

USJA Technical Officials Committee Report
Submitted By Mr. Charles Schweizer Committee Chairman: 7/5/13

USJA Technical Officials Manual
2013 Updates
Effective March 22, 2013

Prologue

The Technical Officials manual that was completed in 2010 is being rewritten at this time due to the fact that the International Judo Federation changed many of the rules and procedures in 2013. As a result much of what had been written, must now be updated in order to conform to the 2013 IJF Rules. In the meantime this update will provide guidance for implementing the new rules and procedures for technical officials while the manual is being re-written. The new manual will be available late in 2013 or early 2014.

Scoreboard

If a tournament director is utilizing a manual scoreboard, then very little needs to be changed. However, the training of technical officials must include the new changes. Otherwise a computer program is available for downloading from the IJF (It is free).

Scores and Penalties

1. Shido no longer give the other player a equivalent score. Shido is shido! If a player receives 4 shido, he/she is disqualified and the opponent receives Ippon.
2. At the end of a mach if scores and penalties are tied then the match goes into golden score.
3. If scores are equal, but penalties are not then the player with fewer penalties wins
4. Hansoku-make gives an opponent Ippon.
5. Leg-Grabbing, Head Diving, and Illegal Gi are all hansoku-make for that match only! If the competitor can play again because of the tournament format, then he/she is permitted to do so.
6. If a junior player does not tap out from the effects of shime-waza and is knocked unconscious, then he/she is eliminated from any further competition. All subsequent matches will be declared Fusen-Gachi and the opponent wins by Ippon.
7. If a senior player is knocked unconscious from the effects of shime-waza he/she may continue, if cleared by the medical staff to do so.
8. If a player is knocked unconscious from the effects of a throw, or landing on the head, neck, or spine, he/she is eliminated from the competition. All subsequent matches will be declared Fusen-Gachi and the opponent wins by Ippon.
9. Sogo-Gachi or compound win NO LONGER EXSISTS

Match, Pin, and Golden Score Timing

1. Match times will be determined by the tournament director, but most commonly are 5, 3, and 2 minute matches.
2. Golden Score will NO LONGER HAVE A TIME LIMIT. In the case of electronic scoreboards the clock will count upward from 0:00. In the event that manual watches are being used, if possible count upward with the clock.
3. Pinning Times have changed to:
 - a. Ippon: 20 seconds
 - b. Waza-Ari: 15 seconds
 - c. Yuko: 10 seconds

Tatami Size

The IJF and USA Judo have adopted a standard mat size for competition. Each of the following is acceptable as meeting the standards. Modifications can be made, but must be included in the tournament flyer and application. The modifications must be specifically stated otherwise the sanction will be voided. The following is from a memo sent out from USA Judo Inc Referee Commission.

IJF Refereeing & Competition Rules Modifications For 2013 – 2016

Update Supplement To Mexico City Seminar Document Dated January 31, 2013

May 1, 2013 • **CORRECTION On June 6, 2013**

XXII. Tatami

A. Original Language

**10x10 m and 4 meters minimum for safety area for Olympics, Worlds and Masters.
Recommended for Continental Championships.**

B. **Update:** *The IJF Sporting Code allows for 3 meter safety areas including for common safety areas. It also states that, "4m will be highly recommended for competitor safety".*

Thus, taking into consideration:

- Safety & protection of the athletes
 - IJF standards
 - Space limitations of many venues
 - Problems and concerns of local, regional, and national tournament organizers
- We have reviewed and approved the following standards for USA Judo sanctioned events

1. Contest Area

- a. **Minimum** size: 6M x 6M
 - i. Generally for competition for athletes 12 years old & younger
 - ii. May be used for competition in smaller venues for everyone: juniors, intermediates, seniors, & masters
- b. **Recommended** sizes: 8M x 8M or 7M x 7M
- c. Maximum size: 10M x 10M

2. Safety Area

a. **Minimum** size:

- i. All-around - 3M
- ii. Between adjoining contest areas - 4M

b. **Recommended** sizes:

- i. All-around - 4M
- ii. Between adjoining contest areas - 4M

c. Maximum size:

- i. All-around - 4M+
- ii. Between adjoining contest areas - 4M+

***** Failure To Satisfy These Safety Area Minimums Will Void The Tournament's Sanction *****

CARE System

The CARE system is optional but highly recommended for use during tournaments. The system involves the use of two cameras and a laptop for the purpose of instant replay, in the event that a review of a situation is necessary. The overall goal is to have one CARE per mat area at an event. For affordable CARE systems see www.judocare.com.

Additional Committee information

The website page needs to be updated with the following listed as members of the committee.

1. Mr. Charles Schweizer: NY: Chairman
2. Deborah Fergus: MI: Vice Chair
3. Earl Delvalle: FL: Vice Chair
4. David Malek: WI: Member
5. John King: LA: Member

The names of each of the levels of certification need to be changed and updated, and some of the sections need to be removed. An updated web-page will be submitted in the next few months to reflect the updated program and the updated rules.

Certification Clinics have been held this year in NY, FL, and MI, thanks to Charles Schweizer (NY), Earl Delvalle (FL), and Deborah Fergus (MI).

The new manual will contain 2 additional certification levels (A and B), research is being done on the new levels, the requirements, and the purpose of each.