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# USA Karate Referees



## Instructor Criteria & Certification Authorization





# KUMITE & KATA CERTIFICATION REGIONAL LICENSES

## Regional Kumite Licenses

USA Karate Regional Official Membership & Safe Sport Compliance

Adult: 18+	Referee B, A Judge B, A	Safe Sport Training NCSI Background Check
Juniors: 16/17	Judge B, A	Safe Sport Training Safe Sport Underage Screening
Cadets: 14/15	Judge B	Safe Sport Training Safe Sport Underage Screening

## Regional Kata Licenses

USA Karate Regional Official Membership & Safe Sport Compliance

Adult: 18+	Judge C, B, A	Safe Sport Training NCSI Background Check
Juniors: 16/17	Judge C, B	Safe Sport Training Safe Sport Underage Screening
Cadets: 14/15	Judge C	Safe Sport Training Safe Sport Underage Screening



## USA KUMITE & KATA CERTIFICATION REGIONAL LICENSES

### Regional license requirements

- Current USA Karate Officials (Safe Sport Training and Background Check are a condition of membership)
- Annual USA Karate Regional Officials' membership fee is a \$25.00
- Attendance at a Regional Referee Seminar/Workshop conducted by USA Karate Referee Instructors
- Regional license, upon Instructor recommendation and 3 tournament events officiated
- A Tournament event consists of approximately 150 competitors, as approved by the tournament director
- Multi-day tournaments - each day counts as a separate event
- Successfully pass the online written examination with a minimum grade of 80%



## **KUMITE & KATA CERTIFICATION NATIONAL LICENSES**

### **National Kumite Licenses**

**USA Karate Officials Safe Sport Compliance is a condition of membership**

<b>Adult: 18+</b>	<b>Referee B, A Judge B, A</b>	<b>Safe Sport Training NCSI Background Check</b>
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### **National Kata Licenses**

**USA Karate Officials Safe Sport Compliance is a condition of membership**

<b>Adult: 18+</b>	<b>Judge B, A</b>	<b>Safe Sport Training NCSI Background Check</b>
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**USA National Kata Judge B, A and Kumite Referee B, A require referee course attendance at a USA Karate signature event, including the written and practical examination administered by the USA Karate Referee Committee.**



# INSTRUCTOR CRITERIA & CERTIFICATION AUTHORIZATION

## USA Karate Regional Instructors Level

### Instructor C

Instructor C is authorized to certify:

- USA Regional *Kata* Judge C
- USA Regional *Kumite* Judge B, A

**A written test is available on the USA Karate website.**

### Instructor B

Instructor B is authorized to certify:

- USA Regional *Kata* Judge C, B
- USA Regional *Kumite* Judge B, A and USA Regional Referee B, A

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## INSTRUCTOR CRITERIA & CERTIFICATION AUTHORIZATION

### USA Karate Regional Instructors Level

#### Instructor A

Instructor A is authorized to certify

- USA Regional Kata Judge C, B, A
- USA Regional Kumite Judge B, A and USA Regional Referee B, A
- USA National Kumite Judge B, A

**The written test is available on the USA Karate website.**



## INSTRUCTOR CRITERIA & CERTIFICATION AUTHORIZATION

### USA Karate National Kata Judge B, A

### USA Karate National Kumite Referee B, A

- These are Awarded only at USA Karate Signature Events and requires course attendance, and written and practical examinations administered by the USA Karate Referee Committee.
- USA National referees must attend annual re-certification courses at USA Karate Signature Events, facilitated by the USA Karate Referee Committee to ensure awareness of rule updates, and must officiate throughout the event.

Upgrade for all Regional and National levels requires recorded attendance at 3 tournaments between licenses. One tournament event is defined as a full day with approximately 150 competitors. Multi-day events under the same name are credited separately for each work day.



## REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

### Regional Instructor C

- **Current USA Karate Official Member (Safe Sport Training and Background check is a condition of membership)**
- **Dojo owner / instructor of a dojo with active USA Karate Club membership**
- **Minimum USA Karate National Kata Judge A and USA Karate National Kumite Referee A**
- **Application approval by USA Karate**



## REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

### Regional Instructor B

- **Current USA Karate Official Member (Safe Sport Training and Background check is a condition of membership).**
- **Dojo owner / instructor of a dojo with active USA Karate Club membership**
- **Minimum PKF Kata Judge A and PKF Kumite Referee A**
- **Application approval by USA Karate**



## REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

### Regional Instructor A

- **Current USA Karate Official Member (Safe Sport Training and Background check is a condition of membership)**
- **Dojo owner / instructor of a dojo with active USA Karate Club membership**
- **WKF Kata Judge A & WKF Kumite Referee A with extensive knowledge and proven history of tournament operations and officials' development experience**
- **Application approval by USA Karate**

