

Master Jaime M. Schulte

Rank and Certification

4th Dan Kukkiwon (World Taekwondo Headquarters) - (PENDING)

USAT Referee - A level

Training Experience:

Master Schulte started at the University of Vermont in September 1994, under Master J. T. Shields. He became a student of Master E. Hart in 1996 when Master Hart became UVM's instructor.

Teaching Experience:

2007-Present	Master Instructor – UVM Taekwondo
2004-2007	Senior Instructor – UVM Taekwondo
1997-2004	Assistant Instructor – UVM Taekwondo

Administrative Experience:

2002-2004	Referee Chairman, VT. Taekwondo Association (USTU Group A member)
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Referee Experience:

2007 - Junior Olympics
2007 - Senior National Championships
2007 - RingMaster Open
2007 - U.S. National Qualifier #4
2007 - National Collegiate Team Trials
2007 - U.S. National Qualifier #3
2007 - National Collegiate Championships
2007 - U.S. Taekwondo Classic

2006 - Senior National Championships
2006 - INCTL MIT
2006 - Junior Olympics
2006 - RingMaster Open
2006 - National Collegiate Championships

2005 - U.S. National Qualifier #2
2005 - U.S. Taekwondo Classic - awarded *Referee of the Year*
2005 - VT Governor's Cup

2004 - Junior Olympics

2004 - VT Governor's Cup
2004 - Vermont State Referee Chairman for 2004

2003 - Vermont State Championships
2003 - VT Governor's Cup
2003 - Organized Quad-State (VT, NH, ME, MA) Referee Seminar
2003 - Vermont State Referee Chairman for 2003

2002 - Vermont State Championships
2002 - VT Governor's Cup
2002 - Organized Quad-State (VT, NH, ME, MA) Referee Seminar
2002 - National Referee Seminar (Colorado Springs, CO)
2002 - Vermont State Referee Chairman for 2002

2001 - Vermont State Championships
2001 - VT Governor's Cup

In addition Master Schulte has been a referee for numerous local and regional events from 1997 through the present time.

Interests:

Master Schulte has particular interests in Taekwondo instruction and refereeing. He lacks the time to cultivate students of his own at present, but finds working with the UVM program to be very rewarding.

Master Schulte has written the following regarding these interests and the role of the referee:

My aptitude, interests, and opportunities are in the roles of Instructor and Referee. I am not ideally suited physically to becoming a top-level competitor, but there are no limits on how far I could go in other roles. As a referee even the Olympics are not out of reach.

I enjoy refereeing because I am a fan of sport Taekwondo and because of the unique challenges of the role. The referee has the best seat in the house, involved in the action and actively facilitating the match. Refereeing is also a good fit with my personality in that it is one of the most altruistic forms of giving back to Taekwondo.

The referee needs mental and physical performance similar to the competitors, but with a focus on endurance. Mentally a match can be just as intense for the referee as for the competitor. Physically it is less strenuous, but the referee often must maintain that level all day. The role also calls for a high degree of integrity and professionalism, well-developed people and conflict resolution skills, ability to accurately perceive events, consistent good judgment, and the effective management of multiple tasks and priorities in a fast-paced complex environment. The referee's actions and role during the match draw from both sparring and patterns. Some actions are scripted and precise, like patterns. Others are more like sparring and involve spontaneous interaction, both proactive and reactive, with competitors, coaches, judges, and the overall ring area.

Although the referee is not seeking victory as a competitor would, they do seek to be the best and pursue perfection. They are "on-stage" along with the competitors and many eyes evaluate both performances. Referees compete with themselves and other referees in attempting to facilitate the "perfect match". This is a concept advanced by senior referees with the idea being that each match has negative and positive potential. By a mixture of prevention, direction, and correction, the referee can minimize the negative and allow the positive to predominate. For instance, nipping negative behaviors by the competitors in the bud allows the match to progress toward productive exchanges that lead to points being scored. The referee must be a strong presence that the players respect, but unobtrusive so the flow of the match is not unduly interrupted.

Few people have more potential to positively impact sport Taekwondo than an experienced and high-quality referee. The ability to create a consistent and level playing field can positively impact hundreds of people each year. The referee's effect on competitors, while usually not substantial, is very broad. Contrast that with an instructor of similar rank and quality who tends to have a much greater impact, but only for a limited number of people. Senior leadership positions however, such as a Referee Chair role, can have both a substantial and a broad impact by developing an entire generation of referees who in turn shape the quality of competition for thousands of competitors.

All of these characteristics of the referee role are appealing and motivate me toward the next level of achievement.

Quotes:

It is sometimes more important to accomplish your purpose than to receive credit for doing so.

Looking outside the comfort zone of your own school or organization is essential to all reasonable claims of Taekwondo expertise. One must gain enough perspective to accurately fit their training and skills into the larger picture.

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