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Referee Rules

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Section 1 Area of application

- a. These rules apply to the referees in the area of the international association, the continental unions and international championships, the education and further education of international referees and the use at competitions and tournaments as well as for the organization.
- b. The JJNOs should follow the JJIF standards concerning the regulation of their national referees.

Section 2 International Referee Group (IRG), Technical Commission (TC) and International Referee Committee (IRC)

- a. The International Referee Group (IRG) is the total of all JJIF-Referees. It is a technical organisation of the JJIF.
- b. The education and work of the International referees is coordinated and supervised by the Technical Commission. The Technical Commission works with the committees of disciplines and the International Referee committee.
- c. The committees of disciplines are responsible for the education for specific content and the evaluation of the referees in the specific discipline. Each committee of disciplines must include minimum one highly qualified referee. The JJIF board appoints a “Head of referee” for each discipline.
- d. The International Referee committee consists of all “Head Referees” for all disciplines. Further technical representatives of continental unions can be appointed by the board. They are responsible to coordinate the work of referees during competitions.
- e. The IRC and the TC get support from JJIF headquarter in administrative tasks.

Section 3 Continental Referee Committees and Regional Referee Groups

- a. The board of directors of a continental union with the agreement of the JJIF board can decide to have a continental referee group in its continental union.
- b. A Continental Referee Group is responsible to the continental referees of a union and works in good cooperation with the TC.
- c. The JJIF Regional Associations (JJRA) can create Regional Referee Groups to work directly with the TC.

Section 4 Committee tasks

- a. The Technical Commission together with the Committees of disciplines and the International Referee Committee are responsible for the education of referees. This includes the preparation of all teaching, tutorial and promotional material needed for a proper evolution and presentation of referee duties and activities to the new and existing Member Countries.

- b. All Referee with valid World Referee license are qualified to judge World- and Continental Championships. The Head Referee of the respective disciplines can qualify Continental referees for the competitions.
- c. The Technical Commission designates (with approval of JJIF board) at each official Championship a number of "evaluators"; they will fill out an "evaluation form" in real time during the matches. The data will be evaluated after the Championship to feed the database.
- d. The Technical commission and the Referee Committee are, on his respective level (JJIF or continental union), responsible for the Referee behaviour, for the correct rotation of referees during official championships and has control of the application of Referee Rules and Competition Rules during competitions. They report to the Board the situation of referees and future plans. The head referee of each discipline represents the Referee Committee in question in any controversial matter.

Section 5 Referee categories and levels

- a. A referee's certification level determines the type and level of competition that a referee may officiate.
- b. Within each country, each nation determines their levels and respective criteria, and regulates certification through evaluations and examinations. The highest level is "National Referee".
- c. At the international level there are six levels of certification in each discipline. (in decreasing order):
 1. Continental C License: By examination. The candidate must have a minimum of 18 years of age and experienced in the respective discipline. He must have been a referee, in his own nation, for at least 1 year and must have refereed at least three [3] competition in the respective discipline. The candidate must have knowledge of English or the language mainly used in this regions.
 2. Continental B License: By examination. The candidate must have a minimum of 21 years of age and good knowledge¹ of this discipline. He must have been a referee on national level for at least 1 year and must have refereed at least three [3] competition in the respective discipline. The candidate must have a good knowledge of English or the language mainly used in this regions. A minimum communication ability in English language is required.
 3. Continental A License will be obtained after having Continental B License for one year and been a referee in three international and official events with more than three countries, states or provinces (USA, Mexico, Russia, Canada), with positive observation reports within a maximum of two years time.
 4. World B License: By examination. The candidate must have elaborated knowledge² of the discipline. He must have been a Continental A referee for at least 1 years and have refereed as such in at least 3 International Competitions and 6 other events. Positive observation reports are required and a recommendation of his continental Referee Committee shall be given.
 5. World A License: The candidate must have been a World B referee for at least 1 years and have refereed as such in at least 3 International Competitions with positive observation reports and involvement in 6 national/regional events. The International Referee Committee has the right to demand more competitions if needed.
 6. Referee Expert: World Referee (A/B) with good experience can be promoted to Referee expert by Technical Commission. Responsible to be involved into the education, evaluation and mentoring of Referee of lower levels.
- d. The control of the referee license is under the jurisdiction of the Technical Commission.

