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Match Officials 2020 World Tour, Platinum Events and World Cups

Dear Friends,

Following procedure in the field of match officials will be implemented:

1. Selection process for referee team

An open invitation for all events has already been published by ITTF and **all** referees can apply through their National Association. After the deadline for nomination, the selection of the referee and the one deputy referee is done by ITTF URC in close cooperation with the organiser.

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.

Please submit the nomination of your deputy referee of your event to Werner Thury via email at w.thury@oettv.org indicating the name

not later than 20.11.2019 for all events January – April 2020

not later than four months before the event for all events May – December 2020

2. Selection process for main draw and final days umpires

The selection of umpires for the main draw is done by ITTF URC in close cooperation with the organiser.

The home association of an event has the possibility to nominate up to 8 Blue Badge umpires of their association for the main draw and up to two Blue Badge umpires of their association for the final days.

If the home association of an event has less than 4 Blue Badge umpires in total, they can nominate additional White Badge Umpires to have at least four home umpires for the Main Draw.

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Please submit the nominations of your umpires for the main draw/final days of your event to Werner Thury via email at w.thury@oettv.org indicating names, IU numbers and status (BB) of the nominated umpires

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3. Selection process for the First stage

Selection and invitation of additional umpires for the first stage will be done by the organiser. All 16 umpires of the main draw are also officiating in the first stage.

In the first stage it is possible to also use National Umpires or White Badge Umpires.

4. Number of umpires

All events are divided into different stages:

First stage, Main Draw and Final Days (last two days of an event)

Each stage requires a different number of umpires. The number of umpires depends on the tables in use for each stage.

- First stage: Number of tables x 2 +2 – at least one umpire per table is required
- Main draw: Number of tables x 4
- Final days (1 table): 6

In the **first stage at least one**, preferably two umpires, per table is used.

- The host Association also has the possibility to develop their National Umpires by giving them the opportunity to officiate in international matches, thus gaining valuable experience.

In the main draw two international umpires per table are used.

5. Costs

- Referee: 100 USD or the equivalent for each day of the competition and two days for the preparation before the event

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- Deputy Referee: 100 USD or the equivalent for each day of the competition and one day for the preparation before the event
- Blue Badge umpires shall receive a daily allowance of 100 USD or equivalent for each working day in the main draw and 60 USD or equivalent for each working day in the first stage.
- Other umpires nominated by the organisers shall receive a daily allowance of at least 30 USD or equivalent.
- The umpires of the final days will also receive their travel costs.
- Accommodation is paid for all umpires during their working days (arrival one day earlier and departure the day after their last working day).
- If umpires want to stay longer (e.g. until finals), organisers can offer them specific rates.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your support,

Yours faithfully

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