

USNF Refereeing Regulations

- Article 1** Referee certifications are awarded by the President of the All Japan Naginata Federation (AJNF). Referee certifications are also awarded by the President of the International Naginata Federation (INF). The USNF recognizes certifications from both of these organizations.
- Article 2** The Technical Committee shall be responsible for guiding, advising, and developing prospective referee candidates among the USNF members.
- Article 3** USNF Referees shall be approved by the USNF Board of Directors from a list of candidates submitted by the USNF Regional Federations at the start of each fiscal year. Minimum requirements for USNF Referees shall include:
- a. membership in good standing in the USNF;
 - b. rank of *sandan* or above;
 - c. referee certification by either the AJNF or the INF;
 - d. participation in one USNF seminar or USNF sanctioned seminar outside of the candidate's regional federation in the last three years; and
 - e. participation in one USNF or INF refereeing seminar in the last five years. This requirement is waived for individuals with *renshi* or above or *nishu*.
- Article 4** All referees for USNF tournaments must be current approved USNF Referees, unless a specific exemption is granted jointly by the President of the USNF and the Chief Referee for a particular tournament.
- Article 5** Referees for tournaments of any of the affiliated regional federations may be selected in any manner that the regional federation chooses.