

11.0 Referees and Officials

Objective

- a. These regulations are to efficiently administer the Provincial Referees of Taekwondo Nova Scotia

Administration

- a. Overall administration of the provincial referees shall be done by the Taekwondo Nova Scotia Referee Chair and all those appointed to do so by the Referee Chair

Qualifications

- a. Taekwondo Nova Scotia will grant qualifications as a Provincial Referee for TKDNS to those who have passed the prescribed examination at a Provincial Referee seminar conducted by the TKDNS Referee Chair and have registered and maintained TKDNS membership with the association

Duties of the Referee Chair

- a. To prepare a yearly planning module that promotes, creates, and improves the referee pool in Nova Scotia
- b. Prepare a budget that shows the cost of implementing the strategic planning referee development
- c. To facilitate the delivery of the Taekwondo Nova Scotia Certification Courses
- d. To work with other Board members on improvements
- e. To act as or appoint the Head Referee on all Tournament committees set up with tournament host for all Taekwondo Nova Scotia sanctioned tournaments
- f. Work with all tournament hosts for all Taekwondo Nova Scotia sanctioned tournaments to arrange for referee pool for tournament
- g. To hold a pre-event referee meeting at the beginning of all Taekwondo Nova Scotia tournaments and manage all referees through tournament
- h. To monitor and critique the referees at every Taekwondo Nova Scotia tournament and post event meeting
- i. To arrange, through the tournament host, for reimbursement for all referees at all Taekwondo Nova Scotia sanctioned tournaments
- j. To manage and maintain a provincial referee database for Taekwondo Nova Scotia and Sport Nova Scotia to draw upon for upcoming Taekwondo Nova Scotia tournaments

Provincial Referee Seminar

- a. The Provincial Referee seminar shall be conducted by the TKDNS Referee Chair or their designate only. The Referee Chair requires a minimum of 1 certification course a year and 1 athlete/coach information update seminar per year (before each national event)
- b. The certification course must focus on developing members into qualified provincial referees
- c. The athlete/coach information must focus on educating athletes and coaches to the rules and interpretations of these rules by national referees
- d. The course certification structure must include both theoretical and practical components. Individuals must be tested on their knowledge of the rules and duties of a referee as well as their presence in the ring during a match

Provincial Referee Certification Program

- a. The Referee certification program shall be designed to:
 - i. Develop provincial referees and corner judges who fairly and accurately conduct Taekwondo games according to the competition rules set out by World Taekwondo
 - ii. Provincial Certification will qualify Nova Scotia referees and corner judges to be prepared for and get the most out of the National Level Referee Seminars
 - iii. To create four levels of Provincial Referees for an incentive to improve their referee skills
 - iv. To educate athletes, coaches, and parents regarding the rules and how they affect the game
 - v. To create and Associate (Junior) Referee designation for young referees who can, through the mentorship of the TKDNS and the referee association of Nova Scotia increase their knowledge and improve their skills to one day become a National Referee is so desired
 - vi. To standardize refereeing and corner judging in Nova Scotia to keep contests fair and safe for the athletes

Provincial Referee Certification Requirements

- a. Note that the following sets of criteria can be used for both Sparring and Poomsae Referees
 - i. P3 Associate (Junior) Referee must:
 - ii. Be 12 years of age or older
 - iii. Hold a minimum rank of a green belt or above
 - iv. Obtain a mark of 50% or above on the examination
 - v. Complete the Provincial / National referee course
- b. P3 Provincial Referee, must:
 - i. Be at least 15 years of age
 - ii. Hold a minimum rank of blue belt
 - iii. Obtain a mark of 65% or above on the examination
 - iv. Officiate in at least 1 TKDNS sanctioned tournament
 - v. Complete the provincial / National referee course
- c. P2 Provincial Referee, must:
 - i. Be at least 16 years of age
 - ii. Registered with the Taekwondo Canada Kukkiwon database
 - iii. Officiated in at least 2 TKDNS sanctioned tournaments besides the provincials, at the P3 level
 - iv. Officiate in at least 1 Provincials tournament
 - v. Complete the provincial referee course a second time or have enough experience, at the discretion of the Referee Chair
- d. P1 Provincial Referee, must:
 - i. Hold a minimum rank of a 1st degree black belt
 - ii. Registered with the Taekwondo Canada Kukkiwon database
 - iii. Officiate at least 2 TKDNS sanctioned tournaments as a P2 Referee besides the Provincials
 - iv. Officiate in at least 2 TKDNS sanctioned tournaments, one of which must be the TKDNS Provincials
 - v. Complete a TKDNS Referee seminar every 4 years

