

USA Judo Referee Commission Meeting Agenda – July 24, 2025

QUORUM WAS NOT REACHED SO THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

- I. Roll Call – Meeting called to order 4:00 Eastern, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 - A. Members Present
 - B. Members Excused –
 - C. Members Absent –
 - D. RC Assistants Present –
 - E. Special Guests –
- II. Review/acceptance of minutes from last RC Meeting – Previously approved via email
- III. Event Status Reports
 - A. Domestic Events
 - 1. Upcoming Events – Approved
 - a. N1 Events
 - i. September 21, 2025 Liberty Bell Judo Classic, Philadelphia, PA
 - ii. October 12, 2025 Morris Cup, Burnt Hills, NY
 - iii. November 22, 2029 59th Annual Dallas Open Judo Championships, Dallas, TX
 - b. N2 Events
 - i. November 23, 2025 USA Judo President’s Cup, Dallas, TX
 - c. N3 Events
 - i. July 25-27, 2025 US Open, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 - B. International Events – Reminder for international travelers to try to arrive 1-2 days early to avoid problems with flights.
 - 1. Recent trips –

Ward, Nicole	5/28/25	Guayaquil Cadet, Junior Panamerican Cup and Open 2025	
Munoz, Boris	5/28/25	Guayaquil Cadet, Junior Panamerican Cup and Open 2025	
Freedman, Jake	5/30/25	Guayaquil Cadet, Junior Panamerican Cup and Open 2025	Alternate
Suyehira, Sam	6/15/25	Judo Mexican	
Mani, Diba	6/21/25	Berlin Jr. European Cup	
Esmaeli, Babak	6/21/25	Berlin Jr. European Cup	
Nguyen, Nicholas	6/22/25	Berlin Jr. European Cup	
Vallejos, Maximilion	6/23/25	Pretoria Jr. African Cup 2025	Passed
Batan, Marcos	6/28/25	Santo Domingo Jr. PanAm Cup and Open	
Esmaeli, Babak	7/5/25	Prague Jr. European Cup	

2. Upcoming events –

Gutierrez, David	7/26/25	Birmingham Jr. European Cup
Sternick, Jim	7/26/25	Birmingham Jr. European Cup
Sternick, Jim	8/2/25	Skopje Junior European Cup
Davis, JT	8/2/25	Skopje Junior European Cup
Landstreet, Sharon	8/21/25	Amman Jr. & Cadet Asian Corps
Landstreet, Sharon	8/30/25	Cracow Judo Open
Vellejos, Maximilion	9/1/25	IJF Academy - Walsall, UK
Crawford, Tracy	9/20/25	Skopje Senior European Cup
Karmacharya, Rajesh	9/20/25	Skopje Senior European Cup
Esmaeili, Babak	9/27/25	Prague European Open
Graham, Anna Marie	10/6/25	IJF Academy - Mexico City
Ward, Nicole	10/6/25	IJF Academy - Mexico City 2025 IJF Veterans World
Murray, Alex	11/3/25	Championships

3. New International travel items for consideration

- a. Please submit to Referee Assistants for consideration.

IV. Old Business

- A. Actions taken by email since last meeting
 - i. Approval of March RC meeting minutes
 - ii. Approval of evaluation events as noted above.
 - iii. Approval of international travel as noted above.
- B. Status of Reimbursements. USA Judo is aware and working on reimbursement payments.
 - i. Senior Nationals reimbursements processed scheduled for July 31
 - ii. Still waiting for 8 expense reports for Junior Olympics. Reminders have been sent. Reimbursement requests not received this week will not be honored.
 - iii. **Carryover from last meeting -- Moving forward all receipts and expense reports should be submitted within 30 days of the event to be considered for reimbursement, but let's please try to submit them as soon as possible to ease the administrative burden and expedite payment for all.**
- C. Annual Policy Reviews Status
 - i. International Travel limited reimbursements. As previously discussed, these will be administered semi-annually in 2025, referees requesting consideration for partial reimbursements for international travel taken between Jan 1 and June 30, 2025 should submit travel reports and receipts to RC (Gary Berliner and Mike Takata-miketakata@gmail.com) by July 31 for consideration.

1. System will be revised for 2026, proposal to be presented at next RC meeting.
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 - ii. RIS Content Review/Archive – Ian Gerrard has provided a detailed inventory of referee content on the RIS—Thank you, Ian! Mike Takata has responsibility for review and cleanup. NO ACTION TAKEN YET – Mike Takata is owner of next steps.
- V. New Business
 - A. USA Judo Referee Items – Exploring production of USA Judo Referee items for purchase: Polos, ties, briefcases, redesigned national badges. Will collaborate with USA Judo as necessary. Parties interested in participating in process, please notify miketakata@gmail.com and I will try to include you.
- VI. Request for RC members to consider succession plan and think about training plan.
- VII. Set date for the next RC Meeting
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjournment