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1 STRUCTURE

The National Refereeing Commission, hereafter referred to as the NRC, of Judo South Africa will be composed of the Coordinator, which will act as Chairman of the Commission, and four (4) members selected by the appointed Coordinator and Technical Director and approved by the President of Judo South Africa.

- The Coordinator is elected at the Annual General Meeting of Judo South Africa (hereafter referred to as JSA) for a period of time as determined by the JSA Council;
- The minimum requirement for selection to the National Refereeing Commission is a Continental (IJF B or also referred to as Africa A) or higher refereeing level;
- The Coordinator of Refereeing is the spokesperson of the National Refereeing Commission;
- The persons selected by the member Provinces of JSA to act as Refereeing Coordinators for their respective Provinces will act as non-commissioned members of the National Refereeing Commission;
- The NRC is responsible for all refereeing activities, in South Africa.

3 LEVELS OF REFEREEING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The following levels of refereeing are supported by the National Refereeing Commission of Judo South Africa

- International Judo Federation Grade A (IJF A);
- International Judo Federation Grade B (IJF B, also referred to as a Continental, Africa A or AJU A referee);
- Africa Judo Union Grade B (AJU B or Regional referee);
- Africa Judo Union Grade C (AJU C or Regional referee);
- JSA International (See Note 1 below);
- Senior National (See Note 2 below);
- National Grade A (See Note 3 below);
- National Grade B (See Note 4 below);
- National Grade C (See Note 5 below);
- Provincial (Junior Level) A (See Note 6 below);
- Provincial (Junior Level) B (See Note 6 below);
- Provincial (Junior Level) C (See Note 6 below).

Note 1: This level will be retained but no further upgrading will take place to this level. **Note 2:** This is a new level introduced to replace the JSA International level.

Note 3: Replaces the current National level.

Note 4: Replaces the current Provincial level.

Note 5: Replaces the current Local level.

Note 6: New Levels introduced at Provincial level.

Addendum A-1 provides a more detailed description of the different levels.

3 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL REFEREEING COMMISSION

For current and complete details on the list of members of the National Refereeing Commission, please see Addendum A-2. After each selection process or if any changes in the Commission takes place, this and related Addendums need to be changed accordingly.

4 THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERS

The National Refereeing Commission is responsible for all aspects related to Refereeing in South Africa and includes the continuous updating of relevant documentation such as the Policy Document as and when required.

The main functions of the National Refereeing Commission are as follows.

- To examine and grant all National accreditations;
- To ensure that Judo South Africa sanctioned events are conducted in accordance with International Judo Federation (hereafter referred to as the IJF) Refereeing rules and JSA regulations or approved amendments to the IJF Refereeing Rules;
- To establish permanent contact with the Provincial Coordinators of Referees in order to interpret all IJF rules and any approved amendments to the IJF Refereeing Rules;
- To ensure that all JSA competitions are conducted in accordance to IJF competition standards;
- The training and upgrading of referees in South Africa;
- To perform the upgrading of South Africa referees at an event designated by the NRC in the categories;
 - Senior National, and
 - National Levels A, B and C.
- To perform evaluations of all Referees in the categories;
 - Senior National,
 - National (Levels A, B and C),
 - Africa B and Africa C.
 - *These evaluations should be performed at any two National Ranking Events in a year as determined by the NRC. These evaluations will assist in preparing a ranking list for Referees in each category which may be used for upgrading purposes, as and when required;*
- To propose and submit to the Technical Director the names of possible candidates for upgrading to Regional, Continental or IJF level;
- To prepare and submit to the Technical Director a list of qualified referees to officiate at National or other events which may fall under the jurisdiction of the National Body;
- To keep an updated database of all South African referees, which will include information such as evaluations at and attendance of required tournaments as described in Addendum A-5;
- To assist the Technical Structure of Judo South Africa as and when required;
- Preparing a yearly budget to be presented to the National Technical Board;
- To promote interest in and the study of refereeing in South Africa as well as the practice thereof by:
 - Organizing and supporting Referee courses at all levels;
 - Studying and proposing possible amendments to the IJF rules to suit the circumstances in South Africa based on International trends;
 - To assist the Provincial structures in the recruitment and training of new referees;
 - To negotiate a funding structure for all referees officiating at National and International tournaments. The structure may vary according to the current level of the referee;
 - To acquire and disseminate any information regarding refereeing material;
- To carry out and study issues assigned to the Commission by the JSA Technical or Executive Committee;
- Each member of the NRC will be responsible for activities in specific Provinces to enhance and extend the function of the Commission. This mapping is shown in Addendum A-3.

5 THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE PROVINCIAL COORDINATORS

The NRC notifies the Provincial Coordinators of any matters relating to refereeing and the Provincial Coordinators are required to circulate this information to all individual referees and

technical officials in their Provinces. The details of all Provincial Coordinators are available in Addendum A-4.

The key duties for Provincial Coordinators should include:

- Forwarding a list of activities of the referees in their area;
 - The activities will include personal details such as defined in Addendum A-5 as well as attendance of tournaments in the area for record keeping and subsequent use in the upgrading of the individuals concerned,
 - An example of the attendance sheet is shown in Addendum A-6a and A-6b and an EXCEL file is available from the National Refereeing Commission for those Provincial Coordinators who wish to maintain electronic records.
- To promote the programs of the National Refereeing Commission within their area;
- To promote and maintain the refereeing standards as advocated by the IJF and JSA NRC;
- To promote and maintain a recruitment and training program for new candidates;
- To maintain current and up-to-date records on all referees in their Province relating to grade, level of activity and validation;
- To provide promptly information as required by the NRC and circulate promptly information to referees in their area as directed by the NRC;
- To ensure that Provincial events are manned with the appropriate number and grade of referees.

