

USA Taekwondo Referee Profile Questionnaire

First Name:	Jim	Last Name:	Montgomery
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Birth Place:	Dayton, Ohio
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Home Town:	Hopkinton, MA
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How Long have you been practicing taekwondo?	~30 years
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Referee Level:	IR, 1st Class
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How long have you been a referee?	
29 years	

Why did you decide to start refereeing?	
I was fortunate that my instructor, Grand Master Moo Yong Lee, encouraged me to participate as a referee right from the beginning of my training in TKD.	

How many competitions do your referee each year?	12-15
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What would you tell other taekwondo practitioners why they should become a referee?	
As a Taekwondo referee, you are able to continue to participate in the sport at its highest level. You can continue to develop not only your physical abilities, but also your judgment and your communication skills. As a referee you play a critical role in preserving the integrity of the competition and the trust of the players and coaches.	

What is your favorite age, belt, and weight class to referee? And why?	
International games, because the level of competition challenges all of your skills as a referee. After that, 18-year old heavyweight green belts—because you never know what's going to happen.	