



IJF Refereeing Commission

IJF Continental Examination Requirements

General Examination Information

The Continental Judo Unions in cooperation with IJF Refereeing Commission organise IJF Continental Referees Examinations. Each continent should host yearly one IJF Continental examination.

The recommended number for one IJF Continental Referees examination is 20 candidates for the organising continent based on first come, first served. 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 Continental Examination maximum two times.

For the IJF Continental Referees Examination, the candidates have to pass with a minimum of 60% the Theoretical Paper Test. In case of failing first Theoretical Paper Test, a second test can be done immediately.

After passing first or second Theoretical Paper Test, the candidate is invited to the English Language Interview, where the English knowledge at the level of communication will be proved.

After passing the English Language Interview, the candidates are invited to the Practical Session Test.

Requirements

1. Age: 25 to 45 years in the examination year, i.e., in 2025 the candidates should be born in 2000 to 1980. 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. The recommendation time between National Referee Licence and IJF Continental examination is two to five years.
4. 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.



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5. Minimum Ni-Dan (2nd Dan) certificate issued by the National Federation.
6. English knowledge at the level of communication.
7. Nomination signed by the candidate, the National Federation of which he/she holds citizenship, and the Continental Judo Union Refereeing Director.
8. Payment confirmation according the Continental Judo Unions financial rules, before examination.

Examination outcome

The candidates passing the IJF Continental Examination will receive:

- IJF Continental referee certificate
- IJF Continental referee badge
- IJF Continental referee tie

Final note

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

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