



Dear Associations,

ITTF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES and EVALUATORS CONFERENCE 2020

Introduction

The ITTF makes great efforts in development and continuous education of match officials. Other than the current Blue Badge Programme for Advanced International Umpires, the ITTF-Umpires and Referees Committee is also working on a Referee Programme for the education and development of existing referees, and for a new generation of referees.

The ITTF-Umpires and Referees Committee and Table Tennis England will co-organise an International Conference for current IRs from 27th to 29th November, 2020 in Birmingham. All International Referees are strongly advised to attend the IR Conference as referees must attend at least one out of two consecutive IR conferences to maintain their status as active IR (e.g. 2017 and 2020). Additionally, evaluators are invited to participate as the new evaluation process and performance assessment will be discussed.

The tentative details of the event are as follows:

- Performance assessment
- Evaluations
- Organisational procedures/communication between match officials and URC
- TTR
- Conflict management
- Consistency in rules interpretation
- Draw and schedule
- Para table tennis
- Referee Career Development
- Any other business

Aims and Objectives of the IR Conference

1. To introduce the performance assessment and evaluation process.
2. To strengthen the knowledge and skills and raise the standard and competence of current IRs.
3. To review the referee's role, and cooperation with other tournament officials.
4. To improve communication and presentation skills.
5. To strengthen the skills in the field of draws and scheduling.
6. To discuss the consistency of referee decisions.

Date and Place

27th – 29th November 2020, Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham, England
(27.11.2020 10:00 – 29.11.2020 14:00)

Participants

All current ITTF IRs and evaluators are recommended to attend the conference.



Language

The conference will be conducted in English.

Hospitality/Conference Fee

1. Conference fee: USD 70.00
2. Hospitality package:
 - Single occupancy room and all conference costs including meals **£475**
 - Twin room* and all conference costs including meals **£365**
 - Conference only (no hotel room but does include lunch) **£145**
3. The amount covers
 - ✧ Accommodation (3 nights)
 - ✧ Breakfast, lunch and evening meal on Friday and Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.
 - ✧ Coffee / Tea Breaks during conference
 - ✧ All conference cost including WiFi
 - ✧ Access to a 50m swimming pool and gym

Conference Room: Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham, England

Hotel: Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham, England

Airports and transfer possibilities to the hotel:

London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport to London Euston (approx. 40mins)

London Euston to Birmingham New Street (approx. 1hour 20mins)

Birmingham New St to Birmingham University (approx. 5mins)

Cost around £50 per journey

Birmingham Airport

Birmingham International to Birmingham New St (approx. 10mins)

Birmingham New St to Birmingham University (approx. 5mins)

Cost around £5 per journey

Manchester Airport

Manchester Airport to Crewe (approx. 1 hour)

Crewe to Wolverhampton (approx. 40mins)

Wolverhampton to Birmingham Airport (approx. 10 mins)

Birmingham New St to Birmingham University (approx. 5mins)

Cost around £50 per journey

East Midlands Airport

East Midlands Airport to East Midlands Parkway (bus/taxi) (approx. 10 mins)

East Midlands Parkway to Derby (approx. 15mins)

Derby to Birmingham University (approx. 55 mins)

Cost around £55 per journey

Airport Birmingham



Participants are responsible for their own travel costs and arrangements within England and any other cost incurred. Table Tennis England will help if required with advice.

Should you need a visa, please send relevant details (full name as in passport, date of birth, place of birth, passport number, date of expiry of passport) to NEWTON Chris chris.newton@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Table Tennis England will issue an invitation letter.
Please note that all costs associated with the visa application are for your account.
Please note that the English consulate will issue visas in its sole discretion.

Participants, who need to stay longer, must pay £ 80 per person.

Travel details must be sent no later than 01st September 2020 to
NEWTON Chris chris.newton@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Please **confirm your participation until 01st August 2020** with email to urc@ittf.com and chris.newton@tabletennisengland.co.uk

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