

USA Judo Referee Commission Meeting Agenda – January 4, 2025

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Members Present – Gary Berliner, Hector Estevez, Bill Gugino, Russ Scherer, Barb Shimizu, David Smith
 - B. Members Excused –
 - C. Members Absent – Steve Cohen, Alexander Kchirian, Torie Oishi, Katie Sell
 - D. RC Assistants Present – David Malek, Ralph Palmer, Dana Rucker
 - E. Special Guests – Keith Bryant, Joon Chi, Jerry Cypert, Bobby Donaldson, Mike Takata
- II. Review /acceptance of last RC Meeting – unanimously approved as distributed
- III. Event Status Reports
 - A. Domestic Events
 1. Upcoming N1 Events – *Garden State (CR Saro Balagezyan, EV1 Bill Gugino, EV2 TBD) – 4/13/2025 – moved by Gary Berliner – passed unanimously; Already approved – Lone Star, Wahadachi, NCJA, America’s Cup; Need paperwork for Indiana and Tohkon; Bill Gugino added as 3rd evaluator for Wahadachi (approved unanimously)*
 2. Upcoming N2 and N3 Events – *Room Request Form – Youth Nationals and Senior Nationals*
 - B. International Events –
 1. Recent trips - 9 U.S. referees attended the IJF Rules Seminar
 2. Upcoming events – Brian Toth will referee at the Paris GS; several other U.S. referees will be traveling internationally
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Actions taken by email since last meeting – none
 - B. Status of international travel reports, costs and receipts – everyone did not submit- reimbursement amounts were calculated and submitted to USA Judo National Office for payment – A letter acknowledging donations will be sent to each referee who did not submit for partial reimbursement, assuming they provide the needed information to USA Judo. Russ will send a list of these referees to Keith so he can solicit the information and issue the letters.
 - C. Status of National Championships Referee Reimbursements – All requests have been processed and submitted to USA Judo National Office for payment.
 - D. Referee Survey Status – Responses are still coming in.
 - E. 2025 Referee Levels – emails have been sent to notify each referee
 - F. Points List validated – Summary posted as a “Downloadable” on the Referee Information Site which reflects corrections received from individual referees and subsequent verification.
 - G. 2024 International Support Status – As noted above the list has been submitted to USA Judo for payment.
 - H. Annual Policy Reviews Status – The RC Policies will be updated following the appointment of the 2025/2026 RC by the USA Judo Board of Directors.

- I. Reporting forms – status – Keith will put together a broad base committee (referee, coach, staff, Ethics Committee rep, etc.) to develop a policy to track and utilize the data recorded on these forms.

V. New Business

- A. Inclusion of “Required” Referee Seminars, IJF Academy, etc. – Partial Reimbursement? – Motion by Bill Gugino (Gary Berliner 2nd) : “To maintain our current policy of not using expenses to attend clinics/seminars when calculating partial reimbursements for international travel by referees who officiate in international events.” Passed – no negative votes, one abstention.
- B. Notification: Solicit candidates for the John Osako Award by e-mail – selection to be made at the next RC Meeting and award to be presented at the Senior Nationals.

VIII. Adjournment