



Referee Accreditation Framework

State Referee Licences

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This document is intended to constructively guide and assist the membership on all state refereeing matters. It includes the structure, qualification, assessment and examination processes and procedures, which are underpinned by the educational and training programmes.

This document supersedes all previous referee structure documents.

1.1 Referee Licence Delivery

Member States are endorsed to coordinate the delivery of the three state level referee licences.

1.2 Referee Licence Levels

State Licences	Emerging
	State C
	State B
	State A

1.3 Licence Fees

Fees may vary in each Member State. Licence fees will include the costs of accreditation, certification, and other costs such as administration. All state licences will be managed by Member States.

1.4 Assessor Qualifications

All State Accreditation Assessors will be a member of the State Referee Commissions, or their appointed delegate, and hold minimum State Level A referee licence.

Judo Australia (JA) Referee Committee reserves the right to conduct random checks to assess the quality of delivery of the levels being conducted. State Referee Commission reports and participant evaluations will be randomly reviewed, by the JA Referee Committee, to ensure quality of level delivery.

2. EMERGING REFEREE

JA encourage all states to develop and implement a structured Emerging Referee Level, based on the below criteria, that is relevant to their state situation and structure.

Competency Level - Referee of children or beginner judoka.

Target Market - This program is designed to provide referee training through a State Level A referee for referees who wish to experience refereeing at a beginner level.

Program Details - This is an entry level to gain confidence, knowledge, and experience while under supervision. It is expected that referees would already have understanding and exposure of refereeing in club competition before applying for this level.

Emerging referees must be supervised by a referee holding a minimum State Level A licence taking part as one of the team of three referees. The supervising referee may override decisions if errors in the application of rules are made or a major incorrect assessment of scoring of a technique occurs.

JA Junior rules should be applied to junior boys and girls and senior boys and girls. The referee additionally needs to be aware of each states refereeing guidelines for these age categories.

2.1 Prerequisites

- Must be a financial member of good standing with Member State
- Working with Vulnerable People clearance (Working with Children Checks) or equivalent
- Completed ASC Community Officiating General Principles (Online)
- Minimum age of 13 years
- Minimum Grade Yon Kyu (Orange Belt)

2.2 Content

- The roles and responsibilities of a referee
- Introduction to the basic rules of competition judo
- Introduction to contest etiquette
- Introduction to refereeing gestures and vocabulary
- Current State Junior Shiai Rules

2.3 Competency Statements

- Demonstrate general knowledge of contest etiquette
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of a referee
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge, and the application, of the rules of competition Judo
- Understand refereeing gestures and vocabulary

2.4 Level Overview and Assessment

- The level is implemented and managed by a State A referee or State Referee Commission of the relevant state
- It is the State Referee Commission's responsibility to ensure that training satisfies the assessment requirements for this level
- It is the emerging's referees' responsibility to seek extra knowledge and develop their skills further over time
- Online exam (Open Book)- score 75% on exam
- The emerging referee must referee at two (2) tournaments during which time must demonstrate adequate knowledge and basic control of the contest to the satisfaction of the State A Referee. During the tournament the emerging referee must referee as centre referee a minimum of six (6) bouts and referee as a member of the team of three for a minimum of twelve (12) bouts.

2.5 Approval Process

Successful completion of criteria established in this section, including:

- Completed Emerging refereeing online exam
- Practical refereeing assessments
- Attendance and participation in pre-event referee briefings or 1x State Referee Seminar (per year)
- Note: there is no fee for the emerging referee accreditation

2.6 Re-Accreditation Renewal Requirements:

- Actively referee at a minimum of two (2) state or club level tournaments per year
- Participate in 1x State Referee Seminar or pre-event referee briefings per year
- Resubmit/maintain all pre-requisites as required

3. LEVEL C CLASS REFEREE

The State Level C referee should always officiate under active and direct supervision of the State Referee Commission. This referee should only be selected to officiate at appropriate level events, as decided by the State Referee Commission.

Competency Level - Referee athletes across a range of abilities in the club and state environment.

Target Market - This level is designed to provide referee training for referees who wish to work with children and adults of beginner and intermediate skill levels. It is targeted at junior and emerging referees who would like to understand more about the role of a referee.

Program Details - This level is an intermediate level to gain further confidence, knowledge, and experience while under supervision. It is expected that referees should already have an understanding and experience of refereeing at club level.

The State Level C referee will officiate under active and direct supervision of the State Referee Commission. The supervising official may override referee decision if errors in application of rules are made or major incorrect assessment of scoring of a technique occurs.

