

Regulations for Referees 2023

EJU REFEREE RANKING SYSTEM

The EJU Referee Ranking list starts on the 1st of January 2023 and will finish on 31st of December 2023. 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.

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 EYOF

Each participating NOC will nominate a referee from the first 100 ranked referees of the 2022 ranking list. Out of this list of nominations, the EJU Refereeing Commission will appoint 12 referees and 3 reserve referees.

In case one of the referees cannot attend the EYOF, a substitute from the reserve referees will be invited.

The travel and stay arrangements of the 12 nominated referees will be made by the OC and the costs are covered by the NOC's.

These 12 referees have to be supported by 4 EJU Referee Commissioners.

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 candidate for nominations.

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The ranking list from 2022 will be used for nominations of individual/team championships.

The ranking list from 2023 can also be used for nominations of events later in the year.

The EJU Refereeing Commission will nominate 5 referees per mat.

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 have 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.

OFFICIATING REFEREES AT EUROPEAN JUDO OPEN

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

Only referees who have a FINAL ranking of at least 6,5 in the 2022 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 2023**, 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**. **In case National Federation wants to inscribe more Referees, the reasonable application has to be applied to the EJU Referee Commission.** 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.

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 **regarding the year, not the date of birth**, similar to IJF events.

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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

The National Federations may nominate referees only if they have been represented at the last EJU Refereeing Seminar. In case of not being represented at the EJU Refereeing Seminar, they will not be able to nominate referees for the following EJU events: European Open and European Cups during the next year (from seminar to seminar), **unless there is reasonable explanation, confirmed with the letter of the President of the National Federation.**

EJU REFEREE EXAMINATIONS

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

Criteria for the examination:

- Age: 25 to 45 years
- 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 Continental exam in Europe 2023 will take place at the European Judo Cup Seniors in Malaga 12-15 October. **Fist two days there will be Seminar with the Theoretical Exams under leading of the IJF Head Referee Director Mr. Florin Daniel Lascau and another two days Practical Exams on the mat.**

IJF INTERNATIONAL: Every second year there will be an examination in Europe, with a maximum of fifteen (15) candidates from EJU.

Candidates will be proposed by their NF (only **2 candidates per National Federation if men and women or both women** per NF) and selected by the EJU Refereeing Commission.

Criteria for the examination:

- Age: 29 to 50 years
- A minimum of 15 years of experience in Judo
- Active referee on national and continental levels

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- 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 take place [as it is mentioned in the outlines of the event](#). Attendance is compulsory (No exceptions at all).

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

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