



NRC

Newsletter

Bring enjoyment back into refereeing

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Refereeing News

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Editor's Comments

Welcome to edition three of Refereeing News. Still the postbag hasn't exactly been bulging with comments, ideas, articles and pictures! But there has been a few positive comments on the National Convention and a few more requests to be added to the newsletter 'mailing list'.

If you missed the first couple of editions or wish to receive regular

copies, email or 'slow mail' please let me know. The newsletters should also be available online from the new BJA website from September.

The NRC welcome any comments, ideas, articles or pictures that you may wish to see appearing in the Newsletter.

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Update on work in Progress by the NRC

Well it has been almost a year now since I became the Chairman of the refereeing commission and I am still on the learning curve for the different things that need to be done.

We have during the last few months made slow but steady progress with some of the changes we want to implement.

There are changes to the rule book which will be available on the BJA web site shortly, which can be downloaded. The biggest advantage of the web site is that we inform and implement changes to the rules much quicker for everyone's benefit.

There will be big changes to junior refereeing, that Alan Lingham and his team have worked on and will, we hope, encourage more Juniors to take part.

Alan Medley is hoping to expand on the refereeing coaching to help referees achieve their goals.

We need more referees to be at the highest level possible. Being an IJF is not an exclusive club. It is not there just for the few. It is there for anyone who has ambitions and can work hard to gain the necessary levels. It is a job to help anyone who wants to achieve it.

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Congratulations go to the following Referees passing examinations since the last NRC Newsletter was produced.

Ronan Simpson, Alex Barbour, Thomas Pearson, Lisa Brogan, Russell Brown all became Area referees at the NIJF Senior Grading in Belfast. Peter Skinner (Ex BJC) Windsor JC, passed his NAT C exam at the Hampshire Senior event 28th March. Mick Ellis, Harlow JC, revalidated as a NAT C. Michael Simpson passed his NAT C exam at SpennyMoor 30th March. Roger Brown and Armin Heidrich passed their NAT B examinations at the Kent Open on 29th June. Chris Mullen of the Southern Area has been confirmed by the NRC as a NAT C examiner. Trevor Collins (Ex BJC) confirmed as an Area referee at Bucks grading 6th July. Well done to all of you.

A reminder to all Senior Referee Examiners/Assessors that the NRC have agreed an increase in the Examination Fees as from April 2003. This is the first increase for some time, but the new fees also include the cost of the badges. So for some examination levels it is actually cheaper, assuming you would have bought the badge for £12 previously. We have introduced a reduction 'Re-sit' fee for National B, National A, Senior Nationals candidates who are unsuccessful at their first examination attempt. Hopefully this will help to assist more referees to take the first two levels of National Examination.

Area { Junior Award 1, 2, & 3 £10.00 (Includes badge and certificate)
Money { Area Award (Recommendation) £15.00 **Does not include the badge.**

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

ONLY Area Referees and Competition Official badges cost £12.

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

All Referee examination papers, have been updated to reflect rule changes that have taken place since the production of the last BJA rule book. (Rev 4 1999) Questions and Answer papers have been distributed via head office to all Senior Examiners.

Well done to all those who spotted the deliberate mistakes on the NATB Oral exam questions, designed to test who actually reads paperwork distributed by the NRC!

Actually there was an error between the NRC and head office and an original draft version got distributed by mistake rather than the updated final version.

We are in the process of sending out the correct version ASAP.

David Martin Examinations Coordinator

Notice of National B and National A Examination Events 2003.

Senior National Examination Event 2004

A further National 'B' Examination opportunity, along with a National 'A' Examination will be held at the Scottish Open 25th—26th October 2003. Candidates must complete NRC/I/2003 which must be signed by an Officer/ Refereeing Representative of the supporting Area and sent to the NRC Examinations Coordinator **Candidates please note that SJF will cover the hotel accommodation, but that NO EXPENSES will be paid.**

Also an advance warning that a Senior National Examination will take place at the British Open 2004, candidates must complete NRC/K/2003.

Please contact the NRC Examinations Coordinator or your Area Representative for any forms.

Notice to all Junior Referee Assessors

The Junior Referee Scheme has now been updated along with 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 send me those cards.

Alan Lingham Junior Refereeing Coordinator



Bernd Achilles EJU Commission member, guest speaker.

The Convention was an excellent weekend. We have had a good reaction from a lot of people who attended.

I must say a big thank you to all of the commission, Bernd Achilles (who did a good job informing us of the various changes that are occurring within Europe) the hotel staff and many others who helped make the convention a success.



Mac Abbott's team try to catch the referees out !



A packed hall.
What time was lunch?

Mac Abbott did a very good session that involved coaches and referees, and I think we have to build on that. We must organise a one day coaches/referees session to help us understand each other's point of view and help build a better relationship between us.

I hope that in the coming months you will see that the changes we will be making are for your benefit and for the good of refereeing in Britain. I think we have in my opinion some of the best referees in the world, we can do much more if we all pull together and work as one team.

Reuben Davison



New recruit gets a dressing down from Alan Medley!



Some feedback from the Referee Survey, from Keith Smith.



Dave Stanley on the tough after lunch slot. Wake Up !

International News

A Diploma of appreciation was presented to Roger Down and Alan Richard at the British Open tournament at Crystal Palace, both have now retired from International Refereeing duties.

Peter Crumpton, Paul Thomson and Marion Woodard attended the Senior European Individual Championships. Elaine Down and Paul Thomson attended the EJU Refereeing Seminar in Budapest and Marion Woodard attended the IJF seminar for women in Marrakech.

Headliners from the seminars; Upper age limit for Continental licence is to be 50 years, for International licence 55 years. Retirement age from International refereeing is still 60 years.

For team events in the event of equal scores / penalties hikewake will be given. At the end of all individual contests, if there are equal wins / points then the fights ending in hikewake will be fought using the golden score system.

In golden score, tori has held uke for 11 seconds and commits a slight infringement- who wins? Announce matte ,give the koka and award the victory to tori, unless it is a serious infringement, against the spirit of judo.

From 2004 the IJF classification system will change. No classifications will be given to the referees at the 'A' licence tournaments. From January to the end of March they will be assessed and the EJU commission will then advise all federations at the beginning of April of names they wish federations to consider for Senior Europeans, Junior and Cadet European championships.

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