

PRESS RELEASE

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At the opening session of the 2008/2009 National Clinic Administrator's Program training, Michael Friello, National Sport Chair for the AAU Taekwondo Program, announced the appointment of Master Chuong Pham of Silver Spring, Maryland as the new National Chief Referee for the AAU Program.

"Master Pham has served as our Chief Referee for the past several years for both our National AAU Taekwondo Championships as well as our National Team Trails events. It was time to make this appointment year round and permanent" said Mr. Friello in introducing Master Pham once again at the beginning of this five day event.

No one has had a more positive impact on the training and education of our official's corp than Master Pham. Now, in this full-time capacity, he will be instrumental in the development of new and exciting programs to continue that work. Past accomplishments include help in the development and implementation of the CA Clinic itself, a bona fide Official's Evaluation Program, providing access to AAU certified officials in the International arena, and, of course, introductions throughout Europe and the Caribbean where his reputation and credentials are impeccable.

"As an WTF First Class International Referee, Master Pham is in a position to open doors to both the AAU Taekwondo Program and it's corp of officials inaccessible to us in the past" says Mr. Friello. "We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with Master Pham--all geared towards the success of our officials and the support of our AAU athlete members."