6 UPGRADING AND EVALUATION EVENTS

The purpose of these events will be the evaluation of current referees and/or the upgrading of current referees to a higher level. Both upgrading and evaluation activities will be performed using the form as shown in Addendum A-7 (Referee Appraisal). The results obtained from these activities will be used to determine the next steps in the advancement of the candidates undertaking the upgrading or evaluation.

A Candidate is evaluated both as Referee and as Judge for both upgrading and evaluation in the following criteria.

- A – Attitude / Voice / Personality
- G – Gestures
- M – Mobility / Distance / Movement in general
- TR – Judgment about Technical Results
- PA – Judgment about Prohibit Acts

6.2 Upgrading

Upgrading will only take place during an event designated by the NRC and hosted by the National Body at a pre-determined place and date. Candidates who wish to be considered for upgrading must be nominated by their respective Provinces and the nomination should be accompanied by the appropriate application form (of which an example is shown in Addendum A-11 and obtainable from the NRC) and the appropriate fee. Upgrading is subjected to approval by the NRC and providing the candidate fulfills the requirements as defined in Addendums A-8, A-9 and A-10.

Applications for all activities should reach the NRC at least six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled event unless otherwise stated.

6.2 Evaluations

Evaluation of referees should be a continuous process to ensure a high level of performance and maintain a high standard of refereeing. These evaluations will take place twice every year at National Ranking Events as determined by the NRC or when the need arises.

Referees, who wish to be evaluated, must apply in writing through their respective Provincial Coordinator using the form in Addendum A-11. Individuals who do not participate in the

evaluation processes, will not be eligible for upgrading or participation in any events and can subsequently be moved to an Inactive Status.

Any Inactive Referee may apply for re-activation at a National Ranking event. Such an application must be presented to the NRC through and with the approval of the Provincial Coordinator using the prescribed form.

7 CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTATION AND FORMS

7.1 Certificates

Certificates will be handed out to candidates who successfully completed an upgrade examination on both Provincial and National level. Identification indicating the current refereeing level, such as badges similar to those issued by the IJF, is currently available for purchase at R 50-00 per badge.

7.2 Record Cards

Record cards will be acquired and made available to ensure that individuals keep track of their own activities. If the referee applies for an upgrade, the card(s) must be attached to the application form. If the upgrade is successful, a new card will be issued and the current card(s) will be cancelled.

7.3 Evaluation Forms

An example of the form to be used for evaluating candidates is included in Addendum A-7.

7.4 Application Form

The application form, of which an example is shown in Addendum A-11, will also be used for all applications. This include officials who wish to apply to act as an Official at an International Event or when it is deemed necessary for the NRC to invite applications for any event hosted by the National Body for which Officials will be needed.

The form will be distributed as needed or on request.

7.5 Attendance List

Forms needed to record the details of referees officiating at a tournament as well as forms to evaluate a referee are also available from the NRC. Example of these forms can be found in the Addendums A-6a and A-6b.

8 NATIONAL REFEREEING ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

The detail below defines the requirements for the different levels of refereeing supported by the NRC. The requirements for International and Continental Referees have been included and certain criteria have been adjusted to our own circumstances.

8.1 International, Continental and Regional Referees

- See Addendum A-8 for the requirements for this category

8.2 National Referees

- See Addendum A-9 for the requirements for this category

8.3 Provincial (Junior Levels) Referees

- See Addendum A-10 for the requirements for this category

9 ROLE OF THE COMMISSION DURING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The NRC will be responsible for the assignment of Referees for all tournaments under the jurisdiction of the National Body. The duties will be applicable to, but not exclusively for, the South African International Open Championships, the South African Closed Championships, the National Ranking Events and the National Trials. The responsibilities will include the following.

- Invite all qualified referees to participate in the selected tournament;
- Prepare a list of qualified referees for the duration of the competition and ensure that the mats are properly manned;
 - The above procedure will apply to preliminaries, semi-final and final contests.
- Ensure that the tournament is conducted within the regulations of the International Judo Federation;
- If required, prepare examination papers for candidates eligible for upgrading;
- If required, conduct the upgrading examinations for candidates eligible for upgrading;
- If and when applicable, conduct evaluations on referees;
- If required, appoint senior referees to act as examiners for the intended examination.

10 UPGRADING OF REFEREES

The NRC is responsible for the dissemination of information and the approval of any upgrading examinations. The responsibility for the upgrading of referees will depend on the level to which upgrading takes place. These are defined below.

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|--|---|--------------------------|
| • International, Continental and Regional levels | - | IJF and AJU |
| • Senior National, National A, B and C | - | NRC of Judo South Africa |
| • Provincial A, B and C | - | Provincial Coordinators |

10.1 Senior National

Referees that are eligible to upgrade to the Senior National level may only upgrade to this level at an event designated by the NRC under the conditions as outlined below.

- The candidate is properly nominated by the candidate's Provincial Body and the nomination is approved by the NRC;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-9;
- The necessary documentation has been completed and received by the commission;
- The required application fees have been received;
- Only contests between contestants, male or female, of at least IJF Junior age (Group 5) will be considered for the practical examinations;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and / or a theoretical examination;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of a member of the NRC or an examiner, with the appropriate accreditation, appointed by the Commission for this purpose;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 12 fights and a minimum of 12 fights as a Judge;

It should be noted that this level was introduced to address, for example, situations as defined below,

- Accommodate candidates who do not fulfill the requirements for AFRICA C;
- Candidates who do not wish to become or do not wish to pursue an International career.

10.3 National A

Referees that are eligible for upgrade to the level National A may only upgrade to these levels at an event designated by the NRC under the following conditions.

- The candidate is properly nominated by the candidate's Provincial Body and the nomination is approved by the NRC;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-9;
- The necessary documentation has been completed and received by the commission.
- The required application fees have been received;
- Only contests between contestants, male or female, of at least IJF Junior age (Group 5) will be considered for the practical examinations;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and / or a theoretical examination;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of a member of the NRC or an examiner, with the appropriate accreditation, appointed by the Commission for this purpose;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 12 fights and a minimum of 12 fights as a Judge.

