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Competition  
Saturday  
May 26

**Celebrating  
Our 46th Year!**

# **AM-CAN**

## **INTERNATIONAL JUDO CHALLENGE**

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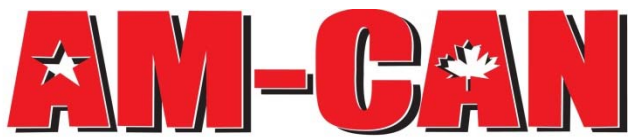
**Minutes from Niagara Falls**

**SHIAI Juniors-Youth-Masters-Seniors**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**Referee Packet**





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## Referee Seminar

*Sponsored and organized courtesy of the AM-CAN Committee*

**Saturday, May 26, 2018**

9:45 AM to 5:00 PM

**Radisson Hotel Niagara Falls-Grand Island**

100 Whitehaven Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072

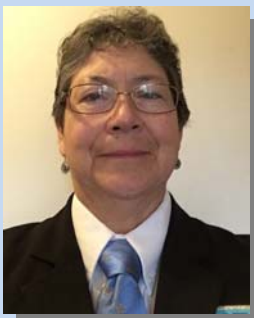
Increase Your Knowledge!  
Sharpen Your Refereeing Skills!  
Learn about the  
Latest Rule Interpretations!  
Ask the Experts!

WELCOME TO AM-CAN 2018. This seminar is a day-long referee workshop that will review the **2018 IJF Refereeing (Contest) Rules** with clarifications and the subtle nuances of many interpretations, and any changes that have taken place. Demonstrations of rule applications will be shown. Video analysis will be provided. Rule changes will be thoroughly discussed along with the most recent interpretations. There will be presentations on many topics including:

- Philosophy
- Skill Development
- Score Parameters

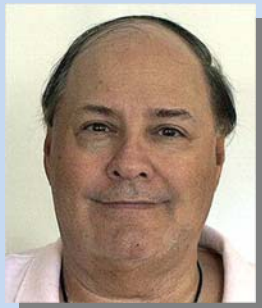
Time will be spent discussing decorum, protocol, referees expected behaviors, and procedure drills. Participants should bring paper, pen, a copy of the rules and any questions they may have. Casual Dress is recommended.

### **CERTIFYING REFEREES**



**Janet Johnson**

IJF International  
(IJF-A) Referee  
2017 Am-Can Head Referee  
Member USA Judo Referee  
Commission



**Richard Celotto**

IJF International  
(IJF-A) Chief Clinician  
for the Referee  
Seminar and the  
Referee Teacher  
Workshop



**Bobby  
Donaldson**

IJF International  
(IJF-A) Referee

**A complimentary lunch will be provided  
courtesy of the AM-CAN Committee for those  
who preregister by email that they will be  
attending the Referee Seminar.**

**Those interested in attending  
Please RSVP to Mr. Bob Gugino (716) 830-0069 or  
email Mr. Bob Hyder at [bhyder@amcanjudo.org](mailto:bhyder@amcanjudo.org).**

**Referees, Coaches, Senior Competitors are welcome to attend.**

The Am-Can Committee gratefully thanks our referees for their support of and efforts in this year's tournament.

### REFEREE CERTIFICATION, INFORMATION AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday Evening Referee Meeting

**DATE:** May 26, 2018 (Casual Dress)  
6:00 - 8:00 PM National Referee Clinic and Certification Clinic conducted By Janet Johnson, USA Judo Referee Commission member and Chief Referee. Candidates for regional and national certification **MUST** attend. It is recommended that all tournament referees attend.  
8:00 - 9:00 PM Written exam for regional and national candidates.  
**LOCATION:** Radisson Hotel Niagara Falls-Grand Island  
100 Whitehaven Rd – Grand Island, NY

#### Sunday Morning – Mandatory Referee Meeting

**DATE:** May 27, 2018 at 8:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** **Competition Venue** - Buffalo RiverWorks  
359 Ganson Street, Buffalo, NY  
Continental Breakfast Provided.  
**All certified referees are expected to bring their own BaoFeng 888 radio and headset.**

#### Sunday Examination Results Meeting

**DATE AND LOCATION:** May 27 following the Competition at the Competition Venue

Referees must wear the official referee uniform (Black jacket, black tie, white shirt, and gray pants) when refereeing any match. Regional (Provincial B and up) and National Referee and higher may referee Junior/ Youth and, with permission, Masters/Senior matches. National and higher (PJC Zone), Continental (IJF-B) and International (IJF-A) Referees may referee any and all matches.

