



Candidate Requirements for USA Judo NATIONAL REFEREE EXAMINATION

Prerequisites: Candidates must meet and document all the following conditions:

- a. be a current member of USA Judo;
- b. be 18 years of age or older;
- c. hold the rank of Shodan or higher (USA Judo, USJF, USJA or ATJA); (are the orgs still correct?)
- d. been a Regional-level referee (State Association, USJA, USJF or ATJA) for a minimum of one year;
- e. be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident Alien (Green Card); or in the United States legally?
- f. have a current clean NCSI Background Check;
- g. have current SafeSport Certifications;
- h. have a current CDC, CAAT, or NAYS Concussion Certificate.

Referees who wish to be candidates MUST inform the Chief Referee of the Examination Tournament AND the referee assistant refcomasst2@surewest.net macifp@aol.com ref@carolina.rr.com by email of their intention to take the National Referee Examination confirming that they meet the requirements listed above.

The referee assistant will assist in the preparation for this examination including coordination of the review and acceptance of the required documentation and taking of the National Referee Online Exam, also clarifying any concerns a potential candidate may have prior to the meeting and examination.

Documentation Required: *(All documents must be sent to the Assistant designated for the Examination above by email or mail at least 30 days prior to the examination with Exceptions allowed for special circumstances determined on a case- by-case basis. A screen shot of the referee's information page on the website of USA Judo, can be used in place of copies of the required documents if that data has been verified.)*

Complete the National Referee Registration form – Fillable pdf. using this URL:

https://docs.usajudo.net/referees/2024/National%20Referee%20Registration%20Form%20Rev%20202-13-2024_Fillable.pdf *If an Electronic Signature isn't feasible, the document can be signed at the Examination site or it can be printed, signed, scanned and emailed.*

For citizenship and age, a copy of your passport information page, Green Card, or birth certificate; can USA Judo membership card verification be used?

For rank, a copy of your USA Judo, USJA, USJF or ATJA belt-rank certificate or your USA Judo membership card with rank (V)erified;

A copy of the Regional Referee certificate, or either a letter or email from the National (or higher) referee who Certified you to that level including the date awarded. Or proof in members online membership profile?

A copy of your current USA Judo Approved Background Check. (two-year renewal)

A copy of your current USOC SafeSport Certificate. (annual renewal)

A copy of your current CDC, NAYS or CATT Concussion Training Certificate. (two-year renewal)

A copy of your current USA Judo membership card (available on-line at www.usjudo.org)

Couldn't all of above highlighted be checked through the membership database?

All Candidates *MUST* attend the National Referee Candidate Meeting. Any of the above required documents not completed must be presented for verification along with the \$30 Examination fee (cash or check to USA Judo) at the Referee Meeting. If the Online Examination was not completed successfully prior to the meeting, the written examination will be given in conjunction with the Referee Meeting. Candidates ***MUST*** be on time and attend all meetings and referee

(practical examination) the full duration of the event.

Successful candidates will pay a \$20 Registration fee (Cash or Check to USA Judo); provide a digital passport-style photograph (2-megapixel minimum, in coat and tie) in JPG format and 'attached' to an email to the Committee assistant Coordinating the Examination.

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