

AAU Taekwondo
Poomsae Referee Development Program



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Structure

Purpose

The purpose of the AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Program is to provide guidance and regulation for all matters related to the training, certification, promotion and administration of AAU Taekwondo Poomsae referees, in accordance with the goals of AAU Taekwondo Referee Development Program, which are:

1. To develop AAU Taekwondo Referees at all levels through education, standardization and practical application.
2. To certify and promote referees using a systematic approach based on participation and merit.
3. To ensure a fair competition environment for athletes in pursuit of competitive excellence.

AAU Taekwondo National Poomsae Referee

AA Class, A Class, B Class, C Class, & D Class

AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Certification Requirements

1.1 Basic requirements for AAU Taekwondo referee certification are as follows:

- A. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- B. Must be a current AAU Taekwondo member.
- C. Must be at least 16 years of age.
- D. Must complete and pass AAU Taekwondo-approved background check every two years (18 years and older only).
- E. Must hold rank of 1st Dan or higher.
- F. Non-Black Belts over 15 years old and Red Belts over can earn Poomsae ***Probation*** Referee certification.

Certification

1.2 Requirements for Poomsae Level D Certification

- A. Written Test (Passing Grade 70%)
- B. Required Competencies: Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator
- C. Must be able to Judge Taegeuk 1-8, Koryo & Keumgang
- D. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: 1 Color Belt & 1 Black Belt)
- E. Judge 1 AAU Sanctioned Competition

1.3 Requirements for Poomsae Level C Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of 12 months at Level D
- B. Written Test (passing Grade 70%)
- C. Required Competencies: Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator
- D. 1 Poomsae Seminar or 1 Poomsae Camp
- E. Must be able to Judge: Taegeuk 1-8, Koryo, Keumgang, Taebaek, Pyongwon, & Shipin
- F. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: 1 Color Belt & 1 Black Belt)
- G. Judge Sanctioned Events* - Minimum of 4, including at least 1 AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships

1.4 Requirements for Poomsae Level B Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of 18 months at Level C
- B. Written Test (passing Grade 70%)
- C. Required Competencies: Ring Management, Rules, Judging, Freestyle & Ring Coordinator
- D. 1 Poomsae Seminar & 1 Poomsae Camp (or 3 Poomsae Seminars)
- E. Must be able to Judge: Taegeuk 1-8, Koryo, Keumgang, Taebaek, Pyongwon, Shipin, Jitae, Chunkwon & Hansu
- F. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: 1 Color Belt & 1 Black Belt)
- G. Judge Sanctioned Events* - Minimum of 6, including at least 1 AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships and 1 AAU TKD National Championships

1.5 Requirements for Poomsae Level A Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of 24 months at Level B
- B. Written Test (passing Grade 70%)
- C. Required Competencies: Ring Management, Rules, Judging, Freestyle, Para Poomsae, Ring Coordinator & Ring Management
- D. 2 Poomsae Seminars & 1 Poomsae Camp (or 4 Poomsae Seminars)
- E. Must be able to Judge: Taegeuk 1-8, Koryo, Keumgang, Taebaek, Pyongwon, Shipin, Jitae, Chunkwon & Hansu
- F. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: 1 Color Belt & 1 Black Belt)
- G. Judge Sanctioned Events* - Minimum of 8, including at least 2 AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships and 2 AAU TKD National Championships

1.6 Requirements for Poomsae Level AA Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of 24 months at Level A
- B. Required Competencies: Ring Management, Rules, Judging, Freestyle, Para Poomsae, Ring Coordinator & Leadership Skills
- C. 2 Poomsae Seminars & 1 Poomsae Camp (or 4 Poomsae Seminars)
- D. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: 1 Color Belt & 1 Black Belt)
- E. Judge Sanctioned Events* - Minimum of 8, including at least 2 AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships and 2 AAU TKD National Championships
- F. Evaluated & Approved by Sport Poomsae Director

****Includes AAU Qualifier or Regional Championships, Junior and Senior National Championships, AAU TKD Poomsae Team Trials, and other AAU TKD-licensed events.***

Annual Poomsae Referee Certification

All certified AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referees must maintain their certification by attending at least One AAU Taekwondo Sanctioned Poomsae Seminar each year.

USA Taekwondo Certification transfer to AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Certification

1.6 USAT Poomsae Referee transfer to AAU TKD Poomsae Referee

- A. AAU TKD Membership
- B. Direct matching, for example – USAT Level “C” will be AAU Taekwondo Sport Poomsae Level “C”
- C. Only 1 transfer or match.
- D. Once transferred, you may progress, or upgrade based on the AAU Taekwondo Sport Poomsae Criteria.
- E. Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator
- F. Sport Poomsae Director Approval

AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee National Instructor

1. West Coast USA Region
2. Central USA Region
3. East Coast USA Region

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Overall under the directive of National Poomsae Director
2. Report to National Poomsae Assistant Director.
3. Assists National Poomsae Director Assistant Director.
4. Develop Poomsae Referees in your assigned region.
5. Conduct Poomsae Seminars & Certification Clinics.
6. Actively participate and assist in AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.
7. Act as an Ambassador of AAU Taekwondo.
8. Carry out duties and assignments given by the National Poomsae Director.

Selection Criteria

1. Must be a WT Poomsae International Referee.
2. Must have refereed or judged a minimum of 3 International Poomsae Championships in the past 2 years.
3. Must be willing to travel to conduct Seminars & Clinics.
4. Must have and maintain an AAU Taekwondo membership.
5. After 2-year term, you may reapply.
6. Must be helpful and willing to assist the organization.
7. Interested candidates may apply by submitting a brief letter of interest and a brief Taekwondo resume via email to the National Poomsae Director.

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National Poomsae Referee Instructor Fees & Compensation Structure

Certification Clinic

1. The recommended fee is \$99.00 per participant.
2. Application forms must be completed by each participant.
3. \$15.00 is payable to Poomsae Referee Committee. You may be required to pay a certain percentage to AAU Taekwondo.
The rest of the fee goes to the instructor
4. Minimum 6 hour for Part 1
5. Based on appropriate qualification, Instructor may recommend promotion to the next level.
6. Instructor must keep accurate records of all attendees.
7. Certificate of completion must be given and is the responsibility of the instructor.
8. A report must be submitted to the National Poomsae Director.
9. All certificates must be signed by the National Poomsae Director or the AAU Taekwondo Chair.

Poomsae Seminar (Fundamental/ Information/Educational)

1. The recommended fee is \$45.00 per participant.
2. \$8.00 payable to Poomsae Referee Committee
3. You may be required to pay a certain percentage to AAU Taekwondo. The rest of the fee to goes to the instructor
4. Duration of the Seminar 3 to 5 hours.
5. Instructor must keep accurate records of all attendees
6. Certificate of completion must be given, and it is the responsibility of the instructor.