

USA Taekwondo Referee Profile Questionnaire

First Name:	John	Last Name:	Seiber
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Birth Place:	Kenosha, WI.
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Home Town:	Norris, TN.
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How Long have you been practicing Taekwondo?	Since 1976
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Referee Level:	International 1 st class
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How long have you been a referee?	
At a National level since 1992, but we always had to officiate at the local and state events that we competed in long before then.	

Why did you decide to start refereeing?	I wanted to stay close to the sport.
I felt like officiating at all of the events gave me the best seat in the house; no one is closer to the action other than the fighters than the referee.	

How many competitions do your referee each year?	
It varies each year, but I have had a few years that I did close to 25 events.	

What would you tell other Taekwondo practitioners why they should become a referee?	If one truly loves Taekwondo as I do, I would think that will he/she would want to give back to the art.
I have always enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships that I have made here in the U.S. as well as outside this country. The opportunities to travel and be involved in the sport that you love is very gratifying as well.	

What is your favorite age, belt, and weight class to referee? And why?	
No matter what sport I decide to watch or participate in, I like to try and do it at the highest possible level, this is why I prefer to officiate the highest levels of Black belt competition. Nothing beats the very best athletes.	