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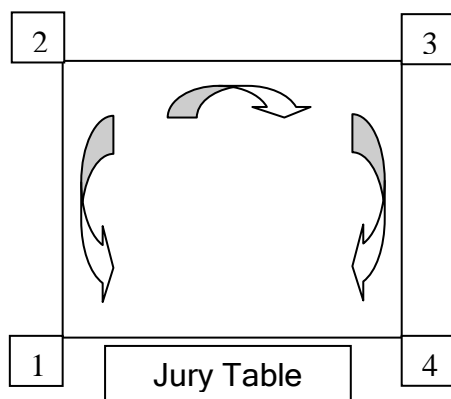


Ms Audrey Condon (Kilmacow) centre refereeing at the National Umpire course

Umpire Tips:

Centre Referee.

- 1) Keep eye-contact with the Jury President every 10 to 15 seconds as you move about the ring.
- 2) Try and face the Jury table as you move, especially when giving warnings. i.e. never have your back to the Jury table.
- 3) Try and position yourself so that the Corner Judges and Jury President have a clear view of the competitors. (try and move in the area of the ring indicated by the arrows in the diagram below)
- 4) Keep a distance of about 2 m from the competitors (move with them). It allows you to see the head attacks and the low kicks without having to switch focus.
- 5) Use your voice and give clear sharp hand signals
- 6) Look confident (even if you're not)



Umpire Promotions 2008

Promoted to 'A' Class National Umpire

Ms. Marina O'Donnell (Galway)
 Mr. Martin Roe (St Marks)
 Mr. Mark Pollock (Old Bawn)

Promoted to 'B' Class National Umpire

Ms. Audrey Condon (Kilmacow)
 Mr. Graham Ford (AIB)
 Ms. Denise Hanrahan (Carrick-on-Suir)
 Mr. Colin Jennings (AIB)

Promoted to 'C' Class National Umpire

Mr. Gerald Byrne (Old Bawn)
 Mr. Noel O' Donovan (Cork)
 Mr. Conor Dunne (Athlone)
 Mr. Jason Ford (AIB)
 Mr. Eamon Kennedy, (Boyne Valley)
 Mr. David Freeman, (St Mark's)
 Mr. Thomas Dalton, (Carrick-on-Suir)
 Mr. Eamon Gilson (Rowlagh)

Senior Master Barrett, Master Howard and Mr O'Donnell had the honour of being selected to Umpire at the Euros 2008 in Croatia.



The European ITF plan on running International Level Umpire courses in 2008/2009. 2nd Degree and above are eligible to attend.

2008 Tournament Calendar

We'll need your help at the following events:

Sat. 11th October: Munster Open, host to be confirmed.

Sat. 8th November: Team Challenge Tournament, hosted by St Marks TKD School

Sat. 6th December: Irish Open Championships, Venue to be confirmed.

Please confirm your attendance with the Umpire Committee one week in advance of each event - thank you!