



## **National Poomsae Referee Regulations**

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## THE REGULATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL POOMSAE REFEREES

### 1. Objective

These regulations are to efficiently oversee the poomsae refereeing within the British Taekwondo.

### 2. Administration

Administration of Referees shall fall under the sole jurisdiction of the British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Department.

### 3. Qualification

British Taekwondo shall grant the qualification of National Poomsae Referee to those who have successfully passed all the prerequisite tests and criteria deemed necessary by the Referee department.

### 4. New Classifications

In 2021, the British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Department decided to align classification with the terms used by the Sport Referee Department, World Taekwondo and proposed future coach qualifications. The new classifications are Class 3, Class 2 and Class 1. Active referees as of the 1st January 2017 were recognised as follows

Class C as Class 3

Class B as Class 2

Class A as Class 1

The Class P classification was not being brought forward as the minimum grade qualification for referees is now Kukkiwon 1st Dan.

### 5. National Poomsae Referee Course

The course shall be conducted by the British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Department. The following levels of qualification are available to those meeting all the requirements specified:

Qualifications	Requirements
Class 3 Qualification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Kukkiwon</li><li>2. Age: 16 years old +</li><li>3. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Taebaek</li><li>4. Duration 8 hrs</li></ol>
National Freestyle Referee Qualification Online Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Grade: Holder of 1st Dan Kukkiwon</li><li>2. Age: 18 years old +</li><li>3. Minimum Class 3 National Qualification Holder</li><li>4. Experience gained from judging a minimum of 4 times since their promotion to Class 3</li><li>5. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Taebaek</li><li>6. Duration 4hrs</li></ol>

Class 2 Qualification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Grade: Holder of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Kukkiwon</li> <li>8. Age: 18 years old +</li> <li>9. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Shipjin</li> <li>10. Knowledge: Freestyle Poomsae rules (completed online module)</li> <li>11. 8 experience points since their promotion to Class 3</li> <li>12. Duration 8 hrs</li> </ol>
National Para Referee Qualification Online Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade: Holder of 3rd Dan Kukkiwon</li> <li>2. Age: 21 years old +</li> <li>3. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Hansu</li> <li>4. Minimum Class 2 National Qualification Holder</li> <li>5. Duration 4 hrs</li> </ol>
Class 1 Qualification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade: Holder of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Kukkiwon</li> <li>2. Age: 23 years old +</li> <li>3. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Hansu</li> <li>4. Knowledge: Freestyle &amp; Para Poomsae (completed online module)</li> <li>5. 8 experiences since their promotion to Class 2</li> <li>6. Duration 8 hrs</li> </ol>
International Referee Qualification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade: Holder of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Kukkiwon</li> <li>2. Age: 25 years old +</li> <li>3. Knowledge: up to Poomsae Hansu</li> <li>4. Duration 5 days</li> </ol>
Competition Chief Referee Qualification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade: Holder of 4th Dan Kukkiwon</li> <li>2. International Referee holder with at least 1 year of active experience at this level</li> <li>3. Knowledge of Freestyle &amp; Para Poomsae Rules</li> <li>4. Duration 2 hrs</li> </ol>

Class 1 Referees applying for an International Referee qualification seminar must be recommended by the Poomsae Referee Department.

For promotion, at least 6 (75% of the minimum requirement) experience points must be gained by judging at competitions. The additional points may be accrued through participation in courses, seminars, etc as shown below.

**Note: Qualifications expire after 2 years if a Referee is inactive.**

## 6. Experience Points

The following types of events will be recognised for the award of as referee experience.

(Points per competition not day)

Domestic Sanctioned Competitions	1 Point
Online Championships	0.5 Points
Referee Refresher course	1 Point
Para / Freestyle Refresher course	0.5 Points
WT/WTE Referee workshops	1 Point (Evidence required of completion)
Overseas International competition	2 Points

British National Championships  
Half Day judging will be awarded

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2 points for two days, 1 point for one day judging  
0.5 Points

Qualified Referees officiating at an event but unable to referee due to other duties will receive 1/0.5 points at the sole discretion of the Poomsae Referee Department.

Note: One to one competitions are not recognised for referee experience.

## 7. General Information

Attendance fee:

Prescribed amount of attendance fee shall be paid by the applicant.

