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1. Introduction

Past experiences during international Tchoukball matches showed how necessary it is to count on qualified referees on a technical and socio-educative point of view. For that purpose, the FITB Technical Commission (FITB-TC) will organize international referee seminars as often as requested and necessary.

The aim of the present regulations is to define the working basis for the FITB-TC. They set the minimal requirements to obtain and to keep the official license of *FITB international referee A, B, C*.

The FITB-TC hopes that the candidates and the referees will enjoy refereeing at international level.

2. General Rules

2.1 Validity

2.1.1 These regulations come into force on April 1st 2011. Their validity is unlimited, unless new regulations come into force.

2.1.2 Modifications can be adopted by the FITB-TC without explicit agreement from the General Assembly.

2.2 Responsibility

2.2.1 The FITB-TC is responsible for the present regulations.

2.2.2 The FITB-TC organizes international referee seminars and deliver the official titles. Only FITB-TC is allowed to organize such seminars. The FITB-TC is known as “the organizer” unless the FITB-TC delegates a continental federation or a national federation to organize the seminar. In that case, the continental federation is known as “the organizer” and the FITB-TC as “supervisor”.

2.2.3 The FITB-TC may delegate the organization of a referee seminar to a continental federation and/or a National Federation. The detailed program, the general conditions as well as the names of the seminar leaders must be communicated by the continental federation before the opening of the registration for approval by the FITB-TC.

2.2.4 The FITB-TC may upon request, delegate the organization of C referee seminars to a continental federation, and allow the continental federation to award the title of FITB

International referee C (FITB continental referee) to the successful candidates. The list of the successful candidates shall be sent to the FITB-TC within one month following the end of the seminar, in order to up-date the referee database, and send certificate, and card to the Referees.

2.3 Titles

2.3.1 The official titles delivered are “FITB international referee N”. Where N is the letter A, B, or C to define the level of certification obtained.

2.3.2 A title is delivered when all requirements, for the title, have been fulfilled.

2.4 Financing

2.4.1 The organizer asks the referee candidates for a contribution to the cost of the referee seminar. The amount of this contribution is decided by the FITB-TC (or proposed by the continental federation/National Federation and approved by the FITB-TC, see 2.2.3).

2.4.2 The referee candidate, in case of success, will be asked to pay at least for one FITB Referee uniform. It is as his discretion to buy more and/or referee warm-up suit. The price of the mandatory uniform may be included in the registration fee.

2.5 Appeal

2.5.1 Written appeal must be addressed to the FITB executive committee no later than 15 days after the organizer notified his decision to the referee or the candidate.

2.5.2 The FITB executive committee communicates his decision no later than 30 days after the receipt of the appeal. This communication must be in writing addressed to the candidate with a copy to the organizer, and/or FITB-TC.

3. Objectives, Pre-Requisite, Requirements, Criteria

3.1 Objectives

3.1.1 Training of FITB international referee candidates, with the goal to prepare them to referee international Tchoukball matches.

3.1.1 The referee must show irreproachable behavior, stamped with the socio-educative aspects of the Tchoukball Charter and the Code Of Ethics. He must keep in mind that he is a

model of respect, honesty, tolerance, and modesty. He must be respected both for his technical and human competencies.

3.1.2 The referee will sign the Tchoukball Participant Code of Ethics, T-04 CodeOfEthics at the time of the seminar.

3.1.2 They are three levels of license: A, B, and C.

3.2 Description and rights of the type of licenses

3.2.1 **Level A** is the highest level that a referee can reach (FITB International Referee A). The referee can officiate as a referee to any FITB events. He/she can supervise and evaluate referee A, B, C candidates, during practice sessions and/or during the FITB Event. He/she can be appointed as a member of the Appeal Committee and be called upon any disputes that may arise during an event.

3.2.2 **Level B** is the second level of referee (FITB International Referee B). The referee can officiate as a referee to any FITB events. He/she can assist an instructor during a referee seminar. National referee recommended by their National Federation can directly enter to a B seminar.

3.2.3 **Level C** is the first level of referee (FITB International Referee C, also known as the FITB Continental Referee). The referee can officiate as a referee to any FITB Continental Events (CTC) and/or WYTC FITB Junior Tournament. He/she can assist an instructor during a C referee seminar.

3.3 Pre-requisite to apply as a candidate for a FITB referee seminar

3.3.1 The person must be presented by his own national Tchoukball federation, (exception see Art. 3.3.7) and

3.3.2 The person must be able to speak and understand basic English (exceptions may be decided by the FITB-TC), and:

3.3.3 **Level A** The person will be appointed by the FITB-TC: (the below requirements need to be met before being considered for appointment to this level)

- has officiated as a referee to at least 50 matches in FITB events.
- possess the level FITB Referee Level B for at least 5 years.
- agree to a session with video during a match while officiating as a referee.
- sign the Code of Ethics Agreement.

