



## **Certified Rank Examiner CRE Change(s) to the program December 5, 2015**

**Effective immediately,**

1. **All 3<sup>rd</sup> and above now eligible to be Certified Rank Examiners CRE**
2. **The equivalent ranks statement is removed from current CRE Procedure**

**Effective March 1, 2016,**

3. **All RFP for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Ranks in addition must be signed off by a new or upgraded CRE**

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### **1-All 3<sup>rd</sup> and above now eligible to be Certified Rank Examiners CRE**

**Those holding Sandan can now also become CRE**

**Justification**, there have been numerous requests to open the Certified Rank Examiner program to those holding the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan instead of capping at 4<sup>th</sup> Dan and above. This is viewed as an opportunity to incorporate important lower ranks in the CRE system. The PB objective is to recognize those individuals with so much to offer with understanding they can help pass on valuable knowledge and experience.

### **2-The equivalent ranks statement is removed from current CRE Procedure**

**Justification**, when the PB assumed the CRE program, the PB inherited certain procedures with suggestions to make changes. We also had to incorporate the CRE program into the new Guide. As a result, the PB had unintended consequences and conflicts.

The idea that a CRE would have an equivalent rank based on their CRE level and judo rank was used. This may have caused confusion. This was difficult to control and has created additional work to monitor and verify the equivalent rank status by the National Office and the PB.

**To reduce confusion and misunderstanding, the PB will immediately terminate the equivalent rank statement** from the CRE policy, thereby a CRE must have the Judo rank shown in the Guide and published on the RFP. **There will no longer be an “equivalent rank”.**

**Additional information** January 1, 2015, the PB required all CRE to demonstrate their knowledge of the new promotion system by answering questions and submitting a sample RFP. Those individuals completing this task as well as the newly appointed CRE were considered “**current**” and all others were considered “**inactive**” after a deadline on or about Oct. 15, 2015. The National Office currently has those individuals that are listed “**inactive**” and those individuals that are considered “**current**”. The PB uses the designation lettering CRE, NCRE, and MCRE etc for those current members. See\*

To authorize approval for a candidate on a RFP, the policy now is the head of the club and a certain number of higher ranks must sign the RFP. See the Rank Table on the RFP and in the Guide. RFP for 4D and above require sign off by CRE's who is a **current CRE**. This is expanded effective March 1, 2016 to all Dan rank RFP

All CRE are required to have and use the Guide following all procedures so order from the office

**3-All RFP for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Ranks in addition must be signed off by a new or upgraded CRE**

**To sign a RFP Black Belt promotion, effective March 1, 2016 all of the signatures must be of current Certified Rank Examiner with exception of the approval of the head of the club. At present only 4th Dan ranks and above requires sign off by current CRE to be acceptable.** Since lower ranks require someone have two grades above now to sign off there is no impact on the ranks required or the number required only that they be current CRE.

**Notice: Current CRE's who Upgraded or became a new CRE since Jan 1, 2015 will maintain their status.** The only change for them is the statement on the "equivalent rank". All those individuals that are not now considered current must meet all new requirements. The CRE program is now open to those individuals who are 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan and higher. It should be stressed that in order to sign off any black belt promotion you must be a new CRE or one that "Upgraded" this year (2015). If you did not "Upgrade" this year and were a prior CRE (any level) you no longer meet the requirement to sign off. Contact the CRE committee or undersigned for instructions on being reinstated.

**\*Going forward immediately any black belt with an approved Judo rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan or higher is eligible to become a USJA CRE and the PB will add an additional level and increase the number of promotion points given to current CRE.**

#### **Certified Rank Examiner Levels**

<b><u>CRE Level</u></b> <b><u>Points (per yr)</u></b>	<b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Rank required</u></b>	<b><u>Promotion</u></b>
<i>Certified Rank Examiner</i>	<i>CRE</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Dan</i>	<i>1 point</i>
<i>Regional Rank Examiner</i>	<i>RCRE</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Dan</i>	<i>3 points</i>
<i>National Rank Examiner</i>	<i>NCRE</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Dan</i>	<i>4 points</i>
<i>Master Rank Examiner</i>	<i>MCRE</i>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Dan</i>	<i>5 points</i>
<i>Per RFP Sign off each</i>			<i>1 point</i>

**Requirements:** You must have a copy of the USJA Guide, exhibit familiarity with the promotion system and present a sample RFP, complete the application, meet CRE and USJA membership requirements including have clear back ground screening.

You will receive a certificate and be listed on the USJA website as a CRE. A process fee of \$35 is due. You must maintain your USJA membership and BGS and sign off at least one RFP every 24 month or you may be disqualified as a CRE or downgraded.

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