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VISION, MISSION STATEMENT & CORE BEHAVIOURS

Vision: To have 10 active IJF Referees by 2020

Mission statement

- For the benefit of athletes, the National Referee Committee will ensure that officials of the highest standard, with full knowledge of the IJF Refereeing Rules and current rule interpretations, officiate according to International standards at competitions.
- We will maintain current knowledge of contest rules of the International Judo Federation and current IJF & OJU interpretation of same.
- We will ensure that rules and interpretations are disseminated in a timely and comprehensive manner to relevant Committees, national Referees and JFA officials.
- We will select and appoint all Referees to attend national and international tournaments.
- We will set the standard of professional excellence for refereeing across Australia.
- We will always strive to provide exceptional service to all national Referees, players, coaches other officials and spectators.
- We will significantly increase the number and standard of Referees in Australia.
- We will develop and implement a promotional strategy for judo refereeing in Australia.
- We will provide opportunities, encourage and support men and women who are interested in taking up a career as a Judo Referee.
- We will develop and implement refereeing evaluation tool.
- We will foster the culture of mutual respect, trust and open communication.
- We will always aspire to be the best and to be passionate in everything that we do.
- We will exchange experiences, knowledge and establish close cooperation with other OJU countries and OJU Referee Commission.

Our core behaviours

- We genuinely **listen** and **respect** the views of others.
- We **collaborate** - we **share** our knowledge and work well with others.
- Our actions are **open**, **honest** and transparent.

STRUCTURE OF THE REFEREE COMMITTEE

The structure of the Judo Federation of Australia Inc. (JFA) refereeing body is composite of the following:

- JFA Referee Chairman
- Referee Committee Members
- All national accredited Referees

The JFA Referee Committee consists of the following positions:

- JFA Referee Committee Chairman
- Three Committee Members. If needed, other Committee Members may be co-opted from time to time.

All Committee Members are required to hold minimum an OJU A licence and have a recent strong record as an active referee.

ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE REFEREE COMMITTEE

The Committee supports and looks after the interests of all JFA registered Referees. The Chairman is the spokesperson of refereeing in Australia and also represents the Refereeing Committee at all relevant JFA meetings.
The main tasks of the Committee are as follows:

- Maintain an accurate record of all national accredited Referees.
- Examine and grant all national accreditations throughout Australia.
- Ensure that JFA sanctioned events are conducted in accordance with IJF refereeing rules and JFA regulations.
- Develop and communicate a consistent interpretation of the IJF rules across Australia.
- Evaluate all Referees at all JFA sanctioned competitions.
- Create a list of candidates for upgrading to OJU status.
- Submit a list of qualified and duly selected Referees to officiate at national championships to JFA.
- Provide input into JFA Coaching Committee.
- Promote interest in and study of refereeing in Australia as well as the practice thereof.
- Organize national courses/seminars to ensure standardisation of refereeing practices. This will typically be at the national championships or international open events.
- Conduct referee briefings at international open events.
- Negotiate funding for JFA refereeing purposes.
- Issue all national JFA certificates related to refereeing.

The Referee Chairman and Committee are responsible for the selection and organisation of the Referees at all JFA sanctioned competitions that are used for national points. This includes the organisation of Referees for the final/medal contests. At the beginning of each calendar year the Referee Chairman will develop a roster and appoint a Referee Committee (chosen from current Referee Committee Members and senior referees coopted for this purpose) for all JFA sanctioned points scoring competitions.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Schedule monthly meetings (by Skype or tele-conference)
- Chair the monthly meeting and keeping notes of the meeting
- Co-ordinate workflow between the discussion documents and final agreements/outcomes
- Being the key conduit for communicating decisions and, where necessary, reasoning to support decisions to the CEO
- Submit quarterly written report to the CEO summarising activities
- Prepare a written report for the JFA Annual Report
- Control refereeing activities and supervise the adherence to IJF refereeing rules affecting refereeing and decisions
- Evaluate Referees performance at all open events and national championships
- Assist and advise on refereeing activities at all Open events
- Confirm, control and co-ordinate the Referee examinations
- Negotiate funding for JFA refereeing purposes
- Provide input into JFA Coaching and Tournament Committees
- Coordinate and deliver Referees' briefing before all JFA sanctioned events
- Prepare 'Letters of endorsement' for Referees travelling to overseas events
- Prepare and deliver pre-competition briefings to coaches at all JFA sanctioned events
- Liaise and cooperate with the OJU Referee Director and other National Federations on developing Referee programs and assisting our Referees with overseas events
- Liaison and dissemination of information with State/Territory Chairpersons

COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT

On average, it is anticipated Members will need to dedicate 2-3 hours a fortnight to this Committee In addition to a monthly meeting; this will involve emails, conference calls and the occasional face-to-face meetings (at a national competition).

KNOWLEDGE/EXPERTISE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum OJU A Referee licence
- History as a recent active Referee at international level
- Understand current IJF rules
- Understand IJF Code of Ethics
- Understand current JFA Referee policies
- Understand JFA policies relating to Code of Conduct and Member Protection
- Ability to interpret information and make sound decisions in line with policy
- Ability to communication with influence and solve problems

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

It is the responsibility of the JFA Referees Committee to support national accredited Referees and to train and provide continuous feedback to such Referees.

The Committee will hold at least one national course per calendar year. This course will cover the finer detail of refereeing at national and international level, as well as pass new international rules, and interpretation of rules.

It is to be encouraged that the players, coaches and managers attend Referees courses as part of ongoing education and understanding of Referees' rules.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REFEREEING

The requirements for Referees at the national level are as follows:

Referee Licence	Recommended time in grade	Judo Grade	Mini mum Age	Examination format	Examination authority
National C	30 hours and 1 year as State A	1st Kyu	16	Written exam followed by a practical test	National Committee Member at grading events
National B	50 hours and 18 months as National C	Sho Dan	17	Practical test	National Committee Member at grading events
National A	80 hours and 2 years as National B	Sho Dan	18	Practical test	National Committee Member at grading events

- Examinations for national licences are done at international open tournaments. At least two tournaments, which provide a sufficient number of contests to meet the number required for each certification level, will be selected for national licence examination in a calendar year.
- No examination will be done at the national championships.
- Examinations for all national licences are conducted by the Referee Chairman or by a delegated Member of the Referee Committee. In special circumstances, the Referee Chairman may appoint a highly rated and experienced Referee to conduct examinations on behalf of the Committee.

Note:
The above time limits should be seen as a guideline only. In exceptional cases, the JFA Referees Committee can consider a shorter time limit for upgrading to national A level. Based on ability, in exceptional circumstances after one year as national Referee B, a Referee may be considered on the strong recommendation by the Referee Committee Member for the national A licence.

The time requirement starts at zero hours after every upgrade. We need to recognise that all gradings should be competency based. If a Referee shows rapid progress he or she should be graded accordingly.

It should be clear that recommended time in grade includes hours both on and off (resting) the mat – from opening to closing bow on competition day.

EXAMINATION EVENTS

The following five international open events are national licence examination events:

- ACT International Open
- QLD International Open
- NSW International Open
- VIC Southern Cross Open
- SA International Open

30 days before the examination event State/Territory Committees must nominate their candidates for a national licence. This is done by completing a relevant form and sending it to the Chairman of the JFA Referees Committee.

Due to limited number of examination events and reduced quotas of Referees for these events no more than three candidates will be assessed at any one of these events.

Fees:
The non-refundable administrative fee for examination for C and B levels of the JFA Referee Program is $35. The fee is paid at the time of the examination and is charged to cover the cost of the certificate, official badge and Referee official tie.

