

EKF REFEREE PROGRAM 2018

To provide courses for Association and Club officials in Kumite and Kata with the opportunity of attaining National Qualifications, courses to be open to coaches, students, parents and table officials. Course fees will apply. Courses will be open to 16 years and above and structured to encourage equal opportunities.

All Officials must have a DBS in place.

Qualification	Minimum Age	Minimum Grade
Table Official	16 years	Any grade
Kumite Judge B	16 years	2nd Kyu
Kumite Judge A	18 years	1st Dan
Kumite Referee B	18 years	1st Dan
Kumite Referee A	21 years	1st Dan
Kata Judge B	18 years	1st Dan
Kata Judge A	21 years	2nd Dan

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Table Official

- Candidates must attend one Referees Course and pass the Table official qualification exam.
- A pass mark of minimum of 80% must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at a championship or squad selections.

National Kumite

Judge 'B'

- Candidates must attend two Referee Courses within the same year. The Judge qualification Theory Exam can be taken at the second course.
- A pass mark of minimum **80%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition.

Judge 'A'

- Candidates must have a minimum of two attendances at an EKF or BKF competition and have attended one prior Referees Course.
- The qualification will be taken at the second Referees Course where a Theory Exam pass mark of minimum **80%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition.

Referee 'B'

- Candidates must have a minimum of two attendances at an EKF or BKF competition and have attended one prior Referees Course.
- The qualification will be taken at the second Referees Course where a Theory Exam pass mark of minimum **85%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition.

Referee 'A'

- Candidates must have a minimum of two attendances at an EKF or BKF competition and have attended one prior Referees Course.
- The qualification will be taken at the second Referees Course where a Theory Exam pass mark of minimum **85%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition.
- Once qualified, the Theory Exam needs to be retaken every two years where an appropriate charge will be made.
- Referees must attend a minimum of two Referee Courses and two competitions per year.

In order to keep any qualifications; Judge or Referee, a minimum of two Referees Courses and two competitions must be attended per year.

National Kata

Judge 'B'

- Candidates must attend two Referee Courses within the same year. The Judge qualification Theory Exam can be taken at the second course.
- A pass mark of minimum **80%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition over two years.
- To pass within one year, candidates must perform two Katas and answer questions regarding Bunkai and general practical matters.

Judge 'A'

- Candidates must have a minimum of two attendances at an EKF or BKF competition and have attended one prior Referees Course.
- The qualification will be taken at the second Referees Course where a Theory Exam pass mark of minimum **90%** must be obtained in order to move to the next stage which will be a practical examination at an EKF or BKF competition.
- Kata candidates must perform two Katas and answer questions regarding Bunkai if they have not performed Katas for Judge B.

European / World

- Assessment of practical Kata examination must be performed before going on to International qualifications.
- Once qualified, Referees must attend a minimum of two Referee Courses and two competitions per year.
- European and World officials need to retake their Theory Exams every two years but do not need to retake the EKF Theory Exam.

For all Kumite and Kata officials

- To be a National Judge or Referee you must hold a valid EKF LICENCE, a DBS and must be practicing karate.
- To become a Tatami Manager you must hold both Kata and Kumite qualifications.

Elite Referee, Assistant Tatami Chiefs and Tatami Managers, European and World officials

- A minimum of three Referee Courses per year must be attended and the Theory Exam taken every two years.
- To be selected to attend a European Exams, World Exams, European and World Championships, referees will also be required to compulsory attend the EKF National Championships.
- You will be expected to attend at least two out of the four championships (EKF Kyu Grade, EKF Nationals, BKF Four Nations and BKF International).
- No referee will be permitted to attend any European, World, Premier League or Series A event without prior authorization and selection by the Chief Referee.
- International events can be attended without permission, but they must not clash with the four domestic competitions which take priority over any attendance at international competitions.