10.3 National B

Referees that are eligible to upgrade to the level National B may only upgrade to these levels at an event designated by the NRC under the conditions stipulated below.

- The candidate is properly nominated by the candidate's Provincial Body and the nomination is approved by the NRC;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-9;
- The necessary documentation has been completed and received by the commission;
- The required application fees have been received;
- Only contests between contestants, male or female, of at least IJF Junior age (Group 5) will be considered for the practical examinations;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and / or a theoretical examination;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of a member of the NRC or an examiner, with the appropriate accreditation, appointed by the Commission for this purpose;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 12 fights and a minimum of 12 fights as a Judge.

10.4 National C

Referees that are eligible to upgrade to the level National C may only upgrade to these levels at an event designated by the NRC under the conditions stipulated below.

- The candidate is properly nominated by the candidate's Provincial Body and the nomination is approved by the NRC;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-9;
- The necessary documentation has been completed and received by the commission
- The required application fees have been received;
- Only contests between contestants, male or female, of at least Group 3 and higher will be considered for the practical examinations;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and / or a theoretical examination;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of the provincial Coordinator and an additional examiner, with the appropriate accreditation;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 12 fights and a minimum of 12 fights as a Judge.

10.5 Provincial (Junior Level) Referees

The NRC of Judo South Africa considers the promotion of a better understanding of the rules by younger judoka and therefore future senior judoka or coaches, as a top priority.

The Junior Referees and Officials categories (Provincial A, B and C) are introduced to substantiate this statement and educate young judokas by following these objectives.

- To promote a better understanding of the rules by the younger judoka and therefore future senior judoka, coaches and referees;
- To promote a better understanding of the way the referee arrives at his/her decisions;
- To introduce junior players to, and give them experience of, refereeing and working as technical officials so that they:
 - Are better able to understand and appreciate decisions given by senior referees;
 - Get a deeper understanding of other aspects of judo rather than just the competitive side; and
 - Are prepared for the future when they progress as Referees and/or Technical Officials.

Provinces are invited to implement this strategy for the development of referees and to use the criteria as defined in Addendum A-10 and propose any changes and/or enhancements to improve on this recommendation.

10.5.1 Provincial A

Referees on this level may officiate only at junior events organized within the Province under the supervision of the Provincial Coordinator. It should be noted that referees on this level are preparing to upgrade to a national level and time and effort should be spent on providing these candidates with intensive training and officiating experience. The following guidelines should be used in promoting candidates to this level.

- The candidate is properly nominated and approved by the candidate's Provincial Body;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-10;
- Application fees to be determined and collected by the Provincial Body or Coordinator;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and a theoretical examination if deemed necessary;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of the Provincial Coordinator and an additional examiner with the appropriate accreditation;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 6 fights and a minimum of 6 fights as a Judge.

10.5.2 Provincial B

Referees on this level only officiate in closed junior events within their Provinces under the auspices of the Provincial coordinator and other Senior Referees as defined in Addendum A-10. The following guidelines should be used in promoting candidates to this level.

- The candidate is properly nominated and approved by the candidate's Provincial Body;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-10;
- Application fees to be determined and collected by the Provincial Body or Coordinator;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and a theoretical examination if deemed necessary;

- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of the provincial Coordinator and an additional examiner with the appropriate accreditation;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 6 fights and a minimum of 6 fights as a Judge.

10.5.3 Provincial C

Referees on this level only officiate in closed junior events within their Provinces under the auspices of the Provincial coordinator and other Senior Referees as defined in Addendum A-10. The following guidelines should be used in promoting candidates to this level.

- The candidate is properly nominated and approved by the candidate's Provincial Body;
- The candidate meets the requirements as defined in Addendum A-10;
- Application fees to be determined and collected by the Provincial Body or Coordinator;
- The examination will consist of a practical examination and a theoretical examination if deemed necessary;
- The theoretical examination will consist of a short oral examination under the auspices of the provincial Coordinator and an additional examiner with the appropriate accreditation;
- For the practical examination, the candidate must act as a Referee for a minimum of 6 fights and a minimum of 6 fights as a Judge.

10.6 Applications for Upgrading

All requests for upgrading need to be completed and forwarded by the Provincial Coordinators to reach the responsible NRC member at least six (6) weeks prior to the event during which upgrading will take place. The application form, of which an example is shown in Addendum A-11, can be obtained from the NRC.

10.7 Fees for Upgrading and Certificates

The fee structure for the upgrading of referees is outlined in Addendum A-12

11 CRITERIA FOR EXAMINERS OF REFEREES

11.1 Examiners for National Referees (National C and higher)

- The members of the NRC will under normal circumstances act as examiners for the theoretical and practical examinations;
- Examinations should always be conducted with a minimum of three examiners;
- The NRC may appoint additional examiners for an examination;
- Only current, active referees of a level Africa B and higher may be considered as examiners or additional examiners.

11.2 Examiners for Provincial (Junior Level) Referees

- The Provincial Coordinator will under normal circumstances act as examiner for the theoretical and practical examinations;
- The Provincial Coordinator must appoint additional examiners for an examination if so required;
- Only current, active referees of a National B and higher level may be considered as examiners or additional examiners.

12 THE SELECTION AND NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE UPGRADING OF REFEREES

It should be the ultimate goal of the National Body and the NRC to have registered as many as possible current and active International Referees that can participate in events such as the World and Olympic Championships.

This goal is of no importance unless the pool of National Referees (Senior National, National A, B and C) and Junior Referees (Provincial A, B and C) are actively managed and supported under the same principles as are those in the International and Continental groups. Without the participation and expertise of these individuals, no tournament will be possible.

