

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

The International Judo Federation (IJF) has announced the location of the 2020 Rules Clinic as Dubai, UAE, dates and times are TBD.

Staying on the International Scene: the IJF announced that Mr. Daniel Lascau has temporarily replaced Mr. Jan Snijders as IJF Head Referee Director. Mr. Lascau is a Former World Champion whom was serving as the lead instructor for the IJF Academy, IJF Sports Director, and IJF Referee Supervisor.

The 2020 Shufu Rules Clinic; Clinician Dr. Gregory Moore (2016 Rio Paralympic Referee) has agreed to share his insights on the IBSA Referee circuit as he prepares for the Tokyo Paralympics. More information to follow. Tentatively February 2020.

Shufu welcomes Mr. El Haji Trajore, Mr. David Brogan, Mr. Anthony Pizzelanti, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mr. Tyler Smith, Mr. Brian Lopez, Mr. Gerald Cadet, and Mr. Rafeal Morales Jr, to the Shufu Referee Cadre. These Judoka have successfully fulfilled the requirements for Local Referee. As you see them on the tatami, please encourage them as they move to the next phase of their careers.

We also congratulate Lieutenant Calvin Sessions (US Navy), Mr. Ernest Ojito, and Mr. Serge Tshamala for their continued service recognized by advancement to Regional Referee(s). With the lack of regional events, this achievement is no short of spectacular and stands as a testament to their service of Judo.

Mr. Joseph More, Mr. Miguel Caban, and Mr. Rand Muender accepted appointments as National Referee(s) at the 2019 Liberty Bell Championships. This major accomplishment

built on hard work is greatly assisting Shufu in re-establishing our brand of excellence within the United States.

Thanks to Richard Hugh Sensei for being the clinician at the United States Naval Academy Referee Clinic and to Hui-O/College Park Judo Inc., serving as hosts for Referee certification, most recently at the Shufu Open.

The next opportunity for certification will be the Maryland Open, 18 January 2020.

Shufu Referee(s) on the Move:

- Shufu Referee Committee Co-Chair, Mr. R. Bobby Donaldson completed seven (7) IJF (International) assignment since July; Summer University Games, Grand Prix Budapest, Grand Prix Zagreb, Pan American Games, IJF World Championships (Cadets), Grand Slam Brasilia, and IJF World Championships (Juniors).

Bobby will open the 2020 IJF World Tour at Grand Prix Tel Aviv (Israel). In addition, he was assigned to the 2020 Grand Slam Ekaterinburg (Russia) - March, and Grand Prix Antalya (Turkey) - April.

- Mrs. Sharon Landstreet concluded her 2019 campaign having Referee[d] five (5) major international events including her recent trip to EJU Open (Luxembourg), EJU Open Austria, EJU Cup (Juniors) Austria, EJU Cup Croatia, and PJC Open Buenos Aires.
- Mrs. J. Miki Takemori is the flag bearer for Shufu Referees (domestically) as she officiated seven (7) events to include: Pedro's Challenge, Liberty Bell, Am-Can's, Senior Nationals, USJA/USJF Summer Nationals, U.S. Open, and the Morris Cup.

This type of dedication is a staple in the service of excellence that our Yudanshikai is known.

- Shufu's highest rated National Referees are Mr. William Reardon and Mrs. Diane Jackson-Tamai.
- William and Maytinee welcomed their first child, Adrian, in April. We wish them continued success for this addition to the Judo family.

On the National Scene, USA Judo's Referee Commission has created several new policies:

- (a) To be eligible for examination to IJF Continental Referee, a minimum of two (2) years as a National (N4) level candidate is required.
- (b) All Referee(s) (IJF A/IJF B/N4/N3) requesting 'elective' International events, must have officiated at (one of these events) Youth Nationals, Junior Olympics, and/or US Open, each calendar year.
- (c) Referee Commission Chair, Mr. Robert Fukuda, has taken a Leave of Absence. Mr. Calvin Terada and Mrs. Janet Johnson are 'interim co-chairs' of the commission.