

AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Development Program



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AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Development Program Structure

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:

- A. Develop AAU Taekwondo Referees at all levels through education, standardization and practical application.
- B. Certify and promote referees using a systematic approach based on participation and merit.
- C. Ensure a fair competition environment for athletes in pursuit of competitive excellence.

AAU Taekwondo National Poomsae Referee 1st Class or 2nd Class or 3rd Class or P Class

AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Certification Requirements

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 18 years of age.
- D. Must complete and pass AAU Taekwondo-approved background check every two (2) years (18 years and older only).
- E. Must hold rank of 1st Dan or higher.
- F. Non-Black Belts over 18 years old and Red Belts over 16 years old can earn Probationary Poomsae Referee certification.

Certification

1. Requirements for Poomsae Class P (Probation) Class Certification

- A. Minimum Age 16
- B. Rank Requirement 1st Dan
 - a. Part 1
 - i. Poomsae Seminar
 - ii. Test (Passing Grade: 70%)
 - iii. Practical Test (Demonstrate Two (2) Forms: One (1) Color Belt & One (1) Black Belt)
 - b. Part 2
 - i. Judge 1 AAU Licensed Competition
 - ii. Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator

2. Requirements for Poomsae 3rd Class Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of twelve (12) months at P level
- B. Rank Requirement 2nd Dan
 - a. Part 1
 - i. One (1) Poomsae Seminar or One (1) Poomsae Camp
 - ii. Written Test (Passing Grade: 70%)
 - iii. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: One (1) Color Belt & One (1) Black Belt)
 - b. Part 2
 - i. Judge Licensed Events* - Minimum of four (4), including at least One (1) AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships
 - ii. Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator

3. Requirements for Poomsae 2nd Class Certification

- A. Time Requirement Minimum of 24 months at 3rd Class
- B. Rank Requirement 3rd Dan
 - a. Part 1
 - i. Two (2) Poomsae Seminars or One (1) Poomsae Camp
 - ii. Written Test (Passing Grade: 70%)
 - iii. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Forms: One (1) Color Belt & One (1) Black Belt)
 - b. Part 2
 - i. Judge Licensed Events* - Minimum of six (6), including at least One (1) AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships and One (1) AAU TKD National Championships.
 - ii. Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator

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

4. Requirements for Poomsae 1st Class Certification

A. Time Requirement Minimum of 24 months at 2nd Class

a. Part 1

- i. Three (3) Poomsae Seminars or One (1) Seminar & One (1) Poomsae Camp
- ii. Written Test (Passing Grade: 70)
- iii. Practical Test (Demonstrate 2 Black Belt Forms)

b. Part 2

- i. Judge Licensed Events* - Minimum of eight (8), including at least two (2) AAU TKD District or Regional Qualifier Championships and 2 AAU TKD National Championships.
- ii. Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator

** 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 (1) AAU Taekwondo Licensed Poomsae Seminar each year.

USAT Poomsae Referee transfer to AAU TKD Poomsae Referee

- AAU TKD Membership
- Poomsae Seminar or One (1) Poomsae Camp
- Required Competencies - Rules, Judging & Ring Coordinator
- Must Be Able to Judge Taegeuk 4-8, Koryo, Keumgang, Taebaek, Pyongwon & Shipjin.
- Referee at One (1) Licensed Event
- Referee Director Approval

AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Referee National Instructors

- A. West Coast USA Region
- B. Central USA Region
- C. East Coast USA Region

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Report to National Poomsae Referee Director.
2. Assist National Poomsae Director.
3. Develop Poomsae Referees in your assigned region.
4. Conduct Poomsae Seminars & Certification Clinics.
5. Actively participate and assist in AAU Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.
6. Act as an Ambassador of AAU Taekwondo.
7. 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 three (3) International Poomsae Championships in the past two (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 candidate may apply by submitting a brief letter of interest and a brief Taekwondo resume via email to the National Poomsae Director.