- The selection, nomination and grooming referees for International and Continental upgrading are the responsibility of the NRC in conjunction with the National Body and the individuals concerned;
- Similarly, the selection, nomination and grooming of referees for National upgrading are the responsibility of the NRC in conjunction with the Provincial Bodies and the individuals concerned;
- Last but not the least, the selection, nomination and grooming of referees for Provincial upgrading are the responsibility of the Provincial Coordinators and the individuals concerned, with the support of the NRC and the Senior referees in the country.

The following process will be used to evaluate referees and assist in the selection and nomination of any referee for upgrading in the different categories. Application of this process will ultimately lie with the NRC, but the input and availability of the necessary data will have to originate with the Provinces and the Provincial Coordinators. This process should be based on the individual referee's desire, talent and commitment and should be a transparent process where the individual's performance determines the outcome.

The following factors must be used as a guideline for the nomination of individual referees for upgrading.

- Referees must complete a minimum of four evaluations per three (3) year cycle;
- These evaluations will be based upon the criteria as defined in the form in Addendum A-7;
- These results should be stored, preferably in the central database, and used in the selection and nomination process – i.e. a ranking list for example;
- Referees in the various categories must be active on all levels of competition for which they are eligible. This should be taken into consideration by Provincial Coordinators when nominating an individual for upgrading;
- An activity sheet for each tournament held in a Province need to be completed by the Provincial Coordinator recording the active participating Referee's details and participation. An example of the activity sheet is attached as Addendum A-6;
- These activity sheets should be sent to the responsible member of the National Referee Commission in either a manual or computer readable format for further evaluation and processing;
- The activity sheets in conjunction with the results of evaluations will be used by the NRC to nominate and submit referees for upgrading to International or Continental level to the Technical Director;
- The information obtained from the Provincial Coordinators will be used by the NRC to approve the selection and nomination of individuals for upgrading to any National level;
- The same principles will be applied by the Provincial Coordinators to upgrade individuals in the Provincial (Junior Level) categories in their respective Provinces.

13 THE SELECTION OF REFEREES FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Director of Referees for the Africa Judo Union will nominate referees to participate in Continental, World or Junior World championships and Olympic events.

The NRC will circulate an invitation for candidates that fulfill the requirements for the tournament to apply using the form as shown in Addendum A-11. From these applications, the NRC will nominate officials to participate for all international events for which officials are requested, unless otherwise stipulated by a higher authority. Such nominations will consider the following aspects in the selection and nomination of referees for such events.

- Requirements of the event;
- The current status of referees fulfilling the requirements of the event as per the current evaluation system;
- Other factors such as
 - The location of the event;
 - Upgrade status at the event for referees; and
 - Availability of individuals will also be taken into consideration.

Note: Individuals, who travel abroad and officiate at tournaments abroad, do so at their own cognizance. The National Refereeing Commission will not acknowledge these activities or take them into consideration for future events. Permission to perform as an official abroad should be obtained from the National Refereeing Commission prior to leaving the shores of South Africa when the intention is to act as an official in a foreign country.

14 REFEREES FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

It is the goal of the National Referee Commission to provide referees for National Tournaments commensurate with the level of the tournament. This can only be accomplished with the active support of the Provincial Coordinators and the Senior Referees in the country.

14.1 South African International Open or Open Championships

This tournament will in many cases be visited by referees from countries abroad as well as the Director of Referees of the African Judo Union and the personnel of the IJF Refereeing Commission. Whenever this may occur and circumstances dictate it, control will be relinquished to any of the more senior officials if it is so wished. In all other cases the NRC will be in control of refereeing at this event.

The following are the condition under which the event can take place.

- The minimum requirement to conduct a tournament will be six (6) qualified referees per mat per day;
- As soon as the tournament details have been released, Provinces will be informed as to the number of mats that will need to be active per day;
- Each Province will then be required to register a number of referees that will ensure that condition above can be adhered to;
- *Example: In the case of the Senior National Championships utilizing six mats, it is required that each Province register a minimum of three (3) qualified referees per day who will officiate for the whole day;*
- Referees of a level National B and higher can be included in the list of nominated referees. These referees may officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- Referees of level National C may also be nominated, but does not count as part of the complement as nominated by the Province and may only officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- In the event that provinces fail to comply and not enough referees are made available, only mats for which the required number of officials can be assigned, (six referees per mat) will be allowed to open for the day;

- *Note: Referees who have been nominated and selected for upgrading or evaluation, must officiate on at least two of the three days on which IJF Senior and Junior (Group 5) fights take place.*

The procedure as defined above will also apply to Team Championships during the Senior National Championships.

14.2 South African Closed Championships

This championship is normally conducted with a fewer number of mats than the Senior Championships, but the same principles will be applied.

- The minimum requirement to conduct a tournament will be six (6) qualified referees per mat per day;
- As soon as the tournament details have been released, Provinces will be informed as to the number of mats that will need to be active per day;
- Each Province will then be required to register a number of referees that will ensure that condition above can be adhered to;
- *Example: In the case of the SA Closed Championships utilizing three mats, it is required that each Province register a minimum of two (2) qualified referees per day who will officiate for the whole day;*
- Referees of level National B and higher can be included in the list of nominated referees and officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- Referees of level National C may also be nominated, but does not count as part of the complement as nominated by the Province and may officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- *Note exception: As this event is only conducted over the period of one day, it is requested that the hosting Province and any neighboring Provinces assist by registering as many as possible qualified referees for this event.*

14.4 National Ranking Events

This championship is normally conducted with a fewer number of mats, but the same principle can be applied.