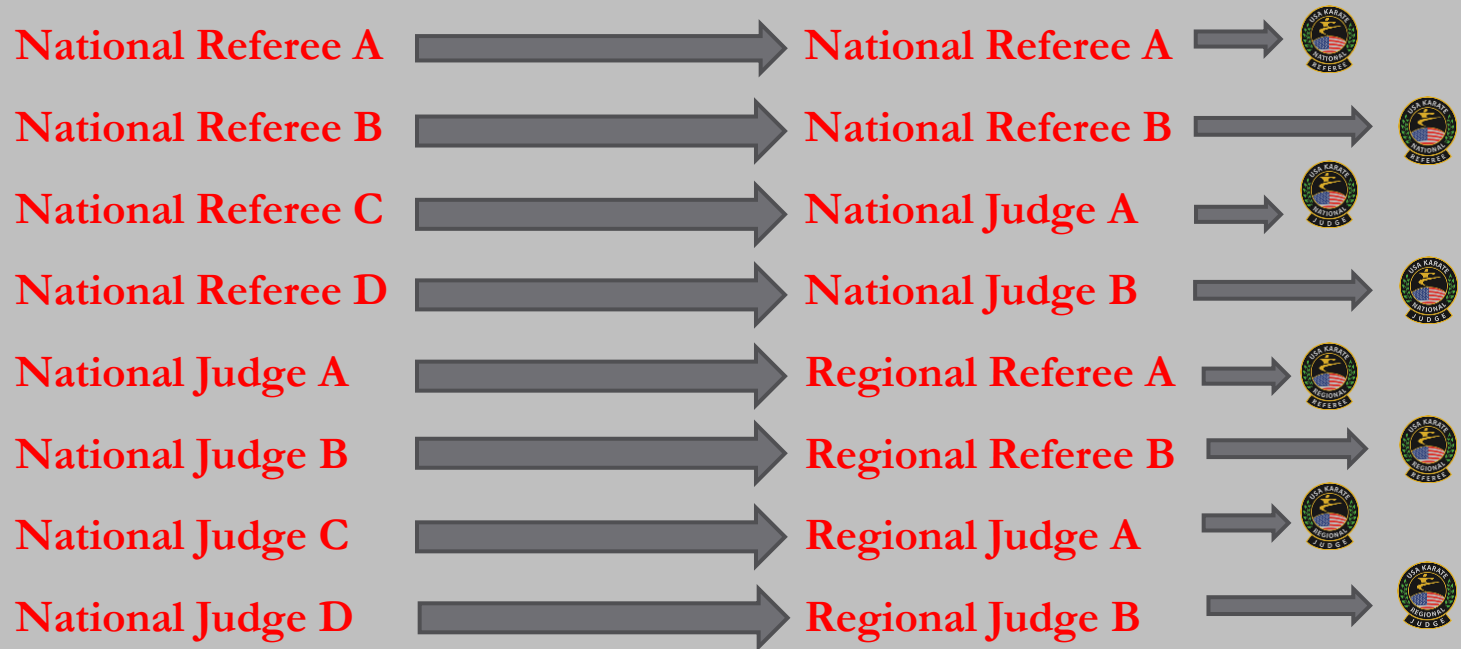
# USA Karate

## New Officials Badges and Passport



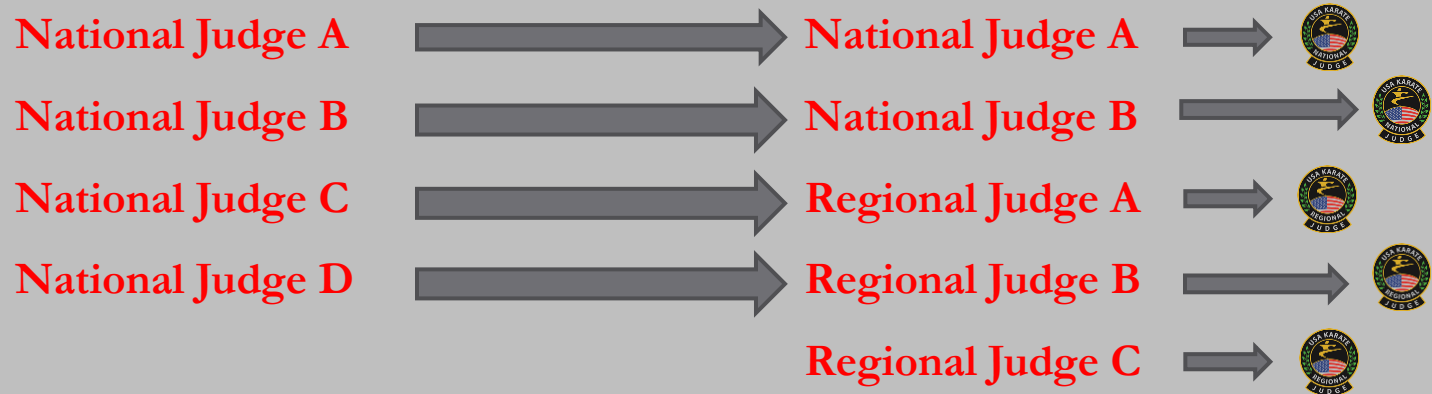
# USA Karate Officials

## Kumite License transition



# USA Karate Officials

## Kata License transition





**Thank you  
for your participation**

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