



IJF Refereeing Commission

IJF International Examination Requirements

General Examination Information

The IJF Refereeing Commission in cooperation with the Continental Judo Unions organise IJF International Referees Examinations. Each continent should host every second year one IJF International examination.

The recommended number for one IJF International Referees examination is 15 candidates for the organising continent. In addition, a number of five (5) candidates from other continents are accepted. Each National Federation can nominate two (2) candidates and in addition one (1) more candidate who is medallist of the seniors Continental Championships, World Championships or Olympic Games.

The candidates will be nominated by the National Federations and confirmed by the Continental Judo Union Refereeing Director. Each candidate can take part in the IJF International Examination maximum two times.

Requirements

1. Age: 30 to 50 years in the examination year, i.e. in 2025 the candidates should be born in 1995 to 1975.
Over the next few years there will be a period of transition to adapt to these new ages. During the transition period exceptions may be granted. Exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved the IJF Head Referee Directors.
2. Highest National Referee Licence.
3. IJF Continental Referee Licence.
4. The recommendation time between IJF Continental and IJF International examinations is two to five years.
5. List of active refereeing at national and international level in the last two years. The minimum refereeing activity is four events each year, eight events in two years.
6. Minimum San-Dan (3rd Dan) certificate issued by the National Federation.
7. English knowledge at the level of communication.
8. Nomination signed by the candidate, the National Federation of which he/she holds citizenship, and the Continental Judo Union Refereeing Director.
9. Payment confirmation of 250 US Dollar fee, before examination.

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Examination outcome

The candidates passing the IJF International Examination will receive:

- IJF International referee certificate
- IJF International referee badge
- IJF International referee tie

Final note

For more information and sending the candidate's documents, please contact

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