- The minimum requirement to conduct a tournament will be six (6) qualified referees per mat per day;
- As soon as the tournament details have been released, Provinces will be informed as to the number of mats that will need to be active per day;
- Each Province will then be required to register a number of referees that will ensure that conditions above can be adhered to;
- *Example: In the case of the National Ranking event utilizing three mats, it is required that each Province register a minimum of two (2) qualified referees per day who will officiate for the whole day;*
- Referees of level National B and higher can be included in the list of nominated referees and officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- Referees of level National C may also be nominated, but does not count as part of the complement as nominated by the Province and may officiate as per Addendum A-9;
- *Note exception: As this event is only conducted over the period of one day, it is requested that the hosting Province and any neighboring Provinces assist by registering as many as possible qualified referees for this event;*
- *Note: Referees, who have been nominated and selected for evaluation, must officiate as stated in the requirements outlined in Addendums A-9.*

14.4 National Trials

These are specialized tournaments and therefore require special refereeing. It is a requirement that only referees with a level of National A and higher be nominated and selected for this tournament.

Individuals will be selected by the NRC and will, subject to the approval of the Technical Director, be formally invited to officiate at these tournaments.

14.5 Other events sanctioned by Judo South Africa

The selection of referees for these events will fall under the jurisdiction of the NRC and will depend on the level of the tournament as discussed earlier. The selection process of the NRC is final and thus not debatable.

14.6 Responsibility of Provinces towards National Events

It is the responsibility of Provinces and the referees in the Provinces to support the National Tournaments and to ensure that a sufficient number of officials, both referees and technical officials, are available to conduct a tournament.

The NRC does not wish to be prescriptive as to the number of officials per Province, but, in the event that a Province or Provinces does not nominate officials commensurate with their compliment of participants, the NRC reserves the right to implement a strategy to ensure that sufficient officials (per Province) are available.

14.7 Players who wish to participate as an official

It is an accepted fact that referees (and technical officials) come from the ranks of players and the NRC encourages the participation of these players as officials. Players who wish to officiate at a National Tournament need to schedule their times through their Provinces and ensure (at the tournament) that these times have been correctly communicated to cater for last minute changes in the event program.

15 DRESS CODE FOR REFEREES

The example and guidelines set by the International Judo Federation and the Africa Judo Union will be used for the dress code of Referees and Technical Officials. The Tournament Director may, under special conditions, alter the dress code for Technical Officials.

16 INACTIVITY, RECYCLING AND RETIREMENT OF REFEREES

It is the responsibility of all referees to remain current on such matters as the Rules of the International Judo Federation and the interpretation thereof. It is also the responsibility of the NRC to ensure that the referees of South Africa are informed and ready to perform their duties at all levels.

16.1 Inactive Status

Referees who do not maintain the desired activity level per year as defined in Addendums A-8 and A-9, can and will be moved to Inactive status automatically. This will apply to referees on all levels.

Any referee, who has been placed in an Inactive Status, may apply for re-activation through their respective Provincial Coordinator to officiate during an evaluation session at a designated tournament. The result of the evaluation will determine whether re-activation will take place or not.

16.2 Recycling

National referees who do not comply with the conditions below will, after consultation between the NRC and the Technical Director of Judo South Africa, be “recycled” to one level lower than their current level.

- Referees must not be in an Inactive Status for more than one (1) year;
- Referees must ensure that they remain active and informed by attending courses and referee at tournaments on all levels;
- All referees must attend and participate in the National Courses arranged every year;
- Referees must comply with the evaluation procedure as described in this document.

Note: Although the NRC cannot recycle referees of a level higher than the National referees, the inactivity of these referees will result in their temporary exclusion from further participation in Continental and International events as well as future upgrading. “Temporary exclusion” can be defined as the re-arranging the ranking or order list in which referees are placed by the NRC for future events and/or upgrading.

It should also be stated that referees should not abuse the system merely to attain a higher referee qualification. Refereeing is a serious matter.

16.3 Retirement

16.3.1 Involuntary Retirement

The retirement age for all JSA Referees officiating at National level will be between 65 and 70 years of age at the discretion of the NRC. On reaching 70 years of age, he or she will no longer be eligible for selection to officiate in any capacity at National events.

16.3.2 Voluntary Retirement

An individual may at any time apply for retirement at which stage the above will also apply.

Referees may, after retirement, continue refereeing at Provincial events with the approval of the NRC and their respective Provincial Coordinator. Application to continue refereeing at this level, however, must be made in writing by the Provincial Coordinator for each successive year beyond 70 years of age.

16.4 Deceased

It is the responsibility of the Provincial Coordinators to inform the NRC of all matters related to Referees including the passing away of any member of the Refereeing community of Judo South Africa.

17 THE REFEREE AS A TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

The term Table Officials is synonymous with the sport Judo in South Africa. The more general term for an official performing a task at the table during a contest between athletes, is Technical Official and will be used henceforth. This term encompasses not only the time-keeper, scorer and sheet recorder as we know it, but also activities such as the recorder of the contest and weigh-in personnel.

In many tournaments such as the Africa Championships, these tasks are performed by referees not officiating at the tournament. We are fortunate to have in our midst Technical Officials, who are not qualified referees, but extremely capable to perform most of the technical tasks. Addendum A-13 will be used to elaborate more on the duties and requirements of Technical Officials.

18 REFEREEING FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Judo is one of the few competitive sports that the visually impaired athlete can participate in fully without major accommodations. Judo has been included in the Paralympics program since the Seoul Games in 1988.

Competition specifically for visually impaired competitors is governed by the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA).

18.1 Competition Area and Equipment

The mat or tatami is similar to that of normal high-level tournaments such as the World Championships and the Olympic Games, with the exception that a heated surface is used or a different texture is used to warn contestants that they are close to leaving the contest area.

Visually impaired judokas wears the same clothing and take part on the same type of tatami as normal judoka. There is no disability-specific equipment.

18.2 Qualification

IBSA has established the following categories for qualification:

- B1 = From perception of light in either eye to the perception of light, but without the ability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.
- B2 = From the ability to recognize the shape of a hand to a visual acuity of 2/60 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees.
- B3 = From a visual acuity above 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or a visual field of more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees.

