



Referee Committee Rules

Article 1. Composition

1. The Referee Committee (RC) consists from Chairman and two members, their are appointed by ESSHRF President and approved by ESSHRF Council for term of four year.

Article 2. Power and duty

1. The RC organizes all activities for developing of good quality of ESSHRF Referees. Prepare and lead Referee course and examination. RC arranges and supplies Competition Rules, examination papers, certificates, badges, ties and etc.
2. The RC appoints all Official and deploys them to the position for ESSHRF Championship. Monitor performance of Referees – Judges and evaluate them. In case when Referees performance is not eligible RC will decide to suspend Referee from Championship. It must happen in absolute discretion.
3. The RC convenes meeting a day before ESSHRF Championship and appoints Officials - Match area controllers, Appeal jury; deploy Referees and Judges on tatami.

Article 3. Referee qualification

1. ESSHRF officials will be qualified as:
 - a. Senior Kumite Referee
 - b. Senior & Junior Kumite Judge
 - c. Senior Kata Judge A
 - d. Senior & Junior Kata Judge B
2. A Kumite or Kata candidates with highest World International license who full file all desired criteria should immediate pass the ESSHRF Kumite Referee or Kata Judge A license.
3. A Kumite or Kata candidates with National or International Kumite Judge B or Kata Judge B license should in first pass Kumite Judge and Kata Judge B license. Candidates who receive Kumite Judge or Kata Judge B license in order to be qualified as Kumite Referee or Kata Judge A must participate at the two scheduled ESSHRF Championships including the confirmations events.
4. Provided that ESSHRF licensed Referee or Judge will officiate satisfactorily minimum at one ESSHRF Championships not including qualification event during 4 year period, then he/she will not be expected to undergo the practical examination part of course. Each two years he/she must sit and pass the theory examination in written form.



Article 4. General rules

1. At the ESSHRF Championships shall officiate only ESSHRF licensed Referees or Judges.
2. The amount of Referee officials from MF participated at the ESSHRF events are limited, the MF should delegate minimally two Referee officials and maximum eight officials.
3. MF who not present at the ESSHRF Championships Referee official will be penalized by fine of 100€.
4. The responsibility of Referee and Judge is attends pre championships briefing.
5. During all events convened by RC all official must wear the Referee uniform.
6. All Referee officials must be present in all event convened by RC 30 minutes before the scheduled start.
7. Referees are required to submit their license to the Referee Committee at the all ESSHRF events. At the first instance of attendance ESSHRF Referee course candidates will submit their National or International license.
8. During the ESSHRF Championships are strictly prohibited to all Referee officials discussing outcome or decision taken by panel in a bout with other person as MC, panel members or the Referee Committee.
9. Referees and Judges officiating in a ESSHRF event cannot perform another function in that event unless authorized by ESSHRF and are strictly warned against interacting with coaches and contestants during competitions in progress.
10. The Referee of a bout must have not nationality of either of the participant.
11. The Referee Committee will update each year qualified official and display them at ESSHRF internet page.
12. Referee with a junior Judge kumite license will be allowed to act as a judge in all age competitions categories during the Championship.
13. Referee with a junior Judge kata license B will be allowed to act as a judge in position of judge N° 2. 3. 4. 5. in all age competitions categories during the Championship.

Article 5. Referee course

1. The venue and date of course will be the same as ESSHRF Championship.



2. The MF shall delegate to the course maximum 6 candidates for each qualification, Kata and Kumite. Candidates should be qualified NF or Style National Federation Referee or Judge.
 - a. Minimum age for attendance of as Senior qualification on the Referee course is 21 years and 1st Dan Grade.
 - b. Minimum age for attendance of as Junior qualification on the Referee course is 16 years and 3rd kyu Technical Grade.
3. Candidates should send 3 month prior of ESSHRF Championship application form to the Chairman of RC. Application form must be confirmed by Chairman of MF.
4. The timetable of course will be send prior two month to all Candidates MF Chairman. Chairman of RC will confirm to all candidates MF acceptance of their Application forms.

Article 6. Content of Referee course

1. Theoretical and practical part will be content of course. Theoretical part will involve explanation of the rules and at the conclusion there will be a theory examination. The theory pass mark for Kumite Referee is 80% , Kumite Judge 70%, Kata Judge B 70%, Kata Judge A 80%.

In practical part to pass Kumite Referee & Judge or Kata Judge license A or B the candidate must receive mark 3 from evaluating scale 1 – 5. In final mark is counted all evaluation of Examination committee members.

2. Practical part of Kumite examination will be performed by observation and evaluation of candidates during their officiating at the actual ESSHRF Championships.
3. As a practical part of Kata course, candidate will watch Kata from official video and evaluate it with points from 5 to 1 and make a notes about its performance.
4. At the end of Championships Referee Committee will summarize evaluation of Examination committee members both Kata and Kumite candidates and give final result.

Article 7. Referee Course requirements

1. MF organizing ESSHRF Championship is liable to provide rooms and equipment. RC Chairman will announce to MF Organizing Committee how many participant will attend a referee course. For theory lecture and examination MF will provide room equipped with sufficient desk and chairs to accommodate the enlisted number of participant. The room must be equipped with projector and screen.