



# USA National Karate Federation

## Certification Committee

### USA Karate Official's Participation Requirements Summary

#### February 2023

Participation of licensed USA Karate officials is described in detail in the Policy Manual posted on the USA Karate website.

#### General Requirements for USA Kata and Kumite

- Minimum of 18 years of age
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Karate
- Current official member of USA Karate
- Active member of USA Karate as an official
- Current in Safe Sport and Background Checks
- Conflict of Interest training and annual disclosure completed
- Orientation of Administrative Protest Procedures
- A mandated list of eligibility requirements applies to each level of certification
- Sign Code of Conduct (Appendix A) immediately upon licensure and annually thereafter
  - Upon receiving a USA Karate Judge/Referee license, officials must adhere to the USA Karate Referee's Code of Conduct.
  - The USA Karate Referee's Code of Conduct is effective immediately upon licensure of an official and governs that official's conduct at all times.

To attend PKF and WKF events, officials must be members in good standing and have attended two signature events in the past 12 months or have an approved waiver. Officials attending PKF or WKF Championships certification forms signed from USA Karate.

Attendance at special events may vary depending upon event requirements such as number of officials allowed to attend and/or the license level required by the host or the USA Karate Board of Directors such as the Team Trials 2023 criteria, as posted on the website (USA Karate, Events, US Senior Team Trials, Team Trials Officials Selection).

Referee and Judge selection for the USA Senior National Team Trials will use the following list for selecting and inviting officials, in order of priority:

1. Officials with a current WKF license of any level.
2. PKF Referee A & B officials.
3. Officials who were formerly active as WKF licensed Referees but have let their license lapse. They must be current USANKF Referees.
4. PKF Judge A.
5. USANKF Referee A