National A examinations at present are being paid by Judo Federation of Australia but year by year will be subject to Judo Federation of Australia budgetary availability.

CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION

To be eligible for promotion a candidate must:

- Be a current Member of good standing with the Judo Federation of Australia Inc.
- Meet time in Referee licence requirement.
- Meet judo grade requirement.
- Have required hours of refereeing.
- Demonstrate superior skill in the following categories:
  - knowledge and appreciation of the rules
  - desired temperament and impartiality
  - posture
  - positioning and distance from competitors
  - signals and calls
  - decisiveness
  - concentration
  - maintaining the spirit of judo
  - conduct during conversations with other judges and the Referee Committee Members

The attitude of all officials should be that of a respected professional. They should remember that, once certified, they represent JFA as well as the sport of Judo. The off-the-mat conduct of officials should be such as to bring credit to their position. They should not publicly criticize other officials nor argue their actions or decisions with a player, coach, or spectator, although a courteous explanation is permissible.

When acting as the examiner it is necessary to provide feedback to candidates, feedback should be direct, clear and given in such a manner to insure that the candidate is sure of the proper procedure expected. In this situation it may be necessary to criticize a candidate in the presence of other candidates, however at no time should it be done in the presence of non-candidates (coaches, players, spectators, etc.).

ACCELERATED PROMOTION OF FORMER TOP PLAYERS

JFA Referee Committee has introduced a program of accelerated promotion for former top athletes who choose, after they finish their career as a competitor, to become a Referee.

This program is open to athletes who won medals at OJU Championships (seniors).

JFA Referee Committee will encourage these athletes to continue their involvement in Judo as a Referee with the possibility to get the OJU licence.

The program provides:

- targeted, comprehensive but shorter education program
- accelerated examination for highest national licence
- opportunities for faster integration of these Referees in national competitions to accumulate practice

JFA will nominate these Referees to the OJU Referee Commission for further development.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The written exam consists of 30 multiple choice questions. The passing score for this part of examination is: 80% (24 correct answers)

Each candidate must pass the written examination before being allowed to continue with the practical evaluation.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

The practical examination will be according to the IJF format. For the practical examination, the applicant will be required to Referee a minimum of six contests. There will be a minimum of two examiners for the practical examinations. Candidates will be evaluated and awarded a score from 0 to 10 for each fight they referee. At the end of the practical examination the average score will be calculated. To pass the practical examination part a candidate must have an average score of 6. For detailed assessment procedure refer to Appendix 5.

ONGOING REFEREE EVALUATION

All national accredited Referees are evaluated by JFA Referee Committee Members at all open competitions. National practical examination procedures and a relevant assessment form to be used for ongoing evaluation. All evaluation scores are recorded in the national Referee database. Ongoing Referees' ranking will be developed and will be used for selecting and nominating Referees for national championships, open events and international tournaments.

JFA NATIONAL REFEREE EVALUATION POLICY

AIM OF EVALUATION

The National Referee evaluation strategy aims to provide all stakeholders with:

- A continuous, objective monitoring tool of Referees' performance
- A reliable data that will support improved training investment decisions
- An indication on how our training programs are performing
- A reliable data used when assessment for promotion is considered and conducted
- An annual average evaluation score as one of the selection criteria for selection for national, regional and international competitions
- An evaluation score used when subsidy is considered

EVALUATION EVENTS

- National Committee evaluates all Referees at National Championships and four major open events (ACT, NSW, QLD and VIC)
- To be considered for selection for nationals, OJU and international events a Referee must be evaluated at least three times in a reporting cycle (June – May)

PROCEDURE

- Minimum of eight fights at one event is required for evaluation
- Immediately after each fight, Referees need to liaise with the Committee Member on their mat for on the spot feedback
- Final evaluation is an average evaluation score from at least two different Committee Members
- All evaluation scores are recorded in the national Referee database

ANNUAL AVERAGE EVALUATION SCORES AND CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

- Annual classification is completed before 31 May (after last open event before the nationals) and is valid for a 12 month cycle (June – May).

