

ITTF Development Information Session



URC Developments and Courses

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URC Major Responsibilities

- ❑ Education and certification
- ❑ Raise the standard and consistency of officiating
- ❑ Selection of Match Officials
- ❑ Information and communication

Education and certification

- ❑ Basic courses for developing regions with input from Continental Federations and cooperation with Development Department and Continental Development Officers
- ❑ Self pace courses ITTF website
- ❑ Continue AUT and Blue-Badge programme
- ❑ International Referee programme

Umpires accreditation system

- Level-1: Basic Certified Umpire
Course 3 days, exam, certificate
- Level-2: National umpire
Course 1 day, exam, certificate
- Level-3: International umpire (IU)
White-Badge
Preparation course 1 day
- High Performance: International Blue-Badge umpire (IU-BB)
Course 1 day, exam, evaluations, interview

Referees accreditation system

- ❑ Level-1: Basic Certified Referee (BCR)
Course 1 day, very basic
- ❑ Level-2: National Referee (NR)
Course 3 days, exam, certificate
- ❑ Level-3: International referee (IR or CR)
Certified Referees (CR) are not qualified as IR referees for ITTF events, but CR's can be appointed as deputy referees in ITTF events for competitions that are organized in their own country, or where their language is the main language.
- ❑ High Performance: to be developed

Organising ITTF Umpires/Referee Courses

There is 2 means by which you can organise ITTF Level-1, -2, -3 Umpire Courses and/or Level-1, -2 Referee Courses.

- ❑ **ITTF Development Programme Course**
Courses offered on rotation basis. For more information contact the Continental Development Officer and/or the ITTF Executive Director-Development ["Glenn Tepper" gtepper@ittf.com]
- ❑ **URC Application** by contacting the Chairperson, ITTF URC["Albert Rooijmans" albert@ittf.com].

ITTF Development Programme

Umpire/Referee Courses

When your country is allocated a course, following the rotation policy, you may choose from Coach Education, Training Camp, Women's Course or **Umpire and Referee Education** or a possible combination depending on the skills of the expert and your needs.

URC Application

Umpire/Referee Courses

Applications (not covered by Development Programme) may be made to the URC. After approval, the ITTF will provide the Trainer.

The organisers are responsible for:

- ❑ Travelling expenses for the Trainer
- ❑ Hospitality for the Trainer
- ❑ Airport transfer and local transportation
- ❑ Course and examination materials and facilities

Who may attend the Level-1, -2, -3 Umpire Courses

- There is no pre-qualification to attend the Level-1 course, other than being interested in the game of table tennis and especially umpiring. Experience has shown that the course has benefited coaches and players, too, and they are also encouraged to attend.
- Level-2: certified L1 or equivalent
- Level-3: certified L2 or equivalent

It is expected that the number of participants will be between 10 and 25.

International Umpire Examination

- ❑ Examination every 2 years (even years), period April/May
- ❑ Invitations send out by ITTF head office
- ❑ 50 multiple choice questions
- ❑ Exam may be translated
- ❑ Supervision executed by Associations

Level-3 Preparation course possible

ITTF Advanced Umpire's Training

International Umpires with at least 2 years international experience and excellent performance that have the ambition can try to gain the Blue Badge qualification. It will be obvious that this qualification will be an increasing factor in umpire selection.

ITTF Advanced Umpire's Training

One day course, scheduled by URC, always in combination of an ITTF sanctioned event.

Focus on: Presentation, Field of play procedures, evaluations process and exam.

The training does not cover the material asked in the exam. Participants must have a very strong knowledge of rules in advance and must be up to date on recent rule changes.

Costs for participants

ITTF Advanced Umpire's Training

Costs for Participants

- ❑ A course fee of US\$40
- ❑ Participants are required to pay for the extra personal costs (e.g. hotel and food) when arriving one day earlier.

Referee education

The referee education:

- ❑ Basic Referee Course, August 2009, introduction of a new 1-day course.
- ❑ National Referee (renamed from BCR), October 2008, introduction of a new 3-day programme which will provide participants with knowledge to be a **national referee**, and also the opportunity to be tested and certified.
- ❑ International Referee, 4-days IR school completely renewed in 2007/2008

Who may attend the Level-1, -2 Referee Courses

- There is no pre-qualification to attend the Level-1 course, other than being interested in the game of table tennis and especially refereeing. Experience has shown that the course has benefited coaches and players, too, and they are also encouraged to attend.

- Level-2: certified L1 or equivalent

It is expected that the number of participants will be between 10 and 25.

ITTF International Referee's Training

National referees with excellent performance and good experience that have the ambition to officiate as referee at international ITTF sanctioned events can try to gain the **International Referee** qualification.

Pre-qualification is required.

How to qualify for ITTF International Referee's Training

Main requirements:

- ❑ Qualified and active is National Referee;
- ❑ Proven experience at international level;
- ❑ Next to good technical skills also English ability and communication skills;
- ❑ Preferable first Level-2 referee course;
- ❑ Acceptance policy by URC selection panel

ITTF International Referee School

The Referee school is a 4 days training with exercises and written examinations, ending with an individual oral interview.

Global summary of subjects:

- ❑ Rules, Competition Methods, Draw and seeding, Scheduling, Racket Control
- ❑ Managing people, Briefing umpires, Working with Competition Manager
- ❑ Written examination and oral interview

Costs for participants

ITTF International Referee School

Costs for Participants

- ❑ A course fee of US\$100
- ❑ Participants are required to pay for their personal hospitality and costs (e.g. hotel and food).

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Thank you for your attention.

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