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Regulations for Official IHF Referee Courses

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Article 1

All examinations and promotions of referees for the 'International Referee' status shall take place within the context of the IHF Global Referee Training Programme (GRTP), an observation in the candidates' own country or during a Junior or Youth World Championship.

1. The examinations of referees for the International Referee status may take place during the regular training and testing events or through a specifically scheduled examination event.
2. No promotions to the IHF level may take place outside the events mentioned in Article 1.



Article 2

Only referees who are currently recognised as 'Continental Referees' may undergo examinations for promotion to the International Referee status.



Article 3

In principle, nominations of referees for examination for the International Referee status are the prerogative of the IHF PRC.

1. The Continental Confederations are consulted, through their representatives on the IHF PRC, at the time an IHF examination is proposed, but they have no decision-making authority as the participants are under the jurisdiction of the IHF PRC. However, if a referee is included without yet having reached Continental status, a Continental Confederation may require that such status be reached prior to testing for the IHF level.



Article 4

In line with the policies for the GRTP and official IHF Referee assessments and for the nomination to IHF events, the normal maximum age for referees to undergo examination for the International Referee status is 40. There is no minimum age.

1. The IHF PRC reserves the right to make minor exceptions in unusual circumstances, taking into account, for instance, the age of the referee's normal partner and the desire to maintain an optimal representation in terms of gender and geography.



Article 5

The IHF PRC is responsible for the organisation of all examinations, as necessary in collaboration with the organisers of tournaments or matches used in connection with the examinations (e.g., Continental Confederations, National Federations or clubs).



Article 6

The function of instructors and assessors is normally reserved for IHF PRC members and IHF PRC Lecturers, together with colleagues from the IHF CCM and the IHF MC.

1. The IHF PRC may allow the inclusion of official lecturers affiliated with the three Commissions.



Article 7

As the teaching, testing and conducting of matches will primarily take place in English, each candidate must be fully proficient in English.



Article 8

The contents of the examinations will be closely aligned with the curriculum for the GRTP and official IHF Referee assessments and will have a broad coverage.

1. The matches used for the examinations must be of sufficiently high quality for their purpose, preferably at the senior and/or international level. The matches should be regular competition matches (not exhibitions).
2. The testing will include aspects such as rules knowledge, awareness of current rules interpretations, understanding of technical and tactical aspects of handball, practical aspects of court behaviour (work distribution, movements), leadership skills, decision-making ability, communications and language skills.
3. This testing will take the form of written examinations, including rule tests and video tests, and/or oral examinations, interviews and practical tests, in addition to observations from the match performances.
4. The physical testing will focus on endurance, speed, agility and coordination. Cognitive skills will be tested. Medical fitness will be reviewed.



Article 9

The overall results of the examinations, as established by IHF PRC on the basis of the verdict of the instructors/assessors used in each case, cannot be appealed.



Article 10

The financial responsibility for the organisation of an examination rests with the IHF. However, as regards travel costs for the participating referees, the respective National Federations are in principle responsible.