Course Fee:	£25	Class 2 & 3
Course Fee:	£25	Class 1
Course Fee:	£15	Refresher Course, all Classes
Course Fee:	£15	Freestyle Qualification
Course Fee:	£15	Para Qualification

Travel and accommodation:

All expenses shall be borne by the participant.

### Curriculum:

- Qualities of a Referee & What makes a good referee.
- Duties of a Referee.
- Purpose of Competition Rules.
- Poomsae Competition Rules.
- Scoring Criteria (Accuracy & Presentation).
- Scoring Sheet/ Scoring system.
- Video analysis & Discussion.
- Scoring Practice & Discussion.
  
- Scoring Exam.
- Multiple choice Exam.
- Physical Poomsae Exam.
- Coordinators Hand Signal Test.
  
- Freestyle Rules (Class 2).
- Para Poomsae Rules (Class 1).

## 8. Class 3 Course Schedule

Pre-course Study		Home study: Poomsae Competition Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	12 noon	1. WT Poomsae competition rules 2. Key points for basic movement & Recognised Poomsae Accuracy/Presentations
12pm	1pm	3. Poomsae Practice, accuracy/presentations, Taegeuk 1 – 8 Jang
1pm	1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30pm	2:30pm	4. Poomsae Practice, accuracy/presentations, Koryo – Taebaek
2.30pm	3.30pm	5. Recognised Poomsae Scoring practice
3.30pm	4.30pm	6. Coordinator's duties, commands, and hand signal practice
4.30pm	6pm	7. Examinations: a. Coordinators hand signals test b. Practical Poomsae test c. Scoring test d. Multiple choice theory test
6pm		8. Course closed

Course Duration: 8 hours

British Taekwondo shall conduct a prescribed examination at each qualification. The examination is composed of:

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| 1. Coordinators Hand Signals   | Pass/ Fail   |
| 2. Multiple Choice Test  | 70%  |
| 3. Poomsae Practical   | Must show an understanding of the Poomsae according to the rules   |
| 4. Recognised Poomsae Scoring Test   | Must score within 0.3 either way for both accuracy and for presentation of the Referee Director's score. |
| 5. Must show an understanding of the scoring criteria through their comments on the scoring sheet. |  |

All sections of the course must be passed by the candidate to achieve the qualification. A written notice on the results of the examination shall be sent to the candidate. Unsuccessful candidates will be provided with feedback and details of the review process.

## 9. National Freestyle Referee Course Schedule (Online Module)

Pre-course Study		Home study: Freestyle Poomsae Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	12pm	1. WT Freestyle Poomsae competition rules 2. Scoring criteria 3. Scoring sheet / technical & presentation
12pm	1pm	4. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring Practice
1pm	2pm	5. Examinations a. Multiple Choice test b. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring test

British Taekwondo shall conduct a prescribed examination at each qualification. The examination is composed of:

1. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring Test                      Must score within 0.3 for technical and for presentation of the Referee Director's score
2. Multiple Choice Test                                      70%
3. Must show an understanding of the scoring criteria through their comments on the scoring sheet.

All sections of the course must be passed by the candidate to achieve the qualification. A written notice on the results of the examination shall be sent to the candidate. Unsuccessful candidates will be provided with feedback and details of the review process.

## 10. Class 2 Course Schedule

Pre-course Study		Freestyle Online Module Home study: Recognised Poomsae & Freestyle Poomsae Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	11:30pm	1. Revision WT Poomsae competition rules 2. Key points for basic movement & Recognised Poomsae Accuracy/Presentations
11:30pm	12:30pm	3. Poomsae Practice, accuracy/presentations, Taegeuk 6 – Taebaek
12:30pm	1pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1pm	2pm	4. Poomsae Practice, accuracy/presentations, Taebaek – Shipjin
2pm	3:30pm	5. Revision of the Free style of Poomsae competition rules
2.30pm	3.30pm	6. Recognised Poomsae Scoring practice
3.30pm	4.30pm	7. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring practice
4.30pm	6pm	8. Examinations: a) Practical Poomsae test b) Recognised Scoring test c) Freestyle Scoring test d) Multiple choice theory test
6pm		9. Course closed

Course Duration: 8 hours

British Taekwondo shall conduct a prescribed examination at each qualification. The examination is composed of:

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| 1. Practical Poomsae Test   | Must show an understanding of the Poomsae according to the rules   |
| 2. Recognised Poomsae Scoring Test  | Must score within 0.3 either way for both accuracy and for presentation of the Referee Director's score. |
| 3. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring Test   | Must score within 0.3 either for technical and for presentation of the Referee Director's score          |
| 4. Multiple Choice Test   | 70%  |
| 5. Must show an understanding of the scoring criteria through their comments on the scoring sheets. |  |

All sections of the course must be passed by the candidate to achieve the qualification. A written notice on the results of the examination shall be sent to the candidate. Unsuccessful candidates will be provided feedback and details of the review process.