Schedule for Payment of TKDNS Referee

- a. P3 Associate or Junior
 - i. Tier 1 Event - \$50.00
 - ii. Tier 2 Event - \$50.00
- b. P3 Referee
 - i. Tier 1 event - \$75.00
 - ii. Tier 2 event - \$50.00
- c. P2 Referee
 - i. Tier 1 event - \$100.00
 - ii. Tier 2 event - \$ \$75.00
- d. P1 Referee
 - i. Tier 1 - \$150.00
 - ii. Tier 2 - \$100.00
- e. Head referee
 - i. Tier 1 - \$250.00
 - ii. Tier 2 - \$200.00
- f. Out-of-town Referees (more than 100Km - 1 way) shall be provided with an additional \$100.00 travel costs

Honorary Certificate

- a. Any individual who has obtained a national certification through Taekwondo Canada will be an honorary P1 provincial referee with TKDNS
 - i. Must be on the TC database for referees
- b. Any person that moved from another province with that provincial class will be transferred to the appropriate TKDNS class
- c. Any person who has shown dedication, ability and has gained experience through practice, who has not completed the requirements for TKDNS referee certification may be granted an appropriate certification by the Referee Chair

Referee Dress Code

- a. All certified TKDNS referees are to follow the dress code to officiate at any TKDNS sanctioned event
 - i. Exception to the dress code will be granted to any out of province referee that participates as a referee. Their provincial or national referee attire may be used
- b. TKDNS Provincial Tournament Attire:
 - i. White button up long sleeve shirt
 - ii. Black pants with belt
 - iii. Black, Red or NS Tartan tie (if provided by TKDNS)
 - iv. Taekwondo Canada tie if nationally certified referee
 - v. White shoes/sneakers
- c. TKDNS Tier 1 and 2 Tournament Attire:
 - i. Same as Provincial tournament attire, unless agreed with tournament host and referee chair or head referee
 - ii. Black Polo shirt – Provided by TKDNS
 - iii. Black pants with belt
 - iv. White shoes / sneakers
- d. P3 Junior and Associate Referees will be provided with a green arm ban which is to be placed on the left arm

Referee Duties

- a. Each class of referees are required to perform specific duties in accordance with their level of certification
 - i. P3 and P3 Associate or Junior Referees may
 - i. Corner judge
 - ii. Technical assistant (computer)
 - iii. Referee color belts only, while being mentored by Referee Chair or P1 referee
 - ii. P2 Referee
 - i. Corner judge
 - ii. Technical assistant (computer)
 - iii. Referee color belts and black belt youth and cadet, while being mentored by Referee Chair or P1 referee
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 - i. Corner judge
 - ii. Technical assistant (computer)
 - iii. Referee color belts and black belt youth and cadet
 - iv. Referee junior and senior while being mentored by Referee Chair

11. Tournament Format

- a. The Referee Chair and tournament event host are required to follow the following format during any Taekwondo Nova Scotia sanctioned tournament or event
 - i. Prior to the event the Referee Chair, in consultation with the tournament host, must determine the duration of the event, how rounds and points are to be determined and the rules of the competition
 - ii. The Referee Chair will arrange a pre-event meeting with all referees to discuss these determined, duration, rounds and rules
 - iii. The Referee Chair is then required to hold a pre-event meeting with all coaches to reiterate all points reviewed and discussed during the referee meeting
 - iv. At the end of the event the Referee Chair is to debrief all referees on the day's events and give and receive feedback
 - v. The Referee Chair is to provide a referee report to the Taekwondo Nova Scotia Board of Directors covering at a minimum the following items:
 - i. Event Organization
 - ii. Ring Operations
 - iii. Rules interpretations
 - iv. Host review and comments
 - v. Overall review and feedback
 - vi. Recommendations

12. Referee Code of Conduct

- a. All provincially certified referees, out-of-province referees and any appointed otherwise are to abide by the Referee Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct includes but is not limited to the following
 - i. Courteous to hosts, participants, spectators and coaches
 - ii. Carry themselves in the most professional manner during the time spent at the event
 - iii. Respectful to those in authority and rank above them
 - iv. No violent, disruptive, or vulgar behavior
 - v. Abide by the rules and regulations of the event they are attending
 - vi. Responsible for reporting any inappropriate behavior via official channels

13. Disciplinary Measures

- a. If determined a Referee has committed any of the following behaviors, The TKDNS takes disciplinary measures such as warning, rebuke, suspension or revocation status in line with our discipline policy
 - i. Intentional fabrication of judgement
 - ii. Bringing disgrace to TKDNS
 - iii. Accepting or having been perceived to have accepted money, gifts or other tokens of value in connection with any judgement
 - iv. Any other conduct related doing, as laid out in our policies, as deemed by the Board of Directors.