



## **Policy 10: Judge and Referee Standards**

### **10.0 Overview**

Having competent, experienced and qualified judges and referees is considered essential for the some organisation and delivery of competitive events. There are three areas of competence for the effective delivery of a competitive event.

- a. Preparation and organisation of the event including health and safety considerations
- b. Judging competence and ability to make decisive and objective decisions against criteria.
- c. Referee competence and ability to control and manage competitions in a safe and controlled manner

The following criteria for being eligible for recognition of competence for referees and Judges at Junior, Youth Cadet and Senior levels are: -

- Must be a current full member of the BAA.
- Must be DBS checked
- Must hold current PI Insurance
- Must be 18 years of age

There are three levels of competence and accreditation for Judges and Referees

### **10.1 Level 1 Judge/Referee**

**Level 1 Judge/Referee will qualify candidates to act as a judge and side referee at domestic junior and senior championships,**

- Must be 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu and above.
- Candidates should receive both junior and senior competition rules for familiarisation.
- All candidates to be eligible for the award must complete Level 1 Referee Course followed by attendance at one recognised BAA championship where performance will be assessed.
- Thereafter to maintain the award Level 1 Referees must annually referee at a BAA championship or attend refresher course

### **10.2 Level 2 Judge/Referees**

**Level 2 Judge/Referee will qualify candidates to act as a lead judge and or centre referee at junior and senior domestic championships.**

- Must be a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan or above
- Must have completed Level 1 Referee course and held the award actively for at least two years having officiated as referee at least one recognised national championships each year.
- Must attend Level 2 course and practical application and assessment at least one domestic championship, where performance will be assessed and provisional acceptance granted if satisfactory.
- Candidates will receive full accreditation after satisfactory attendance at two domestic championships or Europe.
- Award maintained thereafter by attendance at one least domestic championship per year



### 10.3 Level 3 Judge/Referees

Criteria for Level 3 award qualifying the candidate for officiating at junior and senior international level after applications and CVs are submitted through the BAA for approval by the WSAF.

- Minimum Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and above.
- Domestic Qualification at Level 2
- Experience of domestic championships
- Competence at domestic championships assessed

### 10.4 Outline Course Content

All awards are for both junior and senior competition formats including Embu and Randori

#### Syllabus Generic – for all candidates at all levels

- Risk Assessments
- Health and safety procedures
- Emergency aid procedures
- Time keeping, scoring and record keeping
- Command and control of competitors
- Policies and procedures
- Etiquette and Code of conduct
- Preparation and Management event
- Preparation and Management of competition
- Seeding and ranking
- Dealing with appeals

#### Syllabus Randori

- Randori rules include side and centre refereeing
- Roles and responsibilities of side and centre referee
- Hand and flag signals
- Prohibited acts
- Conducting a contest
- Decision making and objectivity

#### Syllabus Embu

- Embu rules including objective observation
- Record keeping
- Positions and functions of a side and centre judge including coordination role
- Hand and flag signals
- Understanding the difference in rule application between junior and senior rule application
- Prohibited acts
- Conducting a contest
- Decision making and objectivity

### 10.5 Assessment

Initial assessment will take place during theory sessions through practical demonstrations and simulations. Approval will be given after practical assessment during competition conditions.

- Competence will be assessed regarding the understanding of rules and regulations.
- Competence will be assessed as the ability to apply understanding and maintain health and safety and duty of care.
- Competence will be assessed as the ability to make accurate and informed objective decisions whilst maintaining health and safety and duty of care.