National Sporting Organisation under the auspices of the Commonwealth Government's Australian Sports Commission. The sport of Judo has been a regular activity in the Olympic Games for over 50 years and World Championships have been conducted for almost 60 years under the guidance and direction of the International Judo Federation. As such, it is imperative that competing athletes are provided with the highest level of referees and officials in order to assist them to achieve their potential on the national and international front.

- 1.2. The International Judo Federation and the Judo Federation of Australia provide a career path where referees may progress and officiate at higher levels. So that all referees may have the opportunity to gain experience and higher levels of appointment, the Referees Commission is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that suitable courses and practical opportunities are provided to all JFA(Q) members interested in becoming involved in refereeing. Likewise, the Commission has the responsibility of conducting examinations at appropriate times and locations to encourage members to achieve higher levels of appointment and/or enhancement of existing knowledge. The Referees Commission has been introduced by the Management Committee of the JFA(Q) Inc. to provide a formal process in which all members may achieve their optimum level of ability within the field of refereeing.

2. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Referees Commission to:

- Prepare a calendar of competition events for the year
- Conduct courses on Judo competition rules and their application
- Appoint Chief Referees to JFA(Q) competitions
- Ensure that referees are regularly trained, coached and assessed
- Maintain consistency in methods of assessment and awarding of referee levels
- Promote and encourage elevation of referees to higher officiating standards

3. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Referees Commission will prepare a calendar of events prior to the commencement of each calendar year, and have the contents publicly displayed on the JFA(Q) website. Such calendar will include:

- Dates and locations of scheduled rules training sessions
- Dates and locations of scheduled referee assessments
- Appointments of Chief Referee at each JFA(Q) endorsed competition

4. REFEREE TRAINING SESSIONS

Courses will be conducted at various locations, enabling participants to update their knowledge and expertise in matters such as:

- Knowledge of IJF rules
- Latest interpretations and applications of rules
- Official referee signals
- Adoption of rules for JFA(Q) events
- Methods of assessments of referees
- Mentoring of newer referees

5. TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Education and training will be provided to all JFA(Q) members wishing to become referees. Publicity will be given to all upcoming courses to be conducted by the Referees Commission in an endeavour to achieve maximum number of attendees. Following successful completion of a course, new referees will be assigned a mentor to assist and overview their development.
- 5.2 A standardised format for assessing potential and current referees will be utilised, requiring the candidates to participate in written and practical assessments under the supervision and direction of appropriately experienced referees, and achieve an acceptable standard.
- 5.3 Documentation on each assessment will be maintained by the Chair of the Referees Commission, and feedback provided with reference to that documented material.

6. CHIEF REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

It is the responsibility of the Chair of the Referees Commission to appoint a Chief Referee to each competition sanctioned by the JFA(Q). The Chief Referee duly appointed will assume the role of a coordinator and arbitrator, assigning referees to the various mat areas, taking into account the experience and expertise of the referees in attendance as well as the degree of competence required for the matches to be controlled. The Chief Referee will assess the performance of each referee under their control, and provide a report on their performances to the Chair of the Referees Commission.

7. REFEREE PROMOTIONS

The Chair of the Referees Commission will regularly consult with the other members of the Commission and continually assess each referee's performance, and arrange for the announcement of any upgrading of refereeing level. Encouragement will be continually provided to all referees identified as possessing the required talent and disposition to achieve higher levels of refereeing at JFA, OJU or IJF level.

8. FUNCTIONAL REPORTING

The Chair of the Referees and Commission will provide a written report to the JFA(Q) Inc. Management Committee at least twice every year for consideration of inclusion in the federation's annual report, outlining:

- Number of courses conducted, **plus**
 - Number of attendees
- Appointments and elevations
- JFA appointments, **plus**
 - OJU and IJF appointments