Classification level	Average annual score	Allow to referee at events		Possible subsidy
		National	OJU/IJF	
Elite class Referee	8-10	Yes	Yes	100%
Proficient class Referee	0-7	Yes	No	50%

- **Elite class Referee** (average annual score: 8-10) – can referee at all national level competitions, could be recommended for OJU examination and international events
- **Proficient class Referee** (average annual score: 7 and below) – can referee at all national level competitions (subject to selection protocols), not recommended for OJU examination and international events

Note: Nominated elite class Referees are automatically selected for all major national events. When a limited number of Referees is required the National Referee Committee makes the final selection as per existing procedures.

OFFICIAL DRESS CODE

The dress code for all International Opens and the National Championships is as per the IJF regulations.
Other state, local and club competitions – as prescribed by State/Territory Referee Committees.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

One of the most important roles of the JFA Referees Committee is to select the best Referees for our prime event, the National Championships.

The officiating Referees shall be selected by the JFA Referees Committee and appointed by the CEO. In general these Referees shall be selected from among current JFA Inc. National Referee license holders. However, provision can be made for Referees not yet holding a JFA Inc. National Referee license to referee at these events, if the JFA Referees Committee is of the opinion that their ability is of a sufficiently high standard.

The Referee Committee is to notify selected Referees officiating at least 28 days prior to the competition.

No Referee can carry out any other duties during the competition e.g. coaching or manager of a team that is competing in the championships at which the referee is officiating.

The selection of Referees for the National Championships is based on performance and is competency based. Any overall judgements are based on seeing Referees at a number of events and not just on one performance.

Referees are encouraged to attend a number of International Opens so that they can maintain their currency at refereeing higher level competitions.

All Referees attending International Opens and the National Championships are assessed on their performance.

To be considered for selection for National Championships, OJU and international events a Referee must be evaluated at least three times in a reporting cycle (June - May) and must have an average evaluation score of seven.

Once nominations are received from the states the selection is based on a democratic vote by all Members of the JFA Referees Committee.

The JFA Referees Committee will first rank and select Referees with three evaluations. In a situation where there are not enough Referees with three evaluations and with suitable average evaluation score, in exceptional circumstances, the Committee may decide to select Referees with only two evaluations and with an average score of seven.

To be considered for national selection a national Referee must be nominated by the relevant state Referee Committee.

The JFA Referees Committee reserves a position at the nationals and other International Opens for new and “up and coming Referees”.

The Referee Committee nominates reserves for each event.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL OPEN EVENTS

The officiating Referees shall be selected by the JFA Inc. Referees Committee and appointed by the JFA. In general these Referees shall be selected from among current JFA Inc. National Referee license holders. However, provision can be made for Referees not yet holding a JFA Inc. National Referee license to Referee at these events, if the JFA Inc. Referee Committee is of the opinion that their ability is of a sufficiently high standard.

6-8 weeks before the competition, JFA Referee Committee sends a request for nominations to all State/Territory Chairpersons.

States/Territories provide their nominations to the Chairman of the Referee Committee.

Four weeks before the event the Referee Committee finalises the list of Referees and sends the final list of selected Referees back to the States/Territories for distribution to selected Referees. The list of selected Referees is also published on the JFA website.

Assessments of State A Referees for National licence can only take place at the International Opens.

The Referee Committee reserves a right to allow overseas Referees to officiate at International Opens. All requests for overseas Referees must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Referee Committee.

ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REFEREES

It is the responsibility of all Referees to remain current. This means that they must remain up to date with the latest IJF rules, and interpretation of such rules, as well as remain active. To this end all national accredited graded Referees must attend a national course at least once every two years or three JFA sanctioned competition briefings every two years and referee a minimum of 10 hours in any one calendar year at any state and national sanctioned competition.

