

USA Taekwondo Referee Profile Questionnaire

First Name:	Bernard	Last Name:	Robinson
--------------------	----------------	-------------------	-----------------

Birth Place:	Philadelphia, PA
---------------------	-------------------------

Home Town:	Chesterfield, VA
-------------------	-------------------------

How Long have you been practicing taekwondo?	26 years (1983)
---	------------------------

Referee Level:	I/R 1st Class
-----------------------	---------------------------------

How long have you been a referee?	23 years (1986)
--	------------------------

Why did you decide to start refereeing?	In my early days of competing in TKD tournaments, I thought the judging lacked fairness and there were far too many political decisions being made by the officials in the ring. When I tried to work in the ring, I was told I was not qualified. So I got qualified and have been in the ring ever since. Also, my Instructor told me, 'Be an I/R, and see the World'.
--	---

How many competitions do your referee each year?	18 - 20
---	----------------

What would you tell other taekwondo practitioners why they should become a referee?	If fairness matters to you in the sport that you love, and if you like to be as close to the action as you can without having pads on, and you enjoy traveling and learning with like-minded-volunteers.... Come on down. Oh yeah, and if you become an I/R... you can see the World.
--	--

What is your favorite age, belt, and weight class to referee? And why?	
Senior Black Belt, Welter weights. Pound for pound, they seem to hit the hardest and move the fastest... and as a Referee, if you can't move with them, you could be at risk.	