

Provincial Referee Classifications and Requirements

In the past, the BC Provincial Referee classifications included 4 tiers and different requirements for each tier:

- Provincial Referees (PR)
- Provincial Referees in Training (PRIT)
- Junior Provincial Referees (JPR)
- Junior Provincial Referees in Training (JPRIT)

In 2013, those tiers were simplified to P3, P2, and P1 classes. The requirements for each classification have also been revised as follows:

Provincial 3rd Class (P3 Kyorugi):

- active member of a BC Taekwondo Federation recognized dojang
- annual referee membership registration
- payment of annual dues
- minimum 14 years of age
- minimum **blue** belt (4th keup)
- minimum 1 certification referee seminar every 2 membership years
- minimum grade of 60% on the written exam
- officiate in 1 BC Taekwondo sanctioned tournament every 2 membership years

Provincial 2nd Class (P2 Kyorugi):

- fulfill P3 class requirements,
- minimum 15 years of age
- minimum **red** belt (2nd keup)
- minimum 1 certification referee seminar every 2 membership years
- minimum grade of 75% on the written exam
- minimum 1 refresher seminar each membership year
- officiate in 2 BC Taekwondo sanctioned tournaments every 2 membership years

Provincial 1st Class (P1 Kyorugi):

- fulfill P2 class requirements for at least 1 year
- minimum 16 years of age
- minimum **black** belt (1st Poom or Dan)
- minimum 1 certification referee seminar every 2 years
- minimum grade of 90% pass on the written exam
- minimum 1 refresher seminar each membership year
- officiate in 2 BC Taekwondo sanctioned tournaments every 2 membership years

Provincial Class Poomsae (P class Poomsae):

- minimum 16 years of age
- minimum **black** belt (1st Dan)
- minimum 1 provincial poomsae seminar every 2 membership years
- minimum grade of 75% pass on the written exam
- officiate in 2 BC Taekwondo sanctioned tournaments every 2 membership years

Under the revised classification system, referees who were certified as "JPR" or "JPRIT" were grandfathered as P3 class, "PRIT" referees were grandfathered as P2 class, and "PR" referees were grandfathered as P1 class, as long as the annual membership registration was completed by October 30, 2013, and age and belt minimums were met. For those referees who did not renew their membership before October 30, 2013, their membership is considered lapsed for 1 year and then expired. During the first year that a membership has lapsed, a referee can renew at any time by paying their membership fee and be reinstated at their current provincial class. However, if a membership has lapsed for more than 1 year, that referee's certification will expire and their certification will be revoked and they will need to re-certify from P3 class.

Once referees have officiated for a minimum of 1 year, at P1 class, the BC Referee Committee Chairperson may recommend that the referee consider advancing to National 3rd class (N3), which is administrated by Taekwondo Canada. If you are currently a P1 class referee who is considering advancement to National class, please talk with the BC Referee Committee Chairperson, Master John Kim.

BC Taekwondo Tournaments

Each year, BC Taekwondo sanctions a number of provincial, invitational and open tournaments to which BC Referees are invited and selected. Referee selection will be based on all referees who are officially registered and have paid their annual dues and meet the requirements of a BC Referee.

Out-of-Province national and international referees are also invited to participate at all sanctioned tournaments.

All selected referees who officiate at a tournament for a full day will be eligible to receive an honorarium. For tournaments held in the lower mainland (Group A), those referees traveling from Group B (Vancouver Island), C (Okanagan/Kootenays), D (North/Central Interior) or E (Out-of-Province/State), will also be eligible to receive a travel stipend and hotel accommodation. Details are provided at the referee seminars or contact the Referee Committee.

If you would like to be selected to officiate at upcoming BC tournaments you must first complete your annual [referee registration](#) online.