

British Judo Association Annual Report - Refereeing

Since the last time I wrote to you, we have had very little to do on the regional refereeing front.

We were due to run the English Junior and Senior Open in May 2020 but due to changes imposed on us by the BJA, this event was cancelled. We were then very quiet until we finally were able to return to judo with the inaugural Breckland Senior Open in November 2021.

We have since been able to host the English Open for Pre-Cadet, Cadets, Junior and Seniors and very recently had the Eastern Area Low Grades competition.

With so few events, many of our dedicated officials have not had the opportunity to return to the tatami just yet and I hope that we are able to find suitable events in the near future.

I have 21 referees 'on the books'. The breakdown includes

- 1x National A
- 2x National B
- 4x National C
- 4x Area
- 10x Club

I am aware that some of our lower level referees may have dropped out during the Covid pandemic but am still assessing the impact of this.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The 2022 IJF rules will come into effect on June 1st 2022. All registered referees were invited to attend an online rules update seminar presented by members of the NRC.

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