

Referee Selection Process for OG Paris 2024

An adequate referee selection process for the Olympic Games is the key to success for an optimal performance. The criteria must be **clear and transparent** for all participants involved in the process and also, for their National Federations.

The UWW Refereeing Commission, following the positive experience of Tokyo 2020, will apply an extensive selection process based on **non-subjective performance criteria under uniform and standardized norms** to assess referees' quality and performance.



This process will be applied globally and will consider the **gender and continental specifics**, needed to accompany the Olympic movement.

The **preliminary conditions** for referees to be considered for inclusion within the selection process for Paris 2024 are:

- ✓ Minimum category IS
- ✓ Women referees from category I might also be considered

Once the referee selection has been fully completed, it will be presented to the **UWW Bureau for its approval**. All National Federations will shortly after be informed about the results as well as the related referees.



Process Description

The Selection Process is part of the **UWW Education Program** for all referees, in which represents the ultimate step and maximum achievement in their careers: the selection for the Olympic Games.

In this process, a **personal dossier** is created for each referee, where detailed information about her/his participation and performance in the diverse competitions he/she may have attended is stored and documented including:

- Personal information
- Record of all competitions
- Performance assessment on each competition
- Comments from instructors
- Short videos about his/her performance



Their performance is documented in the **UWW Performance Matrix**, a tool where the most important aspects in refereeing are reported and analyzed to provide a clearer and transparent picture of the referee. These aspects can be summarized in:

- Accuracy in scoring
- Recognition of fouls and safeguarding athletes from brutality
- Correct enforcement of the passivity
- Control of actions out-of-bounds



Refereeing mechanics



Performance Matrix for Referee Evaluation

	Short	Long
Performance Matrix	Scoring	Level of accuracy in scoring Level of understanding of attacking vs counterattacking actions Level of confidence in making calls Collaboration with Mat-chairman and Judge
	Fouls	Recognize leg fouls in GR Attacking vs Defending fouls / Fleeing the hold / mat Protect athletes from unsupportive actions and brutality
	Passivity	Correct enforcement of the passivity Adequate timing in calling passivity Differentiate passivity from negative wrestling
	Out-of-bounds	Control actions out of bounds Stop actions at the right time Par terre vs standing position
Skills	Control of the bout, position, body language, personality, change levels	

Process Phases

Before even the Selection Process starts, the UWW Refereeing Commission will organize beginning of 2023 a **referee clinic** exclusively dedicated to all category IS referees. In this clinic, the Selection Process will be introduced and fully explained to all participants, including the list of events all selectable referees have to attend, to ensure a smooth application and follow up.

The **Phase 1** of the Selection Process for Paris 2024 will already take place in 2023 at the occasion of following events:

- Seniors Continental Championships (mandatory)
- One Ranking event or one Continental Championships U23, U20*
- * If the U20 Continental Championships are part of the Senior Continental Championships, the concerned referees will have to officiate at least one Ranking event or U23 Continental Championships.

Each referee will have to go through these two competitions in order to complete the first phase of the Selection Process and have a chance to move into the next phase.

Out of this phase a list of referees will be selected to participate in **Phase 2** of the Selection Process to the occasion of the 2023 Senior World Championships in



Belgrade. Referees' not being selected for the Senior World Championships but showing outstanding performance on other age categories' World Championships may also be considered for the 3rd phase.

In November 2023, shortly after the Senior World Championships, the UWW Executive Refereeing Commission will meet and jointly assess the work and performance of the referees and come out with a **pre-selection list** for Paris 2024.

This group of pre-selected referees will still need to go through **Phase 3**, the final phase of their Selection Process to Paris 2024, in which they will have to attend:

- Senior Continental Championships
- Continental Qualifying Tournament for Paris 2024
- World Qualifying Tournament for Paris 2024
- Olympic Seminar for Qualified Referees (in May 2024)

After each phase, every referee will receive personal feedback from the UWW Refereeing Commission for better and equal chances in the process.



The UWW Refereeing Commission.

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