

HEAD REFEREE DIRECTORS REPORT

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1. Highlight of the period 2018 to 2019

One of the main objectives of the Referee Commission in this last period has been to identify the group of referees from which to select the 16 names for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

1.1 IJF Referee Commission meeting – Madrid 01.06.2019

Work began on 1 June 2018 with a full Referee Commission meeting (Head Referee Directors, Union Referee Directors, Supervisor, Assessors) and Judo expert during which 36 referees were selected by ranking list.

Since the Referee Commission has the obligation to prepare the referees in the best possible way, in agreement with President Marius Vizer, it was decided to offer the selected group the opportunity to take advantage of the experience and managers of the IJF Academy: in this regard 18 Referees participated in a 3-days Seminar before the 2018 GP Zagreb (following the IJF Academy methodology).

The same procedure was followed for the 2nd group of 18 Referees who took part in the 2018 GP Budapest.

In both sessions the practical sessions served to standardize the concepts related to the principles of Judo technique and their evolution in the current competitive activity while the vision of fighting in their entirety taken from IJF WJU events was useful to have a common standard in the application of the rules (Scores, negative judo, enter in Ne-Waza, etc.).

Also in 2019, before the GP Antalya, this procedure was repeated with an innovative formula presented by Mr. Daniel Florin Lascau who committed the Referees to reproduce on the tatami the most demanding situations in the formulation of their judgment in the contest.

Situations that were immediately re-proposed with video clips taken from the latest WJT events.

A subsequent appointment is scheduled after the WC 2019 to arrive in 2020 to have the 16 referees for Tokyo 2020 as homogeneous and prepared as possible.

To underline that the Referee Commission has been joined by the Sport Commission and the Education & Coaching Commission for the most complete information possible.

1.2 Collaboration with IBSA

In Madrid was decided to have a closer collaboration with the IBSA in order to present an equally homogeneous and prepared as possible group to the Paralympic Games in Tokyo 2020. In agreement with Mr. János Tardos it was decided to use the IJF ranking list and make the final selection in accordance with the latter.



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It would be advisable, before the Tokyo Games, to organize a training seminar with the Olympic and Paralympic referees like the one played in Castel del Fels / ESP before the Rio 2016 games.

1.3 IJF Regulation referees

Approved in Madrid the rules relating to:

- IJF Referee Ranking System

- Referees officiating at IJF World Judo Tour Events
- Referees officiating at other IJF events
- Attendance at IJF Refereeing Seminars
- IJF Referee Examinations (Continental-International)
- Obligations for Referees at IJF World Judo Tour Events
- Obligations for NF and Referees to use the new Judobase System
- Functions and tasks of the Supervisors
- Functions and tasks of the Assessors

2. IJF Seminars

Of particular importance were the IJF Referee & Coach Seminars held in Mittersill (AUT) with a significant presence of both sectors (214 in 2018 and 240 in 2019) and with the aim of further clarifying and unifying particularly important concepts using the presence of experts from various continents. For all, let us remember the exhaustive explanation of the transition from Tachi Waza in Ne Waza and from Ne Waza in Tachi Waza.

2.1 Education of Referees - Seminars in the Unions

The education of referees by the Commission does not, of course, stop with the group interested in Tokyo 2020 but it has homogeneous training on the continents among its main objectives.

For this reason, various seminars have involved all continents throughout the year, offering the opportunity to those not present in Mittersill to receive all possible updates «at home». To underline that also in the Continental Seminars the Referee Commission has been joined by the Sport Commission and the Education & Coaching Commission for the most complete information possible.

2.2 Unions Directors

Finally, Madrid marked a more fruitful collaboration with the Unions Directors, which were asked to use all the available devices (ranking list, reports, seminars, exams guidelines, etc.) for a homogeneous knowledge of development and application of the referees regulation.

All with a considerable personal commitment and for an increasingly transparent activity in rewarding emerging young people in their respective unions.



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3. Statistic - Media

The supplement to the rules had at the beginning of 2017 as a result of the two decisions in Abu Dhabi and Tokyo and in order to improve the rules to achieve the goal of Judo (Ippon or technical scores) adopted as a test until World Championships in Budapest and then, which have become definitive, have begun to bear fruit with a slight increase, in 2018 compared to 2017, in positive scores to the detriment of penalties.

A first step towards the need to improve the technical expression in favor of the positive scores also in relation to the importance of being «attractive» to the millions of spectators that the WJT attracts with the streaming and the services of the most important international television channels.

We thank the IJF President, Mr. Marius Vizer, for his constant support, the entire EC and the IJF National Federations.

Statistic IJF WJT 2018

Number of fights		7723	
Ippon	3289	42,58%	
Waza-A/A-Ippon	1399	18,11%	
Waza-Ari	1791	23,19%	20
HSM 3xS	1213	15,71%	
HSM direct	31	0,40%	A-1-2
Golden Score	1581	20,47%	





Golden Score Results

Golden Score	1581	20,47%
Ippon	436	27,46%
Waza-Ari-A-Ippon	85	5,39%
Waza-Ari	578	36,56%
HSM 3xS	477	30,17%
HSM direct	5	0,32%