### 11. National Para Referee Course Schedule (Online Module)

Pre-course Study		Home study: Para Poomsae Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	12pm	1. WT Para Poomsae competition rules 2. Types of disabilities 3. Scoring criteria
12pm	1pm	4. Para Poomsae Scoring sheet & Scoring Practice
1pm	2pm	5. Examinations a. Multiple Choice test b. Para Poomsae Scoring test

British Taekwondo shall conduct a prescribed examination at each qualification. The examination is composed of:

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| 1. Para Poomsae Scoring Test   | Must score within 0.3 for technical and for presentation of the Referee Director's score |
| 2. Multiple Choice Test  | 70%  |
| 3. Must show an understanding of the scoring criteria through their comments on the scoring sheet. |  |

All sections of the course must be passed by the candidate to achieve the qualification. A written notice on the results of the examination shall be sent to the candidate. Unsuccessful candidates will be provided with feedback and details of the review process.

## 12. Class 1 Course Schedule

Pre-course Study		Para Poomsae Online Module Home study: Recognised Poomsae, Freestyle & Para Poomsae Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	11:30pm	1. Revision WT Recognised Poomsae competition rules 2. Key points for basic movement & Recognised Poomsae Accuracy/Presentations
11:30pm	12:30pm	3. Poomsae Practice, accuracy/presentations, Shipjin – Hansu
12.30	1pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1pm	1:45pm	4. Revision Freestyle of Poomsae competition rules
1:45pm	2:30pm	5. Revision Para Poomsae competition rules
2.30pm	3.30pm	6. Recognised Poomsae Scoring practice
3.30pm	4.30pm	7. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring practice/ Para Poomsae scoring practice
4.30pm	6pm	8. Examinations: a. Practical Poomsae test b. Recognised Scoring test c. Freestyle Scoring test d. Para Poomsae Scoring test e. Multiple choice theory test
6pm		9. Course closed

Course Duration: 8 hours

British Taekwondo shall conduct a prescribed examination at each qualification. The examination is composed of:

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|---|---|
| 1. Practical Poomsae Test   | Must show an understanding of the Poomsae according to the rules  |
| 2. Recognised Poomsae Scoring Test  | Must score within 0.2 for accuracy and 0.2 for presentation (within 0.4 overall) of the Referee Director's score  |
| 3. Freestyle Poomsae Scoring Test   | Must score within 0.2 for technical and 0.2 for presentation (within 0.4 overall) of the Referee Director's score |
| 4. Para Poomsae Scoring Test  | Must score within 0.2 for technical and 0.2 for presentation (within 0.4 overall) of the Referee Director's score |
| 5. Multiple Choice Test   | 70%   |
| 6. Must show an understanding of the scoring criteria through their working out on the scoring sheet. |   |

All sections of the course must be passed by the candidate to achieve the qualification. A written notice on the results of the examination shall be sent to the candidate. Unsuccessful candidates will be provided with feedback and details of the review process.



### 13. Competition Chief Referee Qualification (Online Module)

Pre-course Study		Home study: Poomsae competition Rules
10am		Welcome
10.10am	12pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chief Referees responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pre competition</li> <li>b. Documentation</li> <li>c. Protest Procedure</li> <li>d. Post Competition Report</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
12pm	1pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Examinations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Multiple Choice test</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

### 14. Practical Poomsae Test

The Practical Poomsae Test is included in the assessment to demonstrate the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the poomsae. It is not an assessment of the quality of performance. Candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate this understanding by performing the poomsae without major (0.3 deduction) errors.

### 15. Review Process

Unsuccessful candidates will be entitled to have their assessment reviewed. They should request a review by email to the Chair of the Poomsae Referee Department within four weeks of receiving the result from their course. A review fee of £25 will be required, and if the candidate's result is reversed this fee will be refunded.