All classifications will be based on both eyes, with the aid of the best corrective lenses, e.g., all athletes who wear contact lenses or eyeglasses should be wearing said eyewear when tested (if they intend to make use of them while competing).

In the afore-mentioned sight classifications, the athlete is accepted even if he/she is also deaf.

18.3 Rules

See Addendum A-14 (Introduction to the rules for Judo for the visually impaired) for detail on the rules governing contest between visually impaired athletes.

19 REMUNERATION SCHEME FOR REFEREES

See Addendum A-15 for further details.

20 REPORTING OF INCIDENTS AND/OR COMPLAINTS

Complaints or incidents arising at an event about a refereeing decision or player/coach/parent behavior at Provincial events must always, in the first instance, be referred to the Director of Referees for the event.

If the complaint cannot be satisfied, the Director of Referees for the event will discuss the incident with the referees involved in the event and written reports may be requested for possible submission to the Tournament Director and the NRC. The Director of Referees, Tournament Director and the Commission will then take any action deemed appropriate and necessary.

Incidents arising at National events must always be referred to the Director of Referees for the event. In the case of complaints or incidents being referred to, or directly submitted to the NRC, or complaints and/or incidents occurring at National events, written reports may be requested from the referees involved in the incident and from the Director of Referees for the event. The NRC may then take any actions considered appropriate and necessary.

It should be noted that in exceptional cases the NRC will voice a “Strong Opinion”, but the decision should still rest with the team on the mat.

21 ADDENDUMS

21.1 ADDENDUM A-1: Levels of Refereeing Supported in South Africa

International Referees (International Judo Federation Grade A or IJF A)

- The referees in this category are considered to be the “property” of the International Judo Federation and the Africa Judo Union. These referees, when available, should officiate within South Africa at local tournaments to assist the development of referees in South Africa.
- Continental Referees
 - International Judo Federation Grade B - IJF B, also known as Africa Judo Union A (AJU A) referees.
 - The referees in this category are considered to be the “property” of the International Judo Federation and the Africa Judo Union. These referees, when available, should officiate within South Africa at local tournaments to assist the development of referees in South Africa.
- Regional Referees
 - Africa Judo Union Grade B (AJU B)
 - Africa Judo Union Grade C (AJU C)
 - Referees in the above categories may officiate under the jurisdiction of the Africa Judo Union and Judo South Africa.
 - Referees from this category will be selected by the NRC and proposed to the Africa Judo Union for upgrading to a higher level based on the evaluation process as described in the document as and when required.

Note: For further details and information on the refereeing levels above, see Addendum A-8

- JSA International
 - The level will remain on the list of refereeing levels but no further upgrading to this level will be conducted in the future;
 - All referees currently holding a JSA International accreditation will be acknowledged.
- Senior National – New level

This is a new level and effectively replaces the JSA International level. This level is subjected to the following:

 - Referees in this category will officiate under the jurisdiction of Judo South Africa in all events in South Africa up to the National Championships as and when selected;
 - Referees in this category will not be able to progress further to Regional or higher levels;
 - It is intended for those referees who do not fulfill the requirements for Regional upgrading but are still capable of officiating at National level; or
 - Referees in the National A category who do not wish to pursue a career as a referee, but still prefer to be active at a senior level.
- National A
 - Referees in this category will officiate under the jurisdiction of Judo South Africa in all events in South Africa up to the National Championships as and when selected;

- Referees from this category can and will be selected by the NRC (based on applications received from the Provinces) for upgrading to Senior National or Regional (AFRICA C) level based on the evaluation process as described in the Policy Document as and when required.
- National B
 - Referees in this category will officiate under the jurisdiction of Judo South Africa in all events in South Africa up to the National Ranking events as and when selected;
 - Although candidates from this category may officiate as referees in lower level tournaments, they may only act as Referee and Judge at National Tournaments for Groups 1, 2 and 3;
 - Referees from this category can and will be selected by the NRC (based on applications received from the Provinces) for upgrading to National A level based on the evaluation process as described in the document as and when required.
- National C
 - Referees in this category will officiate under the jurisdiction of Judo South Africa in all events in South Africa up to the National Ranking events as and when selected.
 - Although candidates from this category may officiate as referees in lower level tournaments, they may only act as Referee and Judge at National Tournaments for Groups 1 and 2;
 - Referees from this category can and will be selected by the NRC (based on applications received from the Provinces) for upgrading to National B level based on the evaluation process as described in the document as and when required.

Note: For further details and information on the refereeing levels above, see Addendum A-9

- Junior Levels
 - The NRC of Judo South Africa considers the promotion of a better understanding of the rules by younger judoka, which most probably are the future senior judoka and/or coaches, as a top priority.

The Junior Referees and Officials categories are introduced to substantiate this statement and educate young judokas by following these objectives.

To promote a better understanding of the rules by the younger judoka and their coaches;

To promote a better understanding of the way the referee arrives at his/her decisions;

To introduce junior players to, and give them experience of, refereeing and working as technical officials so that they:

- Are better able to understand and appreciate decisions given by senior referees;
- Get a deeper understanding of other aspects of judo rather than just the competitive side; and
- Are prepared for the future when it is hoped they will develop into National (and higher) Referees and/or Technical Officials.

The following three levels are proposed for implementation at Provincial level by Provincial Coordinators. Although it might be difficult to implement in the beginning, Provinces are nonetheless requested to initiate this program.

Note: All activities performed by officials in these levels should be under the auspices of the Provincial Coordinator and the senior referees in the Province.

- Provincial A
 - Can referee at all junior events in their area and may also referee at open junior events in their Province with the approval of the Provincial Coordinator.
- Provincial B
 - Candidates in this category can referee at junior events that are closed in their own Province;
 - There must be two senior referees present on the mat with them to provide the necessary supervision and education.
 - May also operate clocks and scoreboards under supervision of a senior official.
- Provincial C
 - A junior Official or Referee can officiate at any lower level tournaments hosted by clubs in their own Province;
 - They can also operate clocks and scoreboards under the supervision of a senior qualified official.

