

# INVITATION



## Referees 2020 Invitation for World Tour, Platinum Events and World Cups

Dear Friends,

The ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee (URC), in cooperation with the Organising Committees of the World Tour Events, cordially **invite National Associations** to nominate up to one (1) International Referee (IR) for each of these prestigious events.

### 2020 World Tour Platinum

- German Open, Magdeburg: 28 January – 2 February, First Stage 28 – 29 January
- Qatar Open, Doha: 3 – 8 March, First Stage 3 – 4 March
- Japan Open, Kitakyushu: 21 – 26 April, First Stage 21 – 22 April
- China Open, Shenzhen: 12 – 17 May, First Stage 12 – 13 May
- Australia Open, Geelong: 23 – 28 June, First Stage 23 – 24 June
- Austrian Open, Linz: 10 – 15 November, First Stage 10 – 11  
November
- World Tour Grand Final, 10 – 13 December, Host TBA

### 2020 World Tour

- Hungarian Open, Budapest: 18 – 23 February, First Stage 18 – 19 February
- Hong Kong Open, Hong Kong, China: 5 – 10 May, First Stage 5 – 6 May
- Korea Open: 16 – 21 June, (City TBA) First Stage 16 – 17 June
- Czech Open, Olomouc: 25 – 30 August, First Stage 25 – 26 August
- Bulgaria Open, Panagyurishte: 1 – 6 September, First Stage 1 – 2 September
- Swedish Open, Stockholm: 3 – 8 November, First Stage 3 – 4 November

### 2020 World Cups

- ITTF Men's World Cup, Dusseldorf (GER): 16-18 Oct
- ITTF Women's World Cup, Bangkok (THA): 23-25 Oct

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**For each nominated referee the association may order the preferred tournaments for this referee in ranking order 1-3 (only one World Cup event can be selected).**

ITTF URC will give priority to IRs who have achieved Advanced Referee status for Platinum and World Cup events. It is ITTF policy to encourage female participation whenever possible, so please encourage your female referees to seriously consider applying for these prestigious assignments.

Referees need to arrive no later than two days before the qualification starts and Deputy Referees one day before the start of the qualification.

The organiser will refund the travel costs. Flights shall only be booked after having received the final decision of ITTF URC about the working days for the specific event.

Since this is an open invitation, unfortunately many referees nominated may not be selected.

The URC will confirm the selection by no later than

30. November 2019 for the World Tour events January – June 2020

For the Events July – December 2020 – 6 months before the start of the event

An announcement will be made on the ITTF website.

Please submit your nominations indicating names, IR numbers and status (IR or AR) of the nominated referees

**not later than 20.11.2019**

**with events in ranking order.**

Please use the attached nomination form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQH102J\\_wl-ZXJlhZ9s5H1b-ffonWmOwva-tIF-aOp7HW\\_IA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQH102J_wl-ZXJlhZ9s5H1b-ffonWmOwva-tIF-aOp7HW_IA/viewform)

Each Referee shall receive a daily allowance of 100 USD/working day.

Thank you very much for your support,

Yours faithfully

ITTF URC

Background Information

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Starting with 2020 following selection criteria will be used:

- URC will nominate Referee and 1 Deputy Referee for the whole event in cooperation with the host
- The Host association of an event may nominate 1 deputy referee for the qualification and main draw (except final day(s) with only one table)
- At least two-third of the Referees shall be from Associations other than the Host.