

Regulations for Referees 2021

EJU REFEREE RANKING SYSTEM

The EJU Referee Ranking list started on the 1st of January 2020 and will finish on 31st of December 2021. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the ranking list will run exceptionally over 2 years. The ranking list is published on the EJU homepage, individually as well as per National Federation.

The ranking will be made along all IJF events, **European Judo Championships, European Judo Open and European Judo Cups.**

In 2021, all European Judo Cups will be attended by the EJU Referee Commission.

The referees will receive points from 1 to 10 in decimal expressions (6.0, 6.1, 7.2, 7.6, etc...). To generate the ranking of referees, the points are summed up and divided by the number of attended tournaments. The referee with the highest average points is ranked as No 1, the referee with the second highest average points as No 2, and so forth. If several referees have the same score (equality), the referee with the higher number of events will have the higher ranking.

OFFICIATING REFEREES AT IJF EVENTS

For all IJF-events, **World Championships, IJF Masters, Grand Slam and Grand Prix** the referees will be nominated by the INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION (IJF).

Referees who are in the IJF circuit, are obliged to participate at least in two (2) European events during the year (European Open or European Cup). However, during the Olympic and Pre-Olympic year, only one (1) participation is required.

OFFICIATING REFEREES AT EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The referees for all European Judo Championships (Individual, Team, Clubs, Veterans) will be nominated by the EJU Refereeing Commission. Based on the ranking list, the EJU Refereeing Commission will choose the referees by name, who can take part at the different European Judo Championships.

Only referees who participated in at least 3 events with allocation of ranking points (EJU and IJF) can be candidates for nominations.

The ranking lists from 2019, 2020 and possibly 2021 will be used for nominations for individual/team championships.

For Senior European Championships, 2 referees per country can be nominated.

The EJU Refereeing Commission will nominate at least 5 referees per mat for teams and 6 for individual championships.

The National Federations are in charge of all costs for nominated referees, except when it is mentioned differently in the invitations/outlines.

After the nomination of referees, the NF has to confirm the participation of the nominated referee to EJU Head Office (headoffice@eju.net). Further, NF must inscribe the referee in Judobase and make a hotel reservation with the organizer according to the outlines.

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OFFICIATING REFEREES AT EUROPEAN JUDO OPEN

Each National Federation may enter **2 referees** with at least continental license.

However, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, only 7 referees per mat can be inscribed and will be handled on the principle of “First come, First served”.

Only referees who have a FINAL ranking of at least 6,5 in the 2019 ranking list are allowed to referee in European Open. The referees with a lower ranking can only referee at European Cups. The control if a referee fulfils the requirement of ranking, will be checked at the moment of inscription in Judobase by EJU Head Office.

However, when a referee got classified with at least **6,5** in an **European Cup in 2020 or 2021**, he/she can go to the next European Opens.

The organizing federation may enter a maximum of 2 referees with required classification.

The inscription of a referee must be done **at least 2 weeks** before the event.

OFFICIATING REFEREES AT EUROPEAN JUDO CUPS

Each federation may enter **2 referees**. The organizing federation may enter as many referees as required for the realization of the tournament but giving priority to their own Continental/International referees first and then their national referees with the highest national license with at least 2 years of experience.

However, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, only 7 referees per mat can be inscribed and will be handled on the principle of “First come, First served”.

If enough Continental/International referees are inscribed in Judobase, the organizing federation has to limit its number of national referees to 1 per mat.

The inscription of a referee must be done **at least 2 weeks** before the event.

REFEREES AT EJU EVENTS

A NFs’ president, coach, doctor or any official of a national team may not referee at International or European level events.

National Refereeing Directors and/or persons in charge for the selection of the referees in their country, can referee only at Cadets and Juniors EJU events, and cannot be selected for any European Championship.

It is the responsibility of the NF that this rule is applied.

The age limit for referees in official EJU events is 65 years, similar to IJF events.

REGISTRATION

Referees must hold a valid IJF ID Card and must be inscribed in Judobase by their NF for the concerned event. Further, NFs must make a hotel reservation with the organizer according to the outlines.

ATTENDANCE AT REFEREEING SEMINAR

In 2021, no EJU Refereeing Seminar is planned.

EJU REFEREE EXAMINATIONS

CONTINENTAL: The EJU will hold one or more examinations this year. Every National Federation can nominate a maximum of 2 candidates.

Criteria for the examination:

- Age: 25 to 51 years (51 is exception due to no exams in 2020)
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in Judo
- 4 years holding the highest national license
- Active referee on national and regional levels
- Nominated by the candidate's National Judo Federation
- Approval of the National Federation of the country of which the candidate holds citizenship
- Minimum Dan grade required: Ni-Dan (2.Dan)
- Ability to communicate in the official language **English**
- On time payment of the examination fee (€ 400,-)

The above written requirements can be exempted for former top judo competitors (international medal winners in European and World Championships and Olympics), who wants to be referee after the end of their career as a competitor. Please follow the special requirements of EJU and IJF.

The possible Continental exams organisations in 2021 will be communicated later to the NF's, with possible restrictions due to Covid 19.

INTERNATIONAL: Every second year there will be an examination in Europe, with a maximum of ten (10) candidates from EJU.

Candidates will be proposed by their NF (only one candidate per NF) and selected by the EJU Refereeing Commission.

Criteria for the examination:

- Age: 29 to 56 years (56 is exception due to no exams in 2020)
- A minimum of 15 years experience in Judo
- Active referee on national and continental levels
- Nominated by the candidate's National Judo Federation
- Approval of the National Federation of the country of which the candidate holds citizenship of
- Minimum Dan grade required: San Dan (3. Dan)
- Ability to communicate in the official language **English**
- On time payment of the examination fee (250,- US Dollar)

A candidate who fails the examination 2 times will not be permitted for a 3rd attempt at both continental and international level.

Continental Unions may organize an International Examination every second year; however, they may send a maximum of three candidates to other Continental Union examinations. The candidates will be proposed by the NFs and selected by the EJU Refereeing Commission.

OBLIGATIONS FOR REFEREES AT EUROPEAN JUDO OPEN AND EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The referee meeting will always be held on the day before the start of the competition (exact time indicated in the event outlines). Attendance is compulsory (No exceptions at all). The referees should be formally dressed at this meeting.

At all European Championships, except for Veterans, the referees also have to attend the draw which is followed by the referee meeting.

This rule is also valid for Grand Slam and Grand Prix Tournaments in Europe, at which the referees have to attend the draw at 14:00 (2pm). The referee meeting in IJF events is also held right after the draw.

All above obligations are overruled when it is mentioned differently in the outlines of the event.

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS REQUESTS

If National Federations want to invite a Referee Commission Member to attend a local seminar or a local competition, an official request has to be sent to the Referee Director.

REQUESTS FOR VIDEO EXAMPLES DECISIONS

When certain video examples are requested to receive a decision about a certain action, the request has to come officially from the Referee Director from the NF. The action has to be accompanied by 2 video ankles of good quality. The procedure will be, that the EJU Referee Director will take this up with IJF Referee Commission and later, the final answer will be given to the requestor.

EJU REFEREEING COMMISSION