



Hui-O-Judo Beltsville

Shufu Judo Yudanshakai



## Referee Clinic Summary

Sanctioned by: United States Judo Federation      Sanction number: 12-01-10  
Clinician: Mr Rick Celotto, 7th Dan; International Judo Federation Class "A" Referee  
Referee Education and Training Section of the USA Judo Referee Commission  
Club host/director: Hui-O-Judo Beltsville- host club; Kevin Tamai – event director  
Date: Saturday, 28 January 2012  
Location: Beltsville Academic Center, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland  
Clinic hours: 9 am to 5pm



Summary: Congratulations to all of the judoka who were able to attend the annual Shufu Judo Yudanshakai Referee Clinic on Saturday, January 28 in Beltsville Maryland. This annual clinic is organized by our Shufu Referee Development Chairman, Mr Roy Englert Jr. I believe it is has been going for 27 years. This year our guest clinician was Mr Rick Colotto, an International Class A referee and head of the Referee Education and training section of the USA Judo Referee commission. It was an awesome clinic for all who attended. Mr Celotto provided great insight into the refereeing world. He was able to speak to referees on all levels. He had a wonderful mix of details, humor and stories of refereeing adventures offering both rewarding and challenging experiences. The clinic was attended by over 60 judoka from 17 different clubs in the regional area covering Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC and Pennsylvania.



We started the day with introductions. Rick stated that it is important to know that you are part of a team and that you know the members of your team. Every person here is also a mentor and someone to advise, critique and improve our refereeing. We are a team and it is important to have good cohesiveness on the team. A good portion of the morning was focused on discussion and score analysis based on the 2011 Score Judo DVD. Next we spent time on the tatami going over a referee's expected behavior. We did live demonstration and discussion on Oasekomi waza, Kansetsu waza and shime waza positioning. We also covered basic gestures, change procedures, extemporaneous drills, matte, and judge to judge

communications. Each judoka was given the opportunity to practice and participate. We continued with further analysis of the Score Judo DVD. Lunch was provided by Shufu Yudanshakai and judoka had some time for some socialization.

The afternoon covered the transition rules from NeWaza to Tachi waza. A handout was provided covering the 12 major rules of refereeing. Video clips were shown to help define the actions. Rick covered a variety of refereeing topics. Top discussions were on the dynamic edge and leg grabbing rules, the bear hug, cross back grip, and edge penalties. Another handout was presented on the Article 17, the application of matte. It is important to keep progress in the match. Be careful not to stop action too early and not to let non-action continue. Rick covered special topics including active versus passive, leotard, unsportsmanlike conduct, philosophies of penalties, matte, t-bar, riding, bow protocol. A handout was distributed and thoroughly discusses covering special situations which included medical issues, being knocked unconscious, use of an inhaler, body piercings, makeup, contact lens and kiken gachi. The afternoon ended with more on the mat time with hot topics like Yoko Sangaku Gatame. Rick wrapped up the evening with final questions. It was a wonderful clinic that was very well presented. It was a rewarding and enriching experience for all judoka who were able to attend. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2013 clinic.



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