



**Name of the Committee:**

Referee Committee

**Policy Number:**

#4-06

## **Referee Code of Conduct**

### **POLICY:**

#### **1. IMPARTIALITY**

Referees must be impartial at all times, and not display or harbor favoritism or prejudices in behavior and expression.

#### **2. COMPETENCE**

Referees should be familiar with the rules and regulations governing the sport of judo. They should maintain their competency by being active in refereeing and keeping abreast of rule changes and interpretations.

#### **3. UNIFORM**

Referees must be properly attired as required by the sporting code.

#### **4. PROMPTNESS**

Referees should be on the mat promptly before the contestants. They should be prompt when attending meetings, clinics or seminars.

#### **5. ATTENTIVENESS**

Referees must be attentive at all times, and devote their full attention in officiating the contest.

#### **6. MUTUAL RESPECT**

A referee must respect the opinion of the other referees. Each referee should be able to express their own opinion without fear of ridicule or criticism from others.

#### **7. TEAM WORK**

All referees must work as a team in a cooperative spirit so that a contest may run smoothly without unwarranted interference. However, each member of a refereeing team should make independent judgments.

#### **8. CRITICISM**

A referee must not criticize other referees in public. Difference of opinion should be discussed with the referees concerned, or with the chief referee or referee committee.

#### **9. FRATERNIZATION**

A referee should minimize fraternization with athletes, coaches, and spectators. This is necessary to maintain an appearance of impartiality and to minimize the possibility of a confrontation.

#### **10. COACHING AND CHEERING**

A referee must avoid coaching or cheering of contestants.

#### **11. CONFRONTATION**

Referees must not have confrontations with athletes, coaches, or spectators. If they are faced with such a situation, they should make all attempts to evade it and direct the grievance via proper channels if warranted.

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## **12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Referees must avoid any direct or indirect conflict of interest.

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