Referees who attain level C are members of the team of three at appropriate level events (State Championships and/or team selections), as decided by the State Referee Commission.

3.1 Prerequisites

- Must be a financial member of good standing with Member State
- Working with Vulnerable People clearance (Working with Children Check) or equivalent
- Completed ASC Community Officiating General Principles (Online)
- Minimum age of 16 years
- Minimum Grade San Kyu (Green Belt)

3.2 Content

- The roles and responsibilities of a referee
- Refereeing implications to the basic rules of judo
- Current IJF Refereeing Rules
- Introduction to contest etiquette
- Introduction to refereeing gestures and vocabulary
- Current State Junior Shiai Rules

3.3 Competency Statements

Development of confidence and consistency in the following competencies:

- Appropriate application and timing of penalties and control of bout
- Correct position on the mat including groundwork and mat edge
- Decisive, confident concentration with clear and audible voice
- Knowledge and appropriate application of current IJF refereeing rules
- The role and responsibilities of the coaches
- Maintain the spirit of judo

3.4 Level Overview and Assessment

- The level is implemented and managed by the relevant State Referee Commission
- It is the State Referee Commission's responsibility to ensure that training satisfies the assessment requirements for this level
- The State referee commission should actively encourage and support the State Level C referee to seek extra knowledge and develop their skills further over time
- Practical Assessments
 - Actively referee at a minimum two (2) state or club level tournaments per calendar year, twelve (12) bouts as centre referee and participate as a member of table referee team for a minimum of twenty four (24) times, during which time must demonstrate adequate knowledge and basic control of the contest to the satisfaction of the State A Referee
- IJF Refereeing Rules Exam
 - Achieve a (minimum) 80% correct answer pass-mark on an 'Open Book' take home IJF Refereeing Rules Theory Exam paper
- Participation in one (1) refereeing seminar or pre event briefing run by relevant Member State

3.5 Approval Process

Successful completion of criteria established in this section, including:

- Completed IJF Refereeing Rules Exam paper
- Ongoing practical refereeing assessments
- Attendance and participation in pre-event referee briefings or 1x State Referee Seminar (per year)
- Payment of the State Referee Accreditation and Certification Fee

3.6 Re- Accreditation Renewal Requirements:

- Referee at a minimum of two (2) state or club level tournaments per year
- Participate in 1x State Referee Seminar (per year) or pre-event referee briefing
- Resubmit/maintain all pre-requisites as required

4. LEVEL B CLASS REFEREE

Competency Level – competently referees athletes across a range of abilities in the club and state environment.

Target Market - This level is designed to provide referee training for referees who wish to work with children and adults of beginner and intermediate skill levels. It is targeted at senior referees and current State Level C referees who would like to gain further experience and practice at a higher level of refereeing.

Program Details - This level is an intermediate level to gain further confidence, knowledge, and experience. It is expected that referees would already have refereed in club and state competition before applying for this level and hold a current State Level C qualification.

Referees who attain State Level B are members of the team of three at appropriate level events (State Championships and/or team selections), as decided by the State Referee Commission.

4.1 Prerequisites

- Must be a financial member of good standing with Member State
- Working with Vulnerable People (Working with Children Check) or equivalent
- Completed ASC Community Officiating General Principles (Online)
- Minimum grade Ni Kyu (blue)
- Minimum age of 17 years
- Must hold a Current State Level C qualification for minimum 12 months and be active in those 12 months

4.2 Content

- Advanced knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a referee
- Refereeing implications to the basic rules of judo
- Advanced knowledge of the current IJF Refereeing Rules
- Advanced knowledge of contest etiquette
- Consistent knowledge and demonstration of refereeing gestures and vocabulary
- The role and responsibilities of the coaches
- Advanced Knowledge of current State and National Junior Shiai Rules

4.3 Competency Statements

Demonstrate confidence and consistency in the following competencies:

- Appropriate application and timing of penalties and control of bout
- Accurate application of the IJF refereeing rules in a variety of situations and complexities
- Correct position on the mat including groundwork and mat edge
- Decisive, confident concentration with clear and audible voice
- Maintain the spirit of judo
- A level of refereeing knowledge and skills that is above State Level C (as identified in this document)