Note: For further details and information on the refereeing levels above, see Addendum A-10

Please note: All candidates must fulfill the requirements as defined in Addendums A-8, A-9 and A-10 in order to upgrade to the next level.

21.2.ADDENDUM A-2: Details of the Members of the national Refereeing Commission

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JSA Registration	1963

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JSA Registration	

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Referee Grade	
JSA Registration	

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JSA Registration	

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JSA Registration	

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Current Grade

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Referee Grade

AJU A

JSA Registration

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21.3 ADDENDUM A-3: National Referee Commission Members and their Areas of Responsibility

NRC Member	Province
OSCAR KNOESTER	Will act as Chairman to coordinate all aspects of refereeing
ANDREW BEST	Eastern Gauteng Natal Northern Freestate Southern Freestate
PAUL NOTHNAGEL	Central Gauteng Northern Gauteng Western United
PIPPE DE KOCK	Boland South Western Districts Southern Cape Western Province
TEMBANI HLASHO	Border Eastern Province Gauteng Vaal

21.4 ADDENDUM A-4: Details of Provincial Coordinators

The details of all Provincial Coordinators need to be compiled as soon as Provinces have held their Annual General Meeting. It is the responsibility of Provinces to forward these details to their respective representative on the NRC.

ADDENDUM A-5: Recording of Referee Details

The following detail need to be recorded and maintained at both Provincial and National level for all referees registered with Judo South Africa.

- JSA Registration Number
- Initials
- First Name(s)
- Surname
- Gender
- Demographic Classification
- Province
- Club
- Address
- Telephone Number (Home)
- Telephone Number (Work)
- Telephone Number (Mobile)
- Email address
- Date of Birth
- Current Referee Qualification
- Date Obtained
- Location Obtained
- Current Status (Active, Inactive, Retired, Deceased)
- Current Judo Grade
- Date Obtained

For each tournament that the referee participates in at Provincial level, the Provincial Coordinator must maintain the following detail.

- JSA Registration Number
- Initials
- First Name(s)
- Surname
- Gender
- Province
- Club
- Tournament
- Level of tournament
- Number of Hours active at tournament

21.8 ADDENDUM A-8: Requirements and Eligibility for International and Continental Referees

Criteria	IJF A	IJF B / AJU A	AJU B	AJU C
Minimum Age	29 to 50 Yrs.	33 to 50 Yrs.	25 to 50 Yrs.	25 to 50 Yrs.
Minimum Judo Experience	15 Years	10 Years	7 Years	7 Years
Period and License requirement	4 Years Continental and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	4 Years Continental and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	2 years Regional and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	4 Years National and a fully registered member of JSA in the period
Judo Grade Level	San Dan	San Dan	NiDan	NiDan
Minimum Waiting Period between Re-examinations	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date
Authority	Active Referee at National, Regional and Provincial Levels	Active Referee at National, Regional and Provincial Levels	Active Referee at National, Regional and Provincial Levels	Active Referee at National, Regional and Provincial Levels
Minimum Activity Required	40 hrs. per year	40 hrs. per year	40 hrs. per year	40 hrs. per year
Nomination	National Commission	National Commission	National Commission	National Commission
Approval	National Body	National Body	National Body	National Body
Validity of License	4 Years	4 Years	4 to 6 years	4 to 6 years
Examination Events	Continental Union level or International events with a minimum of 8 participating countries	Continental Union level or International events with a minimum of 4 participating countries	Continental Union level or International events with a minimum of 4 participating countries	Continental Union level or International events with a minimum of 4 participating countries
Method of Examination		Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.
	Practical - must referee a minimum of 6 matches; and judge a minimum of 6 matches.	Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.	Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.	Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.
Evaluation	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.
Application Fee	As determined by the IJF	As determined by the IJF	As determined by the AJU	As determined by the AJU

21.9 ADDENDUM A-9: Referee Requirements and Eligibility for National Referees

Criteria	Senior National	National A	National B	National C
Minimum Age	20 to 55 Yrs.	20 to 55 Yrs.	18 to 55 Yrs.	16 to 55 Yrs.
Minimum Judo Experience	6 Years	4 Years	4 Years	2 Years
Period and License requirement	3 Years National A and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	3 Years National B and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	2 Years National C and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	2 Years Provincial A and a fully registered member of JSA in the period
Judo Grade Level	Shodan	Shodan	1 st Kyu	1 st Kyu
Minimum Waiting Period between Re-examinations	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date
Authority	Active Referee at Regional, National and Provincial Levels	Active Referee at National, Provincial and Local Levels	Active Referee at National, Provincial and Club Levels	Active Referee at National, Provincial and Club Levels
Authority Level	Groups 1 to 6	Groups 1 to 6	National - Group 1 to 3 Provincial - Group 1 to 6 Club - Group 1 to 6	National - Group 1 to 2 Provincial - Group 1 to 6 Club - Group 1 to 6
Minimum Activity Required	60 hrs per year	60 hrs. per year	30 hrs. per year	20 hrs. per year
Nomination	National Commission	National Commission	Provincial Body	Provincial Body
Approval	National Commission	National Commission	National Commission	National Commission
Validity of License	See notes on Inactive and Recycling	See notes on Inactive and Recycling	See notes on Inactive and Recycling	See notes on Inactive and Recycling
Examination Events	Events designated by the NRC	Events designated by the NRC	Events designated by the NRC	Events designated by the NRC
Method of Examination	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.
	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 12 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 12 fights.	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 12 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 12 fights.	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 12 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 12 fights.	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 12 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 12 fights.
Evaluation	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.	At least once a year at a Senior event excluding trials. Minimum of four evaluations in a 3-year cycle.
Application Fee	As determined by the NRC and ratified by JSA Council	As determined by the NRC and ratified by JSA Council	As determined by the NRC and ratified by JSA Council	As determined by the NRC and ratified by JSA Council

