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NRC Newsletter

Bring enjoyment back
into refereeing

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* **Do you know the
new rule
interpretations?**

* **National
Convention
April 5th/6th**

Editor's Comments

Welcome to the second edition of
Refereeing News.

The postbag hasn't exactly been bulging
with ideas, articles and pictures! But
there has been a few positive comments
on the first Edition and a few requests
to be added to the email 'mailing list'.

Initially all Area Reps and a few other
referees, that I have email addresses
for, were sent personal copies. I know a
lot more were also passed around.

If you missed the first edition and/or
wish to receive regular copies, email or
'slow mail' please let me know.

We welcome any ideas, articles,
pictures that you may wish to see
appearing in the Newsletter. Perhaps
you may wish to receive your personal
newsletter electronically.?

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National Referee Convention

All systems go for the National Referee
convention, April 5th/ 6th, to be held at
the Quality Friendly Hotel J10 M6. This is
the first annual gathering since 2001.

We are pleased to announce that Bernd
Achilles, EJU Refereeing Commission
member, is to attend and will be updating
everyone on the latest IJF rule
interpretations.

In addition Mac Abbott, Graham Turner,
Dave Stanley, Alan Medley and Claire
Greenwood are other top names 'on the bill'

Top entertainment has also been lined up
for the Saturday evening. A chance for
those of us with any left, to let our hair
down.!

There are still places left, so don't miss out
on a great weekend. Please contact the NRC
secretary if you haven't seen the poster.



Congratulations go to the following Referees :

Valerie Kelly, James Bradley, Stuart Docherty, Johnathan Miller who all passed their National C examinations at Aldershot on 1st February 2003. Well done to all of you.

Important Notice to all Senior Referee Examiners/Assessors

The NRC have agreed an increase in the Examination Fees as from April 2003

This is the first increase for some time. NB that for National C and National B Examinations only the new fees also include the cost of the badges. An actual saving of £7 at each of these levels, assuming previous successful candidates purchased a badge. Hopefully this will help to assist more referees to take the first two levels of National Examination.

We are introducing a reduction 'Re-sit' fee for National B, National A, Senior Nationals candidates who are unsuccessful at their first examination attempt.

Area { Junior Award 1, 2, & 3	£10.00 (Includes badge and certificate)
Money { Area Award (Recommendation)	£15.00
*National (C) Award	£20.00
*National (B) Award	£35.00 £20 Re-sit
National (A) Award	£40.00 £25 Re-sit
Senior National Award	£45.00 £30 Re-sit
I.J.F. Assessment	£50.00

*NAT C & NAT B includes the cost of the badge. All other grades, badges costs £12

NB Travel expenses ONLY to be claimed by Examiners, as currently the case for refereeing at events.

An update of the Examiners Manual has now been completed and will be available at the National Referee Convention. All Referee examination papers, including Referee papers for Coaches examination, are in the final stages of 'cross checking' by the NRC. These reflect all the new rule changes that have taken place since Rev 4 1999. Thanks in particular go to Alan Medley for his efforts in coordinating this process.

David Martin Examinations Coordinator

Notice of National B and National A Examination Events 2003

A National 'B' Examination will be held at the Kent Open June 2003

A National 'A' Examination will be held at the National Grand Finals 29th -30th November

Candidates must complete NRC/I/2003 which must be signed by an Officer/ Refereeing Representative of the supporting Area. Please contact NRC Examinations Coordinator or Area Representative for a form.

Notice to all Junior Referee Assessors

We are currently updating the Junior Referee Scheme and will soon have completed the relevant changes to the examination papers, badges, certificates and guidelines of where they can Referee.

So in order to start the new scheme could you please send me your cards, so that I can update the records. I will then send you the new paperwork as soon as it is completed.

If you do not send me your card I will not put you on the list of assessors and any papers I receive from you will be returned. So lets not be embarrassed get me those card.

Alan Lingham Junior Refereeing Coordinator

Who wants to be a Referee ?

Many times I have asked myself this question; who wants to be a referee, to spend most of their weekends travelling to all corners of the country?

Be given expenses which barely cover their costs, be fed meals left over from the last competition, and put up with the kind of pressures that would tip many people over the edge.

It takes a special kind of person who is willing to do this, someone who does not mind having his parentage questioned, someone who is 50% wrong on his decisions as soon as he walks onto the mat, (sometimes more if you listen to the parents and coaches).

Well I have refereed for many years now, and I have had the privilege of meeting and refereeing with people who are dedicated to our sport, who are willing to put up with all the negative sides of refereeing, because the positive sides far outweigh the negative sides. People who want to put something back in a sport they love.

It takes many years to referee to a good standard, it is not something you can do in one week or a couple of months. And it is unfair for people who are at least trying and are willing to learn to have to listen to some of the comments that come from the side.

I say to those who sit or stand at the mat side who think they know the rules better than the officials, to come and try it; give it a go and see how difficult it really is. I know we are there to be shot at but at least we are there. Players could not compete if we did not turn up.

One of the problems with lots of players (and coaches) is; they think referees have never worn a Judogi and we do not know what we are talking about.

Nothing gives referees more pleasure than to referee good contests and know at the end of it they got it right.

Reuben Davison NRC Chairman

Excepting Invitations to Referee at non BJA events

The Insurance Company providing Professional Indemnity cover for the BJA officials does not cover any person officiating at any event in the UK or abroad which is not sponsored by the British Judo association.

The following guidelines are to be adhered to in the event of any referee receiving an invitation to officiate at any tournament NOT controlled by the British Judo Association, Scottish Judo Federation, Welsh Judo Federation, Northern Ireland Judo Federation, British Schools Judo Association and the British Judo Council.

On receipt of an invitation to officiate at an event, be it verbal or in writing, sanction to do so must be obtained from the BJA National Refereeing Commission, prior to acceptance.

The first point of contact for this authorisation is as follows, National 'A','B','C' & Area Referees - Paul Sheard, National Refereeing Coordinator.
Senior National, IJF 'A' & 'B' - Paul Thomson, International Coordinator,

The relevant person will action the authorization process and send acceptance back in writing, generally within 7 days of the application. This process is a mandatory requirement without exception and on no account must arrangements be made until authorisation has been acknowledged.

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