

**OFFICIAL REGULATION**  
**REFEREEING REGULATION**  
Rink Hockey Technical Commission

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## I. INTRODUCTION

“WORLD SKATE - RINK HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION” (RHTC) established a refereeing regulation in order to fulfill and follow all those aspects highlighted in the refereeing work.

We consider the importance and value of the referee/judge/collegiate figure, as indispensable and necessary athletes in our sport, seeing them as the highest authority, able to deal with their work, taking into account their specialized training and reminding that they should be accepted and respected by everyone involved, always helping the development of Rink Hockey, with the responsibility of fairness and impartiality.

Therefore, this Regulation is written and established for the assignment and management of international referees, their development and compliance with the rules of this Regulation.

RHTC will be responsible for analyzing and weighting the corresponding level, training and experience of every referee, as appropriate.

## II. CONDITIONS INTERNATIONAL REFEREE - ACCESS AND DISMISSAL/DOWNGRADE

### 1. ACCESS CONDITIONS AND FULFILLMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL REFEREE:

The RHTC referees that fulfill the following conditions can have access to the category of international referee for the refereeing cadre:

- 1.1 Age for the designation as international referee:
  - Minimum - **21 years old.**
  - Maximum - **40 years old.**
- 1.2 To have three (3) years of experience in the highest national category, where the referee is affiliated
- 1.3 To be present and pass the access tests regulated by World skate-Rink Hockey Technical Commission (theoretical, practical and physical), available at that moment.
- 1.4 To have an official annual medical certificate.
- 1.5 To pay to World skate the Annual International Referee license.

### 2. CONDITIONS OF DISMISSAL/DOWNGRADE AS INTERNATIONAL REFEREE:

All referees who comply with the following provisions shall cease to have the category of international referee:

- 2.1 The age for dismissal as an international referee is:
  - Maximum age limit on the day that the **referee reaches 60 years old.**
- 2.2 The NON-SUBMISSION of the access tests regulated by World skate-Rink Hockey Technical Commission (theoretical, practical and physical), available at that moment.
- 2.3 Not having passed the correspondent official World Skate training course.
- 2.4 Those referees who have the category of International referee or the level of ADVANCE and who have negative reports during the sports season, either for lack of training, misconduct, physical condition, etc.

Before starting the new sports season (**September 1 in Europe and January 1 in Africa, America and Asia(Oceania)**), RHTC will promote the disclosure of the official list related to the observed candidates that will be promoted, downgraded or dismissed from the international referee category of the World Skate-Rink Hockey Technical Commission.

### III. INTERNATIONAL REFEREE LEVELS WORLD SKATE

The international Rink Hockey referees activity is ruled at the following three levels:

1. ELITE WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE:

The following conditions must be fulfilled to be considered WS-RHTC International Referee level **ELITE**:

- 1.1 To be proposed by the National Federation and/or by the corresponding Continental area.
- 1.2 To have a minimum of 2 years of experience, in Level ADVANCE from the WS-RHTC International referee category.
- 1.3 The NON-SUBMISSION of the access tests regulated by World skate-Rink Hockey Technical Commission (theoretical, practical and physical), available at that moment.
- 1.4 To have attended at least one (1) official competition of the Continental World Skate area from the referee's affiliation.
- 1.5 To have been assessed for a minimum of two (2) matches in an official continental competition, whether of clubs or nations by RHTC.

2. ADVANCED WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE:

The following conditions must be fulfilled to be considered WS-RHTC International Referee Level **ADVANCE**:

- 2.1 To be proposed by the National Federation and/or by the corresponding Continental area.
- 2.2 To have a minimum of one (1) year of experience, in the RHTC International referees category.
- 2.3 The NON-SUBMISSION of the access tests regulated by World skate-Rink Hockey Technical Commission (theoretical, practical and physical), available at that moment.
- 2.4 To have attended at least one (1) official competition of the Continental World Skate area from the referee's affiliation.
- 2.5 To have been assessed for a minimum of one (1) match by RHTC, in an official continental competition, whether clubs or nations.

### 3. INTERNATIONAL REFEREE WORLD SKATE - RINK HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION

In order to have the condition of WS-RHTC **INTERNATIONAL** Referee, the recognition shall be granted to those new referees that fulfill the following conditions:

- 3.1 To be proposed by the National Federation and/or by the corresponding Continental area.
- 3.2 To have a minimum of three (3) years of experience, in the highest national category competition where the referee is affiliated.
- 3.3 Pass the access tests regulated by RHTC (theoretical, practical and physical), which are available at the time and have been evaluated in their referees proceedings by the International Commission.

