

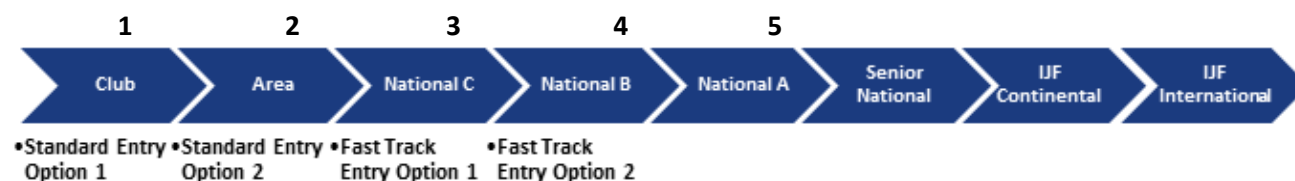
The NRC / BJA and IJF recognise that knowledge and expertise developed in other judo disciplines are valuable and highly transferable to refereeing in some cases. To attract advanced candidates and give credit to previous experience, the refereeing structure allows 'Fast Track' entry to the higher referee awards. High performing athletes or coaches with significant experience are encouraged to join the referee ranks, international experience in both disciplines may take you to level 3 / 4 of the pathway after some basic principles training.

Entry options to be considered:

- **Standard Entry Option 1 to Club Award:** Judoka of at least 12 years old and 10th Mon / 3rd Kyu may attempt the Club award
- **Standard Entry Option 2 to Area Award:** Judoka of at least 15 years old and 15th Mon / 2nd Kyu may directly attempt the Area award
- **Fast Track to National C Award:** Judoka of at least 18 years old and a competitive 1st Dan may directly attempt the National C award
- **Fast Track to National B Award:** Judoka of at least 30 years old who have had at least 10 senior BJA selections for international events at European Cup or above and won at least two medals at senior European Cup or higher may directly attempt the National B award. International coaches with at least 10 events completed at European Cup or higher and have returned at least two medals with their athletes may also apply.

After Fast Track entry, referees will need to meet the standard minimum requirements at every level onwards.

Referee Pathway:



Application for fast track

Should anyone wish to join the licenced event referee structure via the fast-track process (other than directly to Club or Area), they should in the first instance write to the NRC secretary supplying their name, member number and evidence of meeting the fast-track criteria stated above. The NRC will consider all applications swiftly and respond with result and next actions if applicable. Those wishing to apply for fast track to Area or Nat C will be automatically accepted based on meeting the set criteria documented.

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Any questions about the process or suitability should also be directed to the secretary email.