

REFEREE COMMITTEE REPORT
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Co-Chair(s), Shufu Referee Committee

Shufu Referee(s) continue to set the standard for the Referee Cadre in the United States with the first two graduates from the IJF Academy's Nage Waza/Katame Waza certification course for Referee(s), *Mrs. Sharon Landstreet* and *Mr. Bobby Donaldson*.

With the new interpretations of the 2019 IJF Rules; *Mrs. Landstreet*, *Mr. Tamai*, and *Mr. Donaldson* led the Shufu Rules Clinic at Georgetown University on 9 February. There were no major changes however several newer interpretations and clarifications were disseminated to the crowd gathered at the clinic.

Shufu Referee(s) are fostering growth in Judo by providing superior services within the EJU, PJC and domestically. *Mrs. Sharon Landstreet* was selected to Referee the Pan American Open in Cordova Argentina and approved to officiate at European Open (Women) in Oberwart Austria and Dubrivnik, Croatia.

Mr. Bobby Donaldson completed the IJF Academy's course becoming the seventh Referee from the PJC to complete the course. He was selected for the 2019 Summer University Games in Napoli, Italy and the 2019 Pan American Games. Bobby also officiated at the 2019 Youth (Formerly Scholastics) Championships in Colorado Springs and the New York Open Team tournament, yesterday.

The 2019 USA Judo Referee Ratings were released. One of the notables is the return to N3 rating of Shufu's Secretary *Mrs. Jackson*. This now qualifies her to officiate at the US Senior Nationals and US Open tournaments.

The next USA Judo National Referee Examination will be at the Liberty Bell tournament at the end of the month. If you are planning to participate in the testing, please contact the committee for study material.

The United States Naval Academy hosted a Referee Clinic last weekend with guest instructor Mr. Dick Hugh (former Chair, US Referee Commission).

Thanks to Hui-O Judo and College Park Judo Club for hosting a Referee Certification at the Ken Tamai Invitational and congratulations to our newest Regional Referee(s); Mr. Miguel Caban, LT Calvin Sessions, Mr. Ernest Ojito, Mr. Serge Tshamala, Mr. Aleksander Winiarski, Mr. Charles Walberg, Mr. Joseph More, Ms. Kira Schlobohm. Local Referee(s);k Mr. David Brogan, Mr. Tony Pizzelanti, Mr. Daniel Smith.