

REFEREE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The 2018 Shufu Rules Clinic led by Sharon Landstreet and Bobby Donaldson at Washington Judo Club on Sunday, February 11, was among the best in the more-than-30-year history of the event. Thanks to the clinicians, and to host Tad Nalls, who somehow got Georgetown University to agree to let us into Yates Field House when it was otherwise closed to everyone because of flooding.

Congratulations to the several new Local and Regional referees who have been certified at recent events.

Although there have been no new promotions of Shufu referees to the National level or higher since this Committee's last report in November, several Shufu referees have received important international assignments and assignments as chief referees or examiners. Karl Tamai served as Chief Referee at the 2018 "Judo" Jones Invitational in North Carolina. Bobby Donaldson has served at the Morris Cup as an Evaluator and at the "Judo Jones" event as an Evaluator and has been selected as an Evaluator for the upcoming Am-Can. Internationally, he has refereed at the Quebec Open and the Pan Am Open (Buenos Aires) and has been approved to referee at the EJU Cup Juniors in Prague and in Berlin this summer. Sharon Landstreet has participated in major international events too numerous to itemize, but highlights include the Grand Slam in Germany, at which she refereed matches involving Olympic Gold Medalist Shohei Ono (JPN) and other World and Olympic medalists; the same Pan Am Open in Argentina in which Bobby Donaldson officiated; and selection for the upcoming Youth Olympic Games also in Buenos Aires, Argentina.