



EPBF Regulations for Referees

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1. Regulations for the referees

Regulations for referees are following the decision by the EPBF Board published by the Head referee. These regulations are valid for all tournaments organized or sanctioned by the EPBF.

1.1. Head referee

The Head referee is appointed by the EPBF board and is responsible for the creation and leadership of a cadre of referees, as well as the education and bringing into action of the referees when this for various events and championships is required. The Head referee shall try to find colleagues responsible for questions concerning referees in all member federations. In federations that already have a national Head referee he/she is to be addressed. The Head referee has a substitute. The substitute can be entrusted the carrying out of various tasks at the liberty of the Head referee.

1.2. Criteria to enter in the referee Team

Only the top referees should be asked to participate in the EPBF referee team, with a preference of having referees from different countries. The basis of the team should form from maximum of thirty (30) referees, chosen from the best results on the referee course and exam made by the EPBF Official

1.3. Criteria to go out from the referee Team

The period of the license given by the EPBF is two (2) sports seasons. Referees who have participated in minimum of 4 international events, sanctioned by the EPBF, are automatically kept in the team.

If a referee hasn't had a chance of participation in requested number of events he/she has a right to re validate license by taking the referee exam again.

When the WPA changes the rules of play, all of the referees in the team must re validate their license no later than 6 months after the new set of rules takes place.

1.4. EPBF License

A referee must be registered with the EPBF through the National Federation within the area in which the referee resides. License will run from the date of registration until the following 31 December.

National Federations may re-examine licensed referees administered by them as determined by The EPBF. The EPBF must be notified of the names of referees who do not meet the standard determined by the National Federation.

Where considered not to be fit and proper to act as a referee the license may be removed or suspended by the National Federation or by the EPBF. National Federations are to notify the EPBF of any action in this respect.

2. Recruitment, Basic Referee Training and Initial Examination

The EPBF and National Federations shall be responsible for the recruitment, basic training and initial examination of referees.

The requirements and standards for the Basic Referee Course shall be set annually by the EPBF.

All candidates shall be examined as to their suitability to be a referee by an initial examination at the end of a Basic Referees Course. The initial examination shall be both written and oral as prescribed by the EPBF

Candidates who do not reach the standard required by the EPBF in the initial examination may not be presented for further examination until a period of 3 months has elapsed.

3. Classification

On behalf of the EPBF each National Federation must classify referees administered by their Federation.

The classification period runs from 1 January in each year, or the date of successful completion of the initial examination, to the following 31 December.

Each year referees are to be classified as follows: International Referees who are members of the EPBF Referee Squad:

Level 1 – Intercontinental Referees selected by the EPBF to serve at the WPA events

Level 2 – International Referees selected by the EPBF to serve at the EPBF events

Level 3 – International Referees, other than those on the Level 2 list, selected to officiate only with at least 3 'Level 2' referees at the EPBF events.

Level of recognition – Referees who have passed the referee exam but don't have the right to participate in international events.

When a referee changes residence from one National Federation to another, the classification level will be accepted by the National Federation in to whose area the referee has moved.

Annually, referees will be required to complete successfully a written examination, as determined by the EPBF, prior to having their license confirmed. On initial selection for promotion to a higher level referees may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability against criteria determined by the EPBF.

The EPBF will determine the acceptable number of matches required for consideration to be selected to Levels 2 and above.

4. Referee Courses / Referee Congress

National Federations are to advise successful candidates of the initial examination, in writing, the local competitions on which they are eligible to officiate.

Lists of referees shall be determined each season at the referee course and only referees included in such lists may officiate in matches during the season.

5. Appointments

Licensed EPBF Referees are not allowed to officiate in any tournaments, which are not sanctioned by the EPBF/WPA.

6. Referee Discipline

Referees should be aware of the process by which any acts of misconduct, or indiscipline in relation to their license, will be dealt with by the EPBF and/or National Federation.

7. Nominations to the EPBF Referee Courses

National Federations should identify those candidates that they consider suitable to attend the EPBF Referee Course in accordance with the criteria