4.4 Level Overview and Assessment

- The level is implemented and managed by the relevant State Referee Commission
- It is the State Referee Commission's responsibility to ensure that training satisfies the assessment requirements for this level
- The State Referee Commission should actively encourage, and support, the State Level B referee to seek extra knowledge and develop their skills further over time
- Practical: Assessment would be based upon the demonstration of adequate knowledge and basic control of the contest to the satisfaction of the State Referee Commission:
 - Actively referee at a minimum of four (4) state level tournaments per year
 - Perform a minimum of twelve (12) bouts as centre referee
 - Participate in a minimum of twenty-four (24) bouts as a member of the table referee team
- Participation in one (1) refereeing seminar or pre event briefing run by relevant Member State

4.5 Approval Process

Successful completion of criteria established in this section, including:

- Ongoing practical refereeing assessments
- Attendance and participation in pre-event referee briefings or 1x State Referee Seminar (per year)
- Payment of the State Referee Accreditation and Certification Fee

4.6 Re- Accreditation Renewal Requirements:

- Actively referee at a minimum of four (4) state level events per calendar year
- Participate in 1x State Referee Seminar (per year)
- Maintain/resubmit pre-requisites as required

5. LEVEL A CLASS REFEREE

State Level A referee is the highest state level referee and is the precursor to nomination for national level referee assessment. This State Level A referee should be able to perform competently and consistently at the highest level in the state.

Competency Level – Referee competently and consistently at the highest level in the state with athletes who are (or have been) competing at National and International events.

Target Market - This level is designed to provide referee training for State Level B referees who are working with club and state level athletes, across a range of age groups and abilities, who wish gain deeper understanding and practice as a higher level referee.

Program Details - This is the highest state referee level and the applicant should be consistently demonstrating increased confidence, knowledge, and experience with minimal supervision. It is expected that referees should already have gained significant refereeing understanding and experience at appropriate state level events before being assessed for this level.

5.1 Prerequisites

- Must be a financial member of good standing with Member State
- Working with Vulnerable People clearance (Working with Children Check) or equivalent
- Minimum grade 1k Kyu (brown)
- Minimum age of 18 years
- Must hold a Current State Level B qualification for minimum 12 months and be active for those 12 months

5.2 Content

- Superior and independent knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a referee
- Superior and independent knowledge of the current IJF Refereeing Rules
- Superior and independent knowledge of contest etiquette
- Superior and independent knowledge of refereeing gestures and vocabulary

5.3 Competency Statements

Demonstrate highly advanced levels of confidence and consistency in the following competencies:

- Appropriate application and timing of penalties and control of bout
- Accurate application of the IJF refereeing rules in a variety of situations and complexities
- Correct position on the mat including groundwork and mat edge
- Decisive, confident concentration with clear and audible voice
- The role and responsibilities of the coach
- Demonstrates awareness of safety in terms of the environment and athletes
- A level of refereeing knowledge and skills that is above state level B (as identified in this document)

5.4 Level Overview and Assessment

- The level is implemented and managed by the relevant State Referee Commission
- It is the State Referee Commission's responsibility to ensure that training satisfies the assessment requirements for this level
- The State Referee Commission should actively encourage, and support, the 'State Level A' referee to actively seek extra knowledge and the development of their skills through attendance at Refereeing seminars – and by accessing IJF Refereeing information/videos/updates etc.
- Practical - assessment would be based upon the demonstration of adequate knowledge and basic control of the contest to the satisfaction of the State Referee Commission:
 - Actively referee at a minimum of four (4) state tournaments per calendar year
 - Perform a minimum of eighteen (18) bouts as centre referee
 - Participate in a minimum of thirty-six (36) bouts as a member of the table referee team
- Theory
 - Participation in one (1) refereeing seminar or pre event briefing run by relevant Member State
 - Participation in one (1) National Event Series seminar/pre-tournament referee briefing

5.5 Approval Process

Successful completion of the criteria established in this section, including:

- Ongoing practical refereeing assessments
- Attendance and active contribution in pre-event referee briefings and seminars signed off by the relevant State Referee Commission
- Payment of the State Referee Accreditation and Certification Fee.

5.6 Re-Accreditation Requirements:

- Actively referee at a minimum of four (4) state level tournaments per calendar year
- Participate in 1x State Referee Seminar (per year)
- Participate in 1x National Event Series Seminar/pre-tournament referee briefing (per year)
- Resubmit/maintain all pre-requisites as required

6. RESOURCES

- [JA Referee Committee Information](#)
- [The Community Officiating General Principles online course](#)
- [IJF Refereeing Resources](#)
- [JA Junior Rules](#)
- [Working with Vulnerable People and Working with Children Check \(relevant state/territory requirements\)](#)
- [Emerging Referee Online Exam](#)
- [State Level C Take Home Exam Paper](#)