



USA Taekwondo Referee Profile Questionnaire

First Name:	Holloway	Last Name:	John
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Birthplace:	Norfolk, Va.
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Home Town:	Philadelphia, Pa.
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Residence:	Washington, DC
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How Long have you been practicing taekwondo?	Since February 4, 1971
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Referee Level:	IR 1 st Class
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How long have you been a referee?	Over 30 years
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Why did you decide to start refereeing?	
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Having competed on the national and international level I knew what it felt like to be denied a match due to suspect refereeing and judging. So, after my last competition at the 4th World Championships in 1979 I went to the 1980 Nationals at Berkeley. My very good friend Jay Warwick, who was to become the team captain and 1988 Olympic Bronze medalist, had been training very hard and had moved into my weight division to take "my spot". When we met I told him I had retired from competition. He then asked why was I refereeing? Over 20 years later he reminded me that I said, "To make a difference".

How many competitions do your referee each year?	Around a dozen
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What would you tell other taekwondo practitioners why they should become a referee?	
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Becoming a referee will make you a better player.
It is another option to stay involved in the sport.
To make a difference.
It's the best seat in the house.

What is your favorite referee experience?	
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Anytime a player, coach or parent says, "thanks".

What separates USAT referees from other referees?	
They are being held to a higher standard. Integrity is not an issue as it was in the past.	

What is something about yourself that many may not know about you?	
I've reffed matches of all our Olympians and many of our National team members who now coach, including Sherman, Peter, Christina, Jean, Patrice, and the only female National team member to become a 1st Class International Referee, Valerie Long.	