¹ Competition experience as athlete or coach, 1st Dan Ju-Jitsu, Purple Belt Ne-Waza Jiu-Jitsu

² International Competition experience as athlete or coach, 2nd Dan Ju-Jitsu, Brown Belt Ne-Waza Jiu-Jitsu

Section 6 Education of the referees

- a. Referee courses will be held at camps, tournaments and special courses called by JJIF.
- b. A JJNO may require a referee course organised under the co-ordination of a JJIF instructor, designated by the TC. Requiring JJNO must be ready to cover the costs.
- c. Participants for a referee course register through their JJNO. They are expected to be well prepared, knowing the rules and regulations and being physically able to fully participate.
- d. The referee courses must consist of at least 3 hours of theory and 6 hours of practical lessons, for each discipline.
- e. The theory of the referee course shall be executed as E-Learning or Self-study.
- f. Practical lessons may consist of refereeing, sports and Ju-Jitsu classes.

Section 7 Examinations

- a. The examinations must be held by the experts appointed by Technical Commission.
- b. The examination has to be passed with at least 75% and consists of
 - Physical test
 - Theoretical Test
 - Practical Test
- c. The practical test has to be on a tournament or championship which is accepted by JJIF or Continental Union.
- d. The examiners are required to make a formal report to the TC on the referee course and the examinations.
- e. JJNO might ask for report respective their candidates.

Section 8 Validity of license and compatibility

- a. The continental license is valid for 3 years and can be renewed if the referee has participated in a new referee course or a refreshment course and has refereed at least 2 international competitions in this period, with positive observation reports.
- b. The world license is valid for 3 years and can be renewed only if the referee has participated in a new referee course or a refreshment course and has refereed at least 2 international competitions in this period, with positive observation reports.
- c. If the referees meet the mentioned requirements and pass the physical test, their license will be renewed for 3 more years.
- d. If the evaluation report do not fit the requirements for the level a license must be declassified or withdrawn according to the results.
- e. A referee who cannot renew the license will be declassified to a lower level.
World A/B to Continental A
Continental A/B to Continental C
- f. The referee position is incompatible with that of team coach, national delegate or competitor on the same tournament.
- g. The position of member of JJIF-Board or union boards is not compatible with the qualification of referee. Therefore, referees elected to these positions will be temporarily suspended as referees and can be reactivated after refreshment and physical test.

Section 10 Recalling of referee licences

- a. The TC may recall a license. The recall can be totally, or only down from A to B. The recall can also be for a given period of time.
- b. A referee license may be recalled in the following cases:
 - 1) The referee has repeatedly made major mistakes (see Sec. 8d)
 - 2) The referee behaves in an unacceptable and/or unsportsmanlike manner
 - 3) The national federation has no longer confidence in its referee.

Section 11 Refreshment courses

- a. Refreshment courses should be organised regularly connected to JJIF /JJCU / JJRA events.
- b. A JJNO can also organise a refreshment course connected to an international tournament or other events if approved by TC.
- c. A referee can participate in a course for new referees for refreshment. Instead of an examination he needs a positive observation report to fulfil the refreshment.

Section 14 Referee Dressing

- a. Referees shall wear grey trousers [colour code] and dark socks, mat shoes, white shirt, JJIF tie and blue jacket [colour code] with a JJIF badge attached to the left side.
- b. Depending on the temperature, Referees shall wear the same as above but without jacket.
- c. According to the event format organizers can change the dress code. (example Beach events)

Section 15 Referee Behaviour

- a. Referees must behave correctly towards all functionaries, athletes and the public.
- b. During Competitions referees must not express negative opinions (criticisms) regarding other Referee's conduct in public.
- c. Referees must not release to the press or the television any interview or opinion concerning the Competition in which they officially participate. Except of the head of referees or authorized by him/her.
- d. The referee has to be an example of sportsmanship and the positive effect of sports

Section 16 Coming into Force

The rules 1.0 were authorized by the Board of the JJIF on the April 2nd 2006 and came into force on the January 1st 2006.

The version 2.0 was authorized by the Board 1st March 2018 and sanctioned by the JJIF Session 5th March 2018.

They come in force immediately.

They will replace all existing rules.