



Licensed EKF National officials may be qualified as Tatami Managers, Karate Referee A* (both Kata and Kumite level A qualified & attendance criteria met), Kumite Referee A, Kumite Referee B, Kumite Judge A, B or C and Kata Judge A, B or C.

Qualification entitles the official to officiate in that capacity in all scheduled EKF National events so long as they have registered during the registration period.

A candidate's first qualification(s) will be as Kumite Judge C and/or Kata Judge C. Candidates will be required to progress through each level.

The Kumite order of progression is as follows:-

- 1) Kumite Judge C
- 2) Kumite Judge B
- 3) Kumite Judge A
- 4) Kumite Referee B
- 5) Kumite Referee A

The Kata order of progression is as follows:-

- 1) Kata Judge C
- 2) Kata Judge B (Minimum 2nd Dan)
- 3) Kata Judge A (Minimum 2nd Dan)

Karate Referee A* (Qualified as both Kata Judge A and Kumite Referee A level)

To achieve and maintain Karate Referee A*, officials must perform to the highest standard and fulfil the minimum attendance criteria. Any reports of below par performances from Tatami Managers will result in the loss of A* Qualification.

Tatami Managers/Tatami Manager Assistants/Appeals Jury

All officials regardless of age or gender will be considered for TM/TMA/Appeals Jury Roles. However, It should be noted that it is compulsory to be qualified as a **Karate Referee A***.

Provided that an official keeps his/her license up to date, attends the minimum number of EKF events, attends the pre-championships briefing and lecture, and officiates satisfactorily then they will not be expected to undergo another practical examination, although they must sit and pass the theory paper every three (3) years.

Adverse reports on performance may well result in non-confirmation of provisional qualifications or in severe cases, actual downgrading or suspension, pending satisfactory re-examination.

The practical examination for Referees and Judges will normally take place each year one month prior to the scheduled National Championships. Candidates will be assessed by means of an evaluation form with scores allotted to the various sections of the examination. As each candidate is examined the examiners will submit their score electronically to the Chief Referee. To ensure impartiality and to avoid possible conflicts of interest the examining panel's highest and lowest scores will be automatically excluded. The remaining scores will be averaged and those achieving or exceeding the pass mark will receive their respective provisional qualifications. These qualifications will remain as provisional pending ratification at the National Championships. A candidate who fails to attend the National Championships will therefore forfeit any provisional qualification attained.