Failure to comply with this minimum requirement will result in them being classified as Inactive. When an inactive Referee wishes to be recertified she/he needs to be reassessed by a Member/s of the JFA Referee Committee.

REFEREE DATABASE

JFA maintains a comprehensive database of all national accredited Referees. The details collected in the database are:

- Name
- Age
- Address
- Contact details
- Club
- Judo grade
- Referee licence
- Referee status (active & inactive)
- Competitions attended (hours of refereeing)
- Evaluation (ranking)

Collection of information. Within 2 weeks of a completion of a competition a /Territory Referee Committee must complete and send to a JFA Referee Chairman a **'Referee Attendance and Evaluation Form'**.

Note: To make a data collection process more efficient JFA is working on a web based tool for data collection.

PROCESS FOR ATTENDANCE AT OVERSEAS EVENTS

All Referees with current National licence can apply to the JFA Referee Committee for permission to referee at overseas competitions. It is however the JFA Referee Committee recommendation that Referees select overseas competitions carefully, according to their abilities and after consultation with the JFA RC, OJU Referees Director and fellow Referees.

The JFA RC recommendation is:

- **National licence**: all competitions in OJU except for the OJU championships and OJU Cup (separate selection process exists for these events).
- **Oceania licence:** as above plus OJU championships and OJU Cup and all lower level competitions in other unions where there is not specific requirement for Continental licence.
- **IJF Continental licence**: as above plus all other competitions which require Continental licence (Cadet and Junior Cups etc.)
- **IJF A licence:** as above plus as rostered by IJF (Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Grand Slam, Grand Prix.

All Referees who wish to officiate at IJF events must have their IJF ID current. The JFA office is responsible for organising these cards.

To allow Australian Referees an opportunity to travel overseas with the Australian team the JFA office publishes and circulates the current JFA calendar of Australian team overseas competitions. Any amendments to the calendar will be communicated in writing to the JFA Referee Committee Chairman. The Chairman will then distribute this to all eligible Referees seeking nominations.

NOMINATIONS

All eligible Referees can nominate to referee for any overseas event. Written nominations must be submitted to the JFA RC Chairman no later than two months before the event.

The JFA RC will then select Referees who will then be added to the national team squad travelling to a particular event. All registration process will be done by the JFA office (JudoBase.org.).

A Referee must apply in writing to the JFA Committee Chairman and state the following:

  - Name
  - Competition name, date, place

- JFA will approve or reject application based on Referee performance recorded in the JFA referee record database
- To be approved for attendance at overseas events a Referee must:
  - must be a Member in good standing with Judo Federation of Australia
  - must be an active Referee

- must have an average annual score 8 or higher

RESPONSIBILITIES OF REFEREES WITH NATIONAL TEAMS

Selected Referees are expected to:

- Be part of the National Team and attend team functions when appropriate.
- Act as Ambassadors for Judo Australia and adhere to the Referee's Code of Conduct.
- Assist the coach with technical and referee matters.
- Provide a written report specific to refereeing matters when requested by JFA

All Referees participating in international events fall under the jurisdiction of JFA and its discipline procedures.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- **Impartiality**

A Referee must be fair, honest and impartial at all times. He/she must not display or harbour favouritism or prejudices in behaviour and expression.

- **Competence**

A Referee must be familiar with the rules and regulations governing the sport of judo. He/she must maintain his / her competency by being active in refereeing and keeping abreast of rule changes and interpretations.

- **Uniform**

A Referee must be properly attired as required by the IJF Refereeing Rules and Sporting Rules (pertaining to Refereeing aspects).

- **Promptness**

A Referee should be on the mat promptly before the contestants. He/she should be prompt when attending meetings, clinics or seminars.

- **Attentiveness**

A Referee must be attentive at all times. He/she must devote his full attention in officiating the contest.