**Referees, please register by email to Mr. Bob Hyder at [bhyder@amcanjudo.org](mailto:bhyder@amcanjudo.org).**

**REQUIRED: ALL USA Judo referees (National, PJC Regional, IJF Continental and IJF International) must have a current (two years old or less) clear background investigation on file at USA Judo. Background Screening Form is included for your convenience.**

### NATIONAL REFEREE CANDIDATE EXAMINATION

*For those wishing to be candidates, please notify Ms. Janet Johnson by e-mail at [djgjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:djgjohn@yahoo.com) to allow for more efficient pre-planning. If you have any questions about the process or requirements, email Ms. Johnson.*

#### Prerequisites and Required Documentation for Prospective Candidates:

- **Must be 18 years of age or older** - Copy of your passport information page (or Green Card), or birth certificate
- **Must be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident Alien (Green Card)** – Same as Age documentation
- **Must hold the rank of Shodan or higher** - Copy of your USA Judo, USJF, or USJA belt promotion certificate, or your USA Judo membership card with rank (V)erified
- **Must have been a Regional-level referee (State Governing Body or USJA or USJF) for a minimum of one year** - Copy of your Regional Referee certificate, or a signed letter from the National (or higher) referee who promoted you to that level (including date attained)
- **Must be a current member of USA Judo** - Copy of your current USA Judo membership card
- **Must show evidence that they have completed and cleared a SSCI background check within the past two years.**

Candidates are highly encouraged to attend the Referee Seminar on Saturday May 26th at the headquarter hotel starting at 9:45 AM. Candidates must present themselves at the practical examination (competition) in the official referee uniform. Candidates will referee for the full duration of the event.

#### **Referee Candidates must attend all meetings.**

**Candidates MUST attend the 6:00 PM Saturday National Referee and Candidate Meeting, 8:00 AM Sunday Referee Meeting, and the Results Meeting following the competition.**

At the National Referee Candidate Meeting:

- Appropriate forms will be completed
- Prerequisites will be verified and collected
- \$30 Examination fee (cash or check to USA Judo) will be collected
- Written examination will be administered.

#### **SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

Should a candidate not have a valid SSCI background check, certification will not be provided until proof is presented to the Referee Certification Commission. Successful candidates will pay a \$30 registration fee; provide a digital, passport-style photograph (2-megapixel minimum, preferably in coat and tie); and complete and submit the National Referee Registration form to the Referee Commission (which includes a three-year history of your referee activities -events and clinics). The digital photo may be attached to an email to the Commission assistant (details are provided on the "Welcome" letter given to each successful candidate). If a candidate does not have one or more of the required documents, he or she must verify that he or she actually meets the condition(s). The certificate will not be provided until the Referee Commission has received all required forms.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT MS. JANET JOHNSON by e-mail at [djgjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:djgjohn@yahoo.com)**



**USA Judo**  
**Consent/Release Form**  
**Background Screening for**  
**Volunteer in Youth Sports**

Applicant Name: (Print or Type) \_\_\_\_\_

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Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

House Number & Street

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize and give consent for *USA Judo*, through  
Name of applicant

participating agencies, to obtain information regarding myself. This includes the following:

- Employment records/Employers references
- Criminal background records/information
- Sex Offender Registry check
- Driver's license check
- Training/experience
- Personal references
- Addresses

I the undersigned, authorize this information to be obtained either in writing or via telephone in connection with my volunteer application. Any person, firm or organization providing information or records in accordance with this authorization is released from any and all claims of liability for compliance. Such Information will be held in confidence in accordance with USA Judo guidelines.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ *USA Judo* Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail (1) Consent/Release form, (2) Check for \$16.00 made payable to SSCI to:

SSCI  
 1853 Piedmont Road Suite #100  
 Marietta, GA 30066

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Date Received		Check No:		Amount	
Membership Verified		Date Forwarded			