3.3.4 **Level B** The person must be 18 years old (Observer must be 16 year old)

- has officiated as a referee to at least 4 matches in FITB events in the last 6 years
- possess the level FITB Referee Level C for at least 2 years. See also 3.3.5
- pass the appropriate B exam by 80%, and B practice evaluation by 90%

- sign the Code of Ethics Agreement.
- be proposed by a National Federation (reference letter)

3.3.5 Referee who passed a National Referee training approved by the FITB-TC (see 3.3), can enter the level B to obtain the FITB international referee B title. Candidate without a FITB International Referee C level, who wishes to enter the level B to obtain the FITB International referee B title, will be considered on a case by case basis by the FITB-TC

3.3.6 **Level C** The person must be 18 years old. (Observer must be 16 year old)

- be proposed by a National Federation (reference letter) See also 3.3.7 and 3.3.8
- has some officiating as a referee experiences
- pass the appropriate C exam, and C practice evaluation by 80%
- sign the Code of Ethics Agreement.

3.3.7 Level C candidates may be candidates coming from country with or without National Federation, and therefore with or without any national referee training. Therefore, the candidate may be accepted by sending a request to the FITB-TC

3.3.8 The national federation, in case it exists, must endorse the application of the candidate. It is not necessary that the national seminar was organized by the national federation that present the candidate

3.3.9 The FITB International Referees who obtained the title before the date of application of these regulations (dates of these rules) will be considered as “FITB International Referee B”, and the new card will mention the level of certification.

3.4 Referee seminar

3.4.1 Teaching and nomination of FITB international referees include:

- Inscription and pre-selection of the candidates according to art. 3.3.
- Theoretical, and practical duration of the referee seminar for C level is a minimum of 12 hours, and the referee seminar level B (Minimum 8 hours), usually just before an FITB event. The seminar will be given in English.
- **Level A** there will be no workshop for A referee and they will be appointed:
- **Level B** the content of the seminar shall include:

-History of Tchoukball and the rules of Tchoukball

-Revision of Rules (General) and Hand signals

-Rules (Specific Features)

-Code of Ethics and the Charter

-Exercise with landing and travelling

- Round table discussion of scenarios.
 - Debriefing of officiating practices through video playback
 - Official Features
 - Respect and Impartiality
 - Other official FITB events and differences
 - ER-06-RICR FITB Regulation For FITB referee
- **Level C** the content of the seminar shall include:
 - FITB referee cursus honorum
 - Basic history of the sport
 - Charter, Ethics of Tchoukball Role model;
 - The role of the referee before, during and after the match
 - Rules and interpretations of the rules
 - Hand signals
 - Refereeing techniques
 - An overview on other way to play Tchoukball (fast explanation of the difference in rules in beach and wheelchair Tchoukball)
 - How to fill the score sheet
 - Refereeing different kind of Tchoukball matches
 - ER-06-RICR FITB Regulation For FITB referee
 - Theoretical exam (written) about rules and referee gestures, Code of Ethics agreement signed by the candidate, etc.
 - If the theoretical exam is passed with success, the referee candidate will officiate as a referee apprentice for minimum 1 match during the FITB event. During this match, two to three Referees of the appropriate level of certification (art.3.3 and following) belonging to at least two different countries, will observe the candidate and evaluate his performance (practical exam). If the candidate fails the theoretical exam, the candidate is not allowed to officiate as a referee in any international match.
 - If the practical evaluation is passed with success, the candidate gets the FITB international referee title. The FITB-CT gives him a certificate, a referee card, with the

mention “FITB international referee N” according of the level achieved, and a referee uniform. In addition the referee will receive a red and yellow card, a whistle. At his/her discretion he/she can buy referee warm-up suit. Note: a successful candidate must wear the FITB referee uniform while officiating during a FITB event.

- Once the candidate graduates he/she shall attend the FITB event following the seminar and officiate as referee.

3.5 Requirements

3.5.1 The FITB-TC set the minimal requirements to pass the theoretical exams and practical evaluations, for all levels.

3.5.2 If a candidate fails an exam (theoretical or practical), the organizer must explain to him in writing the reasons. The organizer must give a “Plan of Action” to the candidate and send a copy of it to the FITB-TC. Right to appeal is guaranteed (art. 2.5).

3.6 Failure

3.6.1 If a candidate fails the theoretical or the practical exam, he is considered to have failed the seminar.

3.6.2 The registration fee is non-refundable

4. Validity, renewal and withdrawal of the FITB referee title

4.1 Validity and renewal of the title

4.1.1 The FITB referee titles are valid for 4 years. The start and end dates of the 4-years period are written on the FITB referee card.

