

JURY STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

- Commitment to jury function
 - keeping current – you must study the rules and interpretations, attend clinics, and prepare for each event just like the active on-mat referees
 - dedicating time for preparation and attending enough events. When at an event you should plan to perform as Jury the entire time
 - focusing your attention – do not talk unnecessarily, especially about topics that are not related directly to what is happening on the mat or is required to effectively perform your function as a Jury member
- What are the functions of the Jury?
(Top Priorities are to protect the integrity of the sport, and to protect the participants. These functions start well before the first match. Assist the Chief Referee with these.)
 - assist with the fair adjudication of the match
 - provide constructive feedback to the officials
 - evaluate the performance of the officials
- Uniformity of evaluation basics
 - overall evaluation is the primary driver to determine rating
 - the effect of individual incidents varies with the severity of the incident but in general should not dominate the evaluation
 - the importance of various attributes of referees is different in the evaluation process – for example:
 - Appreciation is much more important than voice
 - Presence is normally more important than positioning by itself, however
 - There is a lot of interaction between attributes that can cause a much increased effect because the same error affects the match in several ways

(National Referees should be judged as to whether you would feel confident in his or her unsupervised performance at a National Championship, such as the Scholastic (N2) or at Senior Nationals (N1). Event ratings should be based on performance at that event, and do not, per se, determine next year's level.)

- Standards for initiating conference and/or changes
 - procedural errors that alter the score

- scores given to wrong player
- Major errors in judgment
- Incorrect actions that end the match
- use of the CARE systems
 - When is it used? – At events where the hardware is available and a Jury is present, usually at USA Judo national events and most major international events
 - Who is responsible – the CARE system is part of the tournament equipment and is currently kept by the tournament committee (National Office) and they are responsible for the maintenance of these systems. Setup and operation of these systems is the responsibility of the Jury.
 - For use of jury – not refs, coaches, etc. – control of the area behind the CARE systems should be such that only the Jury can see the screen.
 - Must be timely – If action is to be taken by the Jury, it should be done in a timely manner. Do not replay the CARE recording over and over, letting too much time pass before stopping the match.
 - Future plans – we would like to use the CARE system at more events, procure spare parts and utilize advanced systems as funds become available.
- Constructive evaluations
 - Be as specific as possible with feedback
 - Review the positive as well as the negative
 - Limit topics to a number that can be absorbed – usually 3 or 4 max.
 - Cover most important issues first
- Teamwork among jury members
 - At least 1 Jury member per mat concentrating on action
 - Cover each other during lunch, if possible – sometimes 1 Jury member may have to observe more than 1 mat, but try to avoid this, if possible.
 - Alternate giving feedback when substantial discussion is needed. Have one Jury member conduct the debrief, while another watches the next match and then reverse roles, as needed.

- Independent evaluations – prior to the evaluation meeting determine your own evaluation of each referee
- Consider input of other evaluators, especially if it is relative to actions you did not see.