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NLJA Referee report
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This past year I participated in the tournaments in St. John's and Stephenville Crossing and gave a clinic on the evenings prior and also at the tournament and discussed the latest International Judo Federation rules and Judo Canada interpretation of same. I also attended referee seminars and the Canadian Championships in Jonquiere, our own Judo on the Rock technical sessions and the Quebec Open in Montreal

I now have a certified provincial level referee in all practising clubs in Newfoundland and Labrador and I hope we will have continued development at the club level.

I have distributed all the high level new information on to the referees that I receive from JC referee committee and have endeavoured to increase the referee knowledge base especially in Labrador and Gander. To be fair to all coaches, athletes and referees a high level of protocol and professionalism is necessary at all competitions.

I encourage more referee development at the club level and encourage referees that are Provincial "A" level now to make the next step to National "C". There is a National "C" referee here know that is quite capable of moving to National "B" with high level practise off the island and will help facilitate this action if so desired. **Referees looking to referee after taking an extended period away from refereeing should practise their skills at the club and attend referee clinics prior to competition before presenting themselves on the mat to be fair to all concerned as rules are changing all the time.**

I have videos from the recent Judo Canada high level referee technical sessions to share with all who are interested.

I am available to continue this referee development effort if the NLJA executive requests or I would be happy to assist a new chairperson if the situation arises.

Thank you.
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