- **Mutual Respect**

A Referee must respect the opinion of the other Referees. Each referee must be able to express his/her opinion without fear of ridicule or criticism from others.

- **Team Work**

All Referees must work as a team in a cooperative spirit so that a contest may run smoothly without unwarranted interference. However, each Member of a refereeing team should make independent judgements.

- **Criticism**

A Referee must not criticize other Referees. Difference of opinion should be discussed with the Referees concerned, or with the Referee Committee.

- **Socializing**

A Referee should minimize socializing with athletes, coaches and spectators to remain impartial and to minimize the possibility of a confrontation or appearance of biases.

- **Coaching and Cheering**

A working Referee must not coach or cheer contestants in the tournament.

- **Confrontation**

A Referee must not have confrontations with athletes, coaches or spectators. If a Referee is faced with such a situation, he should make all attempts to evade it and direct the grievance via the proper channels.

- **Conflict of Interest**

A Referee must avoid any direct or indirect conflict of interest.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Preamble
In the Judo Community as in all other organizations, situations arise where the person involved in the decision making process will find that their ability to make the decision is compromised or their objectivity is impaired due to certain factors. With this in mind, the decision maker must respond by declining to take part in the process. The object of these guidelines is to make the decision making process as fair as possible and ultimately the removal of all indications of conflict or bias, whether perceived or real.

Definition
Conflict of interest is a conflict between a personal interest and an official responsibility of a person in a position of trust. Bias, is a predisposition or leaning towards a certain outcome.

Parties Involved
These Guidelines apply to all Referees of Judo Federation of Australia involved in any decision making process.

General Principles
- In each matter relating to the interaction between two parties, the deciding party must be objective and be free from compromising influences.
- Objectivity is impaired when the deciding party has a real interest in the outcome of the process or is biased towards a certain outcome to the extent that the deciding party would be unable to properly and competently carry out the decision making powers.
- When the conflict does arise, the deciding party must declare the conflict and refrain from involvement in the decision making process and from attempting to influence the remaining decision makers. A declared conflict of interest or bias may be resolved within the group making the decision.
- Allegations of conflict of interest or bias must be addressed immediately to insure fairness in the decision making process.

Application of the Guidelines
A deciding party should not:
- Do something knowing it will further the party's own interest, or it will further the interest of a person directly associated with the party, or will further the interests of a family Member;
- Use a position or office to influence or seek to influence a decision to be made to further the party's own private interest;
- Use or communicate information not available to the general membership, that was gained in the course of carrying out the duties of office or powers, to further a private interest;
- Act when there is a predisposition towards a particular outcome;
- Accept gifts or benefits – does not include social obligations.

Resolution
Any unresolved conflicts of interest or allegation of bias shall be dealt with using the JFA Complaint Procedures.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

During all events sanctioned by JFA all Referees are subject to JFA disciplinary procedures and to actions described in this policy.

The JFA Referee Chairman, after consultation with Committee Members, has the right to apply a disciplinary action against any Referee who disregards Referee Committee Members' instructions and behaves in disrespectful and unprofessional manner. The JFA Referee Chairman can apply following disciplinary actions:

- Warning
- Temporary break from refereeing (temporary removal from refereeing roster)
- Removal from refereeing roster for the rest of the day
- Removal from referring for the duration of the event
- The principal of natural Justice should apply in all cases

All these disciplinary actions will be recorded in JFA official Referees database.

