

## **BJA Eastern Area - Referee Annual Report - 2018**

For the second year running, referee participation throughout 2018 has declined. Today, we have only thirteen active referees supporting our events and I cannot thank these individuals enough.

We have been very fortunate to have national events hosted by our area and these obviously require support from officials from further afield. I am delighted to report that I regularly have senior referees BEG me for an invitation to our future events. With more senior officials helping out, we are able to offer the very best for the travelling judoka and upskill our own officials.

We started the year by organising three referee courses for a variety of levels. Despite our best efforts to advertise these, we received very few applications and the courses had to be cancelled. In an effort to ensure that this does not continue to happen, I am now working closely with our adjoining areas to organise courses and these dates will be circulated very soon. If you have any questions about these courses, please do not hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to three of our referees on their promotions achieved throughout the year; well done to Maria (Club), Bryony (Area) and Natasha (National B)

I want to send a special thank you to the team at Littleport Judo Club for continuing to host their events and for allowing the area to utilise these as assessment / examination events.

Looking ahead, we have eleven events hosted within the area and I hope to see you all there.

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