



## COACH CERTIFICATION Requirements and Procedures

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### **Coach Certification Requirements**

The three primary levels of training and certification represent a progression in studying and learning the art of teaching/coaching. They do not represent any specific criteria such as local, regional, national. The first level is an introduction to coaching and teaching methods, with emphasis on teaching in the dojo. The second level expands on the first with more emphasis on training for recreational competition. Finally the third level is for those who wish to learn about teaching students who may have aspirations for higher levels of competition.

We also have a level called Master Coach. This is an honorary award given to select coaches who have displayed exemplary skills as a teacher and coach and have put forth great effort in promoting the USJA Coach Continuing Education program and advancing the knowledge and abilities of our members. Recognition as a Master Coach is at the discretion of the Coach Education and Certification committee.

Anyone is welcome to attend one of our clinics, even if they do not meet the requirements for certification. Any kyu grade member who assists with teaching should be encouraged to attend a clinic.

### **Basic Coach Certification Prerequisites** See Table 1 below

Minimum rank of sankyu for Level 1, shodan for Level 2 or 3

Current USJA membership or Sustaining Life membership

Completed USOC SafeSport program

Completed CDC HeadsUp program

Completed Background Screening procedure

Attend approved USJA clinic for level of certification being sought

Submit required paperwork

Request for Coach Certification

Certificate of completion for SafeSport

Certificate of completion for HeadsUp

Completed and Approved Background Screening

Any time any of the above listed basic prerequisites becomes void or lapses your coach certification will also be voided. Examples are: failure to maintain annual or sustaining life membership, failure to maintain valid background screen, failure to maintain current coach certification.

All first time coach certifications are made at Level 1, regardless of years of experience or rank

Level 1 has minimum rank of sankyu and 17 years old

Level 2 and 3 have minimum rank of shodan

Each level has a minimum time to be certified before advancing to the next level

Advancing a level requires attendance at an approved clinic for the level being sought

Attending a higher level clinic cannot be counted as meeting the clinic attendance requirement for a lower level of certification.

If a person is seeking or eligible for Level 1 certification he cannot count a Level 3 clinic as meeting the clinic requirement for Level 1. That person must attend a Level 1 clinic to fulfill the basic requirements before requesting certification at Level 1.

The same holds true for anyone seeking higher levels of certification; they must attend an approved clinic for the specific level of certification they are seeking.

This also applies to attending clinics to meet requirement for recertification. To be recertified at their previous level they must attend a clinic for that specific level.

**Certification Renewal**

Coach certification is valid for four (4) years assuming all the above listed basic requirements are maintained

You may renew your certification at your present level without having to attend a clinic. Although clinic attendance as a refresher is encouraged

To be certified to the next higher level you must attend a clinic approved for that level of certification

**Recertification**

Any lapse in previous certification due to revocation because of lapse in membership, background screen, or failure to renew, as examples, requires attendance at a clinic for the last level you were certified for. You can then apply for recertification at your former level, assuming you meet all other requirements. If you were certified at level 2 and it lapsed then you must attend a level 2 clinic for recertification. Attending a level 1 or level 3 clinic cannot be used for recertification.

**Recognition of Coach Certification from Other Recognized Judo Organizations** See Table 2 Below

USJA will accept attendance at coach education clinics conducted by USJF and USJI (USAJudo) towards meeting the requirement for clinic attendance for USJA coach certification as long as the clinic was within a year of the Request for Coach Certification with USJA. Clinic must be of a level equivalent to USJA certification level being requested.

In order to request USJA coach certification all other requirements listed above must be met.

Proof of clinic attendance by one of the other organizations must be submitted with USJA Request for Coach Certification Application. Typically this would be verifiable proof of clinic attendance, such as a copy of the clinic attendance list signed by approved clinician. A copy of the certificate for coach certification issued by the other organization may also be accepted. A renewal certificate with no clinic attendance will not be accepted.

An equivalent certification level will be approved by USJA based on table 2 below showing cross reference of USJA levels to the other organizations levels.

Note that USJA does not recognize certifications from other organizations. They simply accept proof of clinic attendance for use when applying for USJA coach certification.

<b>Coach Certification Requirements</b>				Table 1
LEVEL	1	2	3	
MINIMUM RANK	SANKYU	SHODAN	SHODAN	
INITIAL CERTIFICATION	Attend Level 1 Coach Education clinic conducted by approved Coach Ed. Course instructor.	- Attend Level 2 Coach Education clinic conducted by approved Coach Ed. Course instructor. - Level 1 for at least 1 year	- Attend Level 3 Coach Education clinic conducted by approved Coach Ed. Course instructor. - Level 2 for at least 2 years	
CERTIFICATION RENEWAL	- Instruct minimum of 50 hrs. per year.	- Instruct minimum of 100 hrs. per year	- Instruct minimum of 100 hrs. per year	
RECERTIFICATION ( Lapse in previous certification)	Take Level 1 course again	Take Level 2 course again	Take Level 3 course again	

<b>Cross Reference of Coach Certification Levels</b>				Table 2
USJA	1	2	3	
USJF	National, Bronze National	Silver National	Gold National	
USJI/USA Judo	State	Regional	National, Continental, International, International Gold	