

NATIONAL REFEREE & JUDGE ACCREDITATION SCHEME

KUMITE ACCREDITATION:

STATE JUDGE – 'A' / 'B'

This is the first level of accreditation available. Candidates must be 18 years of age or over; 1st Dan or higher and must pass the theoretical and practical tests prescribed by the State Referee Council.

- 'A' / 'B' grade Judge to be determined by the State Referee Council.
- Prerequisite: Must obtain NOAS Level 1 accreditation prior to State Judge.
- State Referee Council Chairman must be on panel for upgrading. If the Chairman is unavailable to attend upgrading, written approval must be obtained from the Chairman prior to the upgrading.

Note: In regional areas where it may not be possible for the S.R.C. Chairman to attend, written approval must be obtained from the S.R.C. Chairman prior to the upgrading.

STATE REFEREE – 'A' / 'B'

Must have satisfactorily completed 4 A.K.F. endorsed tournaments as a STATE JUDGE and pass the theoretical and practical tests prescribed by the State Referee Council.

- 'A' / 'B' grade Referee to be determined by the State Referee Council.
- State Referee Council Chairman must be on panel for upgrading. If the Chairman is unavailable to attend upgrading, written approval must be obtained from the Chairman prior to the upgrading.

Note: In regional areas where it may not be possible for the S.R.C. Chairman to attend, written approval must be obtained from the S.R.C. Chairman prior to the upgrading.

NATIONAL JUDGE – 'A' / 'B'

Must be 2nd Dan or higher; have completed 3 A.K.F. tournaments and one State Championship as a STATE REFEREE and pass the theoretical and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Council.

- 'A' / 'B' grade Judge to be determined by National Referee Council.

NATIONAL REFEREE – 'A' / 'B'

Must have satisfactorily completed 4 A.K.F. endorsed tournaments as a NATIONAL JUDGE. One of the 4 tournaments must be a National Championship. Must pass the theoretical and practical tests prescribed by the National Referee Council.

- 'A' / 'B' grade Referee to be determined by National Referee Council.

KATA ACCREDITATION:

STATE KATA JUDGE 'B'

This is the first level of accreditation available. Candidates must be 18 years of age or over; a minimum rank of 1st Dan and have studied 2 or more Styles of Kata other than their own. Must pass the theoretical and practical tests and perform Shitei Kata from their own Style.

If successful, the candidate can only judge children or cadets in Kata competition.

- Prerequisite: Must obtain NOAS Level 1 accreditation prior to State Judge.
- State Referee Council Chairman must be on panel for upgrading. If the Chairman is unavailable to attend upgrading, written approval must be obtained from the Chairman prior to the upgrading.

Note: In regional areas where it may not be possible for the S.R.C. Chairman to attend, written approval must be obtained from the S.R.C. Chairman prior to the upgrading.

STATE KATA JUDGE 'A'

This is the second level of accreditation available. Candidates must be 18 years of age or over; a minimum rank of 2nd Dan and have studied 2 or more Styles of Kata other than their own. Must pass the theoretical and practical tests and perform Shitei Kata from their own Style.

- Prerequisite: Must obtain NOAS Level 1 accreditation prior to State Judge.
- State Referee Council Chairman must be on panel for upgrading. If the Chairman is unavailable to attend upgrading, written approval must be obtained from the Chairman prior to the upgrading.

Note: In regional areas where it may not be possible for the S.R.C. Chairman to attend, written approval must be obtained from the S.R.C. Chairman prior to the upgrading.

NATIONAL KATA JUDGE – 'A' / 'B'

Must be minimum rank of 3rd Dan and have studied 3 or more Styles of Kata other than their own. Must have satisfactorily completed 4 A.K.F. endorsed tournaments as a STATE KATA JUDGE. Must pass the theoretical and practical tests prescribed and perform two Shitei Kata (one from their own Style and one from another Style).

- 'A' / 'B' grade Judge to be determined by the National Referee Council.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Australian National representatives in Kumite or Kata may be awarded STATE REFEREE or STATE KATA JUDGE status respectively at the discretion of the State Referees Council.

ATTENDANCE AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. (a) National and International officials must attend a minimum of one National Championship every two years as well as the specified minimum State level championships to maintain accreditation.

(b) National and International officials must attend minimum of one National / International seminar every two years.
2. (a) State level officials must attend a minimum of 2 State championships per year to maintain accreditation and 3 or more for upgrading. In cases where the State holds less than the required number of championships, then the attendance rate must be 100%.

(b) State officials must attend minimum of two seminars per year.
3. Officials not attending the minimum number of championships/seminars will be automatically downgraded one level the following year.
4. State level officials not attending the minimum number of State championships for two years in succession will lose all accreditation. No exemptions can be granted.
5. National and international level officials not attending the minimum number of State and National championships for two years in succession will be downgraded a further level. Non-compliance of the minimum attendance rule for three years in succession will result in the loss of all accreditation.

Exemptions may be granted by the State Referees Council for officials who have to miss a State championship due to other official A.K.F. duties.

6. Referees Accreditation and Record Book to be signed by National Referee Council Chairman for National Championships.
7. Referees Accreditation and Record Book to be signed by National Referee Council Member or State Referee Council Chairman for State Championships.
8. State Referee Council may accredit certain private tournaments as a major championship for the purpose of counting towards the minimum attendance rule. The following guidelines are to be observed in the granting of accreditation to these tournaments.
 - (a) All refereeing matters must be controlled by the State Referees Council including the appointment of Chief Referee.
 - (b) The tournament must be open to a minimum of four A.K.F. member styles.
 - (c) The State Referee Council may levy a charge against the tournament organisers.
 - (d) Competition must be in both Kumite and Kata.
 - (e) State Referee Council must inform the National Referee Council 14 days prior to the tournament for authorisation.

Note: Any A.K.F. Referee/Judge with a medical condition should inform the Chief Referee prior to the commencement of all AKF endorsed competition and provide a medical clearance should such Referee/Judge intend to officiate.

ATTENDANCE AT CLINICS

1. Each State must conduct a minimum of 2 clinics for both Kata and Kumite per year, i.e. 2 clinics if Kata and Kumite are run together or 4 if run separately. One accreditation must also be held for Kata and Kumite per year.
2. All officials must attend a minimum of two clinics per year to maintain accreditation. Those wishing to upgrade must attend a minimum of 2 clinics per year.
3. Penalties will be imposed for non-attendance in line with that specified for Attendance at Championships and authorised by the National Referee Council.
4. Referees Accreditation and Record Book to be signed by National Referee Council Chairman for National seminars.
5. Referees Accreditation and Record Book to be signed by either National Referee Council Member or State Referee Council Chairman for State seminars.