4.1.2 After this 4-years period, the title is renewed for another 4-years period if and only, the requirements of art. 4.2 and 4.3 are fulfilled. It is the responsibility of the referee to renew on time his/her license by sending a request to the FITB-TC with the appropriate renewal fees.

4.1.3 A FITB Referee without a valid license shall not officiate as a referee in any FITB events

4.2 Quality of refereeing

4.2.1 The status of FITB referee must be confirmed with good performances during national and international (continental) matches. A delegate from the FITB-TC (or from the

continental technical commission) watches regularly at the referees in order to evaluate their performance.

4.2.2 After an evaluation, the delegate should give an oral feed-back to the referee.

4.3 Number of official matches refereed

4.3.1 FITB international referees A shall officiate as a referee at least 10 matches during each 4 years period, and he/she organizes, and teaches at least 2 referee seminars in 4 years..

4.3.2 FITB international referees B shall officiate as a referee at least 6 official matches during each 4-years period. Among these 6 matches, a maximum of 2 matches could be FITB friendly matches or competitions.

4.3.3 FITB International referee C shall officiate as a referee at least 2 official matches during each 4-years period. Among these 2 matches, a maximum of 1 matches could be FITB friendly matches or competition..

4.3.4 The FITB score sheet will be used to count the number of official matches refereed by each referee. No match can be credited from a previous 4-years period to the next one. Special situations will be considered by the FITB –TC upon written request from the FITB international referee.

4.3.5 Official matches are (count one point per match):

- All matches of FITB World Tchoukball Championships (men, women).
- All matches of FITB Continental Tchoukball Championships (men, women).
- All matches of FITB World Beach Tchoukball Championships (men, women).
- All matches of FITB World Youth Tchoukball Championships (M18 Category)
- Officiating as an evaluator of referee candidates during an event will also count.
- The points awarded for all matches of any other FITB events will be decided, in case by case basis, by the FITB-TC.

4.3.6 The following official matches are (count half point per match)

- All matches of FITB World Youth Tchoukball Championships (M15/M12, categories)
- All FITB friendly matches. See however art. 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 for limitations with friendly matches.

4.2 Disciplinary procedures

The FITB-TC can take any disciplinary actions toward a referee at any time if:

4.2.1 The referee's behavior goes against the Tchoukball spirit, Code of Ethics, the FITB goals and standards,

4.2.2 A FITB referee is no longer recognized as national referee by his own national federation.

4.2.3 Any other reasons to be considered as sufficient by the FITB-TC.

4.3 Right of hearing and disciplinary sanctions

4.3.1 Before any sanction, the FITB-TC the referee have the right of hearing to explain his behavior. Right to appeal against a withdrawal of the referee title is guaranteed (art. 2.5).

4.3.2 the disciplinary sanctions are:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension
- Withdrawal of the title

4.4 Nomination of former referees

4.4.1 If a FITB international referee lost his title according to art. 4.1.2 and/or 4.2, he must follow a new FITB international or continental referee seminar in order to be re-accredited.

4.4.2 The FITB TC may allow the candidate to pass only the practical exam. This request shall be asked by the candidate. The FITB TC takes the decision, which is not subject to appeal.

5. Rights and duties of FITB international referees

5.1 Rights

5.1.1 FITB international referees are allowed to:

- Referee during all matches organized by the FITB according to the level of their certification (Art 3.3).
- Wear the official FITB Referee uniform.

5.2 Duties

FITB international referees must, when present at a FITB event and registered as member of the referee staff:

5.2.1 Respect the Charter and have the Charter respected

5.2.2. Respect the engagement they took and signed with the Code Of Ethics Agreement.

5.2.2 Be a model of respect, honesty, tolerance, and modesty.

5.2.2 Referee as well as they can.

5.2.3 when present at a FITB event and registered as member of the referee staff: officiate as a referee during matches , unless there is a valid reason which prevents them from doing so. In any case, the FITB-TC takes the final decision and sanction may be taken against a referee who does not show up at a schedule match.

5.2.4 Wear the official FITB referee uniform can only be worn when officiating FITB matches.

6. Communication

6.1 List of FITB international referees

6.1.1 A list of all FITB international referees is kept up to date by the FITB-TC. This list is available on match.tchoukball.org and on demand to the FITB-TC.

6.1.2 A list of all FITB continental referees is kept up to date by each continental federation and/or National Federation.

6.2 Communication

6.2.1 For FITB international referees and candidates, all communications must be addressed to the FITB-TC (details on the FITB website www.tchoukball.org)

6.3 FITB International Referee ID card

6.3.1 The FITB International Referee ID card shall show the following information (format credit card laminated);

- ID Number (match the ID number in the Referee Database) with the letter of the level of the license i.e. A-154

- First and Last name

- Issue Date

-.Expiration Date

- Date of the achievement of the license
 - a picture passport format
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