21.10 ADDENDUM A-10: Referee Requirements and Eligibility for Provincial Referees

Criteria	Provincial A	Provincial B	Provincial C
Minimum Age	14 Yrs.	12 Yrs.	10 Yrs.
Minimum Judo Experience	2 Years	2 Years	2 Years
Period and License requirement	2 Years Provincial B and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	2 Years Provincial C and a fully registered member of JSA in the period	A fully registered member of JSA in the period
Judo Grade Level	2nd Kyu	3rd Kyu	4th Kyu
Minimum Waiting Period between Re-examinations	24 months from examination date	24 months from examination date	N/A
Authority	Active Official at Provincial, Local and Club Levels	Active Official at Local and Club Levels	Active Official at Local and Club Levels
Authority Level	As determined by Provincial Coordinator	As determined by Provincial Coordinator	As determined by Provincial Coordinator
Minimum Activity Required	15 Hours per year	10 Hours per year	10 Hours per year
Nomination	Provincial Body	Provincial Body	Provincial Body
Approval	Provincial Commission	Provincial Commission	Provincial Commission
Validity of License	See notes on Inactive and Recycling	See notes on Inactive and Recycling	See notes on Inactive and Recycling
Examination Events	Provincial Events	Provincial Events	Local or Provincial events
Method of Examination	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.	Oral.- Questions lasting 15 to 25 minutes based on the IJF Referee Rules.
	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.	AND/OR Practical.- Must referee as a central Referee a minimum of 6 fights, and as a Judge a minimum of 6 fights.
Evaluation	As defined by Provincial body	As defined by Provincial body	As defined by Provincial body
Application Fee	As determined by Provincial Body	As determined by Provincial Body	As determined by Provincial Body

21.12 ADDENDUM A-12: Fee Structure for the Upgrading of Referees

The fee structure for the upgrading of Referees is defined in the table below. This fee does not include additional items such as ties and badges. These items need to be purchased additionally from the NRC.

Level	Fee
Provincial A, B or C	Respective Province to determine the fee
National C	R 100-00
National B	R 200-00
National A	R 250-00
Senior National	R 200-00
Evaluations	R 50-00

These fees are to accompany the application form and are not refundable.

The fees collected will be used for refereeing activities only and are to be administrated by the National Treasurer for the benefit of the National Refereeing Commission

21.13 ADDENDUM A-13: The Referee as a Technical Official

Technical officials work very closely with the referees in the operation of a contest and as such are both referees and technical officials are required to work together as a coordinated team, treat each other with respect, and keep communication lines open to ensure a well-run tournament.

Technical officials must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. They play an essential role in the organization of a smooth flowing tournament and as such they must report on time for assignments and must remain neutral, calm and alert while performing their duties.

The qualities required of the technical officials are similar to that required of the referees.

- The ability to concentrate for many long hours;
- Perform in a composed manner under pressure;
- An in-depth knowledge of the IJF Referee Rules;
- Know the correct procedures, gestures and commands of the referees;
- Understand the basic techniques of judo to be able to identify tori (the thrower) when a score is called; and understand the elimination and point systems

To excel as a technical official takes training and practice and a good place to start is within the club, progressing to higher level events by taking on more responsibility. Technical Officials, like qualified or prospective Referees must also attend courses when these are presented within their Provinces or at National level.

Currently qualified referees of all levels should familiarize themselves with the operations involved at the table as well as other functions such as the weigh-in procedures and contest recording. They should be able to fill in a contest sheet and should be familiar with all the different formats that are being used by the National Body

Those that serve as Technical Officials are to be commended for their contribution to the sport of Judo.

21.14 ADDENDUM A-14: Introduction to the Rules for the Visually Impaired

The International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) has rules for Judo based on adaptations to the current International Judo Federation rules.

Each visually impaired athlete is unique and competitors may need varying degrees of assistance depending on visual acuity, experience, age, etc. The basic procedures are that the coach or assistant will guide the competitor to his/her side of the mats when called and ensure that the competitor knows whether they are blue or white. The corner judge then guides the athlete to his/her starting mark. After the judges are seated the referee will announce "re".

The most important rule modification involves the beginning of the match. Although different methods have been tried in the past, the current rules call for the referee to clap once with arms outstretched in front. The competitor's then advance towards each other until contact is made. They engage in Kumikata (grip each other's gi). The competitors should have their feet even or parallel with each other and then the referee announces "hajime". This starting position is used to permit the contestants to grip each other freely. Until "hajime" is called the referee should ensure that the athletes do not step away or change their foot positions. Each time the athletes separate during a match the same procedures are used to resume competition.

Rules for blind competitions call for the danger zone to be distinguishable by touch (this can be done by temperature). Since this is not practical for many local tournaments, officials must recognize that visually impaired athletes may not be able to tell when they are approaching the boundaries. The referee should call "matte" when necessary to ensure safety and to prevent an unintentional rule violation.

All of the referee's hand signals (such as the motion which indicates stalling or inactivity) should be verbalized for the visually impaired athlete, and announced scores should include "Blue" or "White" ("aka" or "shiro" previously) to be sure both competitors are informed of the score. Referees may take the opportunity during a break in the action to verbally inform the contestants of the score and time remaining, if appropriate. At the end of the match the corner judge again provides whatever assistance is needed as a guide for the visually impaired competitor.

The above are only a summarization of the rules as published by the IBSA and may be out of date. The complete and updated document regarding the rules can be obtained from the web site of IBSA - <http://www.ibsa.es/>.

21.15 ADDENDUM A-15: Remuneration Scheme for Referees

The Remuneration Scheme for officials will as follows:

All national rankings, South African closed and Open championships, the referees will be paid R50-00 per full day's work. No half days will be paid for.

