

USA Taekwondo Referee Profile Questionnaire

First Name:	Anne	Last Name:	Ku
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Birth Place:	Monterey Park, CA
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Home Town:	Walnut, CA
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How Long have you been practicing taekwondo?	16 years
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Referee Level:	IR-2
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How long have you been a referee?	10 years
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Why did you decide to start refereeing?	I had stopped competing at 14 and as a way to get me back into the sport, my father suggested that I attend a local referee seminar. I decided to attend the seminar with a couple of my friends and later that year we were selected to attend the Junior Olympics in Florida. We had so much fun and met so many new people and got to travel out of California for the first time. For me, refereeing became an opportunity to have fun, travel and make friends from around the world.
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How many competitions do your referee each year?	At least 4, but I honestly have lost count
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What would you tell other taekwondo practitioners why they should become a referee?	There is no other way to experience the sport. Other than being a competitor in the ring, there is no other seat in the house as good as the seat of a referee. Sometimes you're the catalyst of excitement other times you are a spectator in the mix of the action. Also, the people and places you will go and meet are experiences money can't buy.
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What is your favorite age, belt, and weight class to referee? And why?	The 14 to 17 year old black belt fly or bantam weights. They are so quick on their feet and they can do such amazing things in the ring. At that age, they are so about [winning] the medal as they are concerned about fighting a good fight.
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