If the candidate is requesting a review of their Practical Poomsae Test, they will be required to submit videos of all the assessment poomsae with their payment.

The review will be undertaken by a Qualified Chief Referee who was not involved in the original assessment. The result of the review will be sent to the candidates within two weeks of request for a review being received by the Poomsae Referee Department. The decision will be final, and no further review will be permitted.

### 16. Unsuccessful Candidates

The purpose of the assessment is to ensure that candidates have sufficient knowledge of poomsae competition rules, regulations and scoring to perform their role as British Taekwondo Poomsae Referees at the level expected.

If a qualification candidate is not successful in achieving a pass in all sections of the assessment, they will be required to attend and pass a new qualification course. If a refresher candidate is not successful in all sections of the assessment, they will be suspended as an active referee and required to attend and pass a refresher course before being invited to referee at future competitions. Full fees will be payable for these repeated courses and assessment.

### 17. Activation

Those who passed the examination at the National Referee course shall be automatically registered with the British Taekwondo Referee Department as a Referee.

British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Department shall send certificates to successful candidates.

### 18. Referee Uniform

The National Referee Uniform is composed of:

- Navy jacket and light grey trousers.
- White shirt.
- A British Taekwondo National Referee tie.

- White sports shoes.

## 19. Referee Renumeration

Details of the referee remuneration requirements are documented in the Poomsae Referee Renumeration Policy.

## 20. Selection and Assignment

Invitations to referee at domestic events other than those directly organised by British Taekwondo shall be the responsibility of event Organising Committees working with event's Chief Referee. The selection and assignment of National Referees for the events organised by British Taekwondo shall be conducted by the Poomsae Referee Department.

For events sanctioned by World Taekwondo and World Taekwondo Europe, such as the European Championships, invitations will be issued by WT, WTE and hosting MNAs. The hosting bodies shall inform the Poomsae Referee Department of the selected referees for prior approval.

National / International Referees invited to international championships must inform the Referee Director and Referee Department for approval one month before the event.

## 21. Transfer from other MNA

The following process will apply to referees transferring from other World Taekwondo Member National Associations.

**National Referees:** Referee should provide the British Taekwondo Referee Director with a CV and all certificates from their previous MNA. The Poomsae Referee Department will then have sole discretion to assign an appropriate initial classification.

**International Referees relocating to the UK:** Referees will be recognised by British Taekwondo and eligible to participate in all events. The referee will be expected to demonstrate their support to British Taekwondo during their first year of membership. If this is deemed satisfactory, after review by the British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Department, they will then be eligible to apply for the Chief Referee Qualification or to be a British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Tutor.

**International Referees qualifying through other MNAs:** Recommendation for the IR Course will be through the British Taekwondo Referee Department with approval by the British Taekwondo CEO. Referees who bypass this process by seeking recognition by other routes undermine the development pathway. Any UK based referee who qualifies through another MNA will not be eligible to participate in the Chief Referee Qualification training or apply to be a British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Tutor for two years. After two years, their contribution to domestic events will be evaluated by the Poomsae Referee Department and if satisfactory this restriction will be removed.

## 22. Duty

Duties of a British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee

- The National Poomsae Referee shall abide by all the Poomsae Rules with pride and dignity as the National Referee of the British Taekwondo.
- The National Referee shall be familiar with the Competition Rules and guiding principles concerned.
- The National Referee shall officiate at any Taekwondo events without partiality in consideration of the fact that decisions made by the National Referee shall be conclusive.

## 23. Regulations

- a) The Referees shall officiate at Taekwondo events with impartiality.
- b) The Referees shall wear the uniform designated by the British Taekwondo when officiating at the events.
- c) The Referee shall make every effort to ensure that there will be no unnecessary delay of a match because of his or her officiating.

- d) Referees who have been selected to officiate at any official event of British Taekwondo must participate in the event unless there is prior notice of a justifiable reason for absence. Referees are required to attend the referees' meeting and training before the start of the competition.
- e) Sufficient time for preparation and participation will be provided to Class 2 and 3 referees who are competing in a championship.
- f) On satisfactory completion of their services, referees will receive appropriate experience points.

## 24. Forms

Copies of all refereeing forms can be download from the British Taekwondo website and are in the archive Poomsae Refereeing Forms.zip.

Appendix: British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Progression Pathway



# British Taekwondo Poomsae Referee Progression