In extremely serious instances the Committee will lodge an official complaint to JFA CEO as per existing JFA procedures. Any subsequent disciplinary action may include suspension and reassessment of Referees licence.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour:

- Biased decision towards a player
- Criticizing other Referees in front of coaches, players, spectators and other officials
- Making derogatory comments toward Referee Committee Members or any other official, coach or player
- Be late for a rostered match
- Do not follow Referee Committee instructions
- Intimidate other Referees

APPENDIX 1 – IJF RULES

IJF REFEREE RULES

APPENDIX 2- APPLICATION FOR REFEREE EXAMINATION

APPLICATION: UPGRADING to national licence
Note: available in a fillable pdf, excel and web formats – to be developed

Application for Referee Examination	
Name	
DOB	
Current JFA membership number	
Current Referee licence	
Club	
Date of last grading	
Hours worked since last grading	
Address	
Contact number	
Email address	
Examination event	
Examination date	
State Chairperson approval	

APPENDIX 3 - COMPETITION REFEREE RECORD FORM

JFA - Referee Competition Attendance

JUDO Federation of Australia

Within a week of the completion of your competition, please send to JFA (arekjudo@hotmail.com) the names of all attending referees (state accredited and above). Referee attendance is only required from state or nationally sanctioned competitions.

		Comments/suggestions
Date		
Time		
Competition		
State/Territory		
Commission Members		

Note: below fields (name, licence, state/territory) have drop down lists. Click on the field and then an arrow on the right and select required option.

	Name	Licence	State/Territory	Hours	Evaluation	Comments
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Thank you for your cooperation

APPENDIX 4 - REFEREE LICENCE CERTIFICATE

Judo Federation of Australia Inc.

National Referee Licence

This is to certify

SAMPLE

has been awarded the

CLASS LICENCE

Date 2015

Arek Zygmunt

Chairman
Referee Commission

Neville Sharpe

President
Judo Federation of Australia Inc.

APPENDIX 5 - PRACTICAL EXAMINATION & ONGOING ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Points are deducted from a possible perfect score of 10 on the practical evaluation sheet for errors which are divided into 3 degrees of severity:

- **Critical error** **deduction of 3 points**
- **Major error** **deduction of 2 point**
- **Minor error** **deduction of 1 point**
- **Discipline, attitude, presentation**
    - No show (when selected and not providing explanation to the chair) – 10 points
    - Late arrival – 2 points
    - Criticising other Referees – 2 points
    - Disrespecting Committee Members – 3 points
    - Not attending Referees' briefing – 2 points
    - Early departure – 1 point
    - Late presence for a fight – 1 point

CRITICAL ERROR – 3 POINTS

- Incorrect score or penalty that decides the result of the fight (e.g. decisive score or penalty)
- Incorrect or no Ippon score
- Incorrect or no 2nd Wazaari
- Incorrect or no Hansoku-make (direct)
- Ignore majority of three decision or the opinion of the Committee Member
- Award Ippon score to a wrong player in a Kaeshi Waza situation

MAJOR ERROR – 2 POINTS

- Error in scoring by 2 scores
- Osaekomi call – too early or too late, by more than 5s
- Award a score to a wrong player in a Kaeshi Waza situation
- Wrong Matte call in an In/Out situation
- Too early or too late Matte call in ne waza
- Call "Matte" instead of "Sono Mama
- Wrong Ippon or Matte call in Shime or Kansetsu Waza
- Wrong call for medical assistance

MINOR ERROR – 1 POINT

- Error in scoring by 1 score
- Award win to the wrong player
- Osaekomi call – too early or too late, by less than 5s
- Asking players to fix uniforms when not necessary

Note: only 0.5 point is deducted for the whole fight for following errors:

- Wrong or not clear gesture
- Lack of confidence
- Wrong position
- Late or no action when wrong score or time displayed on a scoreboard
- Lack of control of coaches and players
- Tone of voice too laud or too quiet

- Not holding hand signals long enough
- Poor posture
- Too much mobility and unwarranted touching of the players

Note:

- If the candidate fails the written exam the examiner should review the incorrect answers with the candidate so that he/she may pass at the next opportunity
- If the candidate fails the evaluation the examiner should review the reasons for failing so that the candidate can work to improve before the next examination
- It is the policy of the JFA Referee Committee that no candidate should be certified as a JFA National B & A Referee who commits more than two critical errors during the practical evaluation process.