

Center Referee

Each sparring ring shall have one (1) Center Referee

The Center Referee must be a Black Belt and should be the most experienced official in the ring and be thoroughly versed on the rules.

He/She must be age 18 or older.

He/She promotes the safety of the contestants, enforces the rules and ensures fair play. To this end, he/she starts and stops the match, awards points, makes penalty decisions, administrates the voting of the other judges, communicates clearly with the scorekeeper and timekeeper, and announces the winner of each match.

The Center Referee shall announce in a loud, clear voice all official decisions, and shall indicate with voice and gesture, the contestant affected by the official decision.

The Center Referee shall position himself/herself on the line provided for the Center Referee when making announcements to the scorekeeper or timekeeper and when starting and continuing the match.

The Center Referee will make sure 1st thru 4th Places are ran off in all divisions.

When a change or update to an elimination form is necessary, the Center Referee is required to notify the Rules Arbitrator who will get the Head Division Sign-Up personnel, who is the ONLY official allowed to make changes or updates to the elimination forms.

Judging Officials Dress Code

All tournament judging officials must wear their school dress uniform or black slacks, shirt and tie.