RHTC shall have the final decision to consider the possible promotion, downgrading or the final loss of status from the category of International referees.

### 4. AUXILIARY REFEREE

RHTC establishes a new category of referee, called Auxiliary Referee. For this purpose, it will be considered as Auxiliary Referee of World Skate:

- Any International Referee RHTC.

The Auxiliary referee will be responsible for the following activities:

- 4.1 To develop the functions of the 3rd official referee (responsible for the refereeing table).
- 4.2 To be responsible for the official chronometer of the official table, during the match.
- 4.3 To manage the result/final score of the match (to use electronic record results management system, offered by RHTC).
- 4.4 Control of the time out, passive play and the count of each team faults.
- 4.5 To be responsible for the order and enforcement of the regulations in both benches and of the players temporarily and definitively suspended.

## 5. ASSISTANT REFEREE

RHTC establishes a new category of referee, called Assistant Referee. For this purpose, they will be considered as Assistant Referees of World Skate:

- Any International Referee RHTC.
- A National Referee proposed by RHTC, who has obtained the approval of the official certified course to develop this particular function.
- Those people who have obtained the approval of the official accredited course to develop this particular function.

The Assistant Referee will be responsible for the tracking and monitoring of electronic equipment that allows the control of possession time of the ball, by each of the teams.

*The different tasks and functions to be developed by each international referee (main referees, auxiliary referee and assistant referee), are specified in the Official Rink Hockey Game Regulations of World Skate - Rink Hockey Technical Commission. (Article 10 - RHTC Game Regulation).*

## IV. ANNUAL INSCRIPTION

1. In relation to the active referees who are members from the different international levels, they are responsible for the payment of the corresponding annual registration fees payment:
  - 1.1 The annual registration of an international referee WS-RHTC Level ELITE - **USD 150,00.**
  - 1.2 The annual registration of an international referee WS-RHTC Level ADVANCE - **USD 120,00.**
  - 1.3 The annual registration of an international referee WS-RHTC Level INTERNATIONAL - **USD 100,00**
  
2. **With a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> of January every year**, each national federation shall inform to WS-RHTC:
  - 2.1. The complete updated table including names, categories and contacts (address, mobile phone, photo and email) of the international Rink Hockey referees from the different levels, according with the official RHTC model (ANNEX 3 to this Regulation).
  
3. **With a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> of January every year**, the payment to World Skate shall be made of the corresponding amount for the "annual registration fees" of the international affiliated referees by bank transfer of the aforementioned amount in favor of World Skate:
  - **Beneficiary:** WORLD SKATE
  - **Bank:** UBS Lausanne
  - **Address:** Place Saint-François, 16, 1003 Lausanne, Switzerland
  - **Account n.:** 0243-186105.61M
  - **IBAN:** CH580024324318610561M
  - **BIC/SWIFT:** UBSWCHZH80A
  - **Reason of Payment:** "RHTC Referee - Name of the referee- National Federation"

The international referee payment proof must be sent to World Skate [sportdepartment@worldskate.org](mailto:sportdepartment@worldskate.org) and copied to [administration@worldskate.org](mailto:administration@worldskate.org) and [rinkhockey@worldskate.org](mailto:rinkhockey@worldskate.org), stating the full name, category and country of the referee.



## V. NOMINATIONS AND COMPENSATIONS

1. RHTC is the only competent and authorized entity to make the nominations of international referees (ELITE Level, ADVANCE Level or INTERNATIONAL Level), in their official competitions.
    - 1.1 For each international rink hockey competition, World Skate will inform to the National Federations the affiliated referees that will be nominated.
    - 1.2 All the International competitions must be conducted by referees that have the category of International Referee mentioned in these Regulations, and which will be included in the list provided annually by RHTC.
    - 1.3 All the international competitions in their decisive phases must be led by referees who have the Elite Level.
    - 1.4 When a Continental Areas nominates an International Referee for their competitions, must promptly inform to RHTC of the corresponding nomination.
    - 1.5 The National Federations must report to RHTC all information related to the referees, regarding the changes of their affiliation, attaching the proper justifications.
    - 1.6 In the event of a referee's refusal to an international nomination, RHTC shall have the power to consider the appropriate action over the referee in question.
  
  2. In relation to the nominations for the different events of the World Skate, the international referees shall be entitled to the following compensations:
    - 2.1 **WORLD SKATE OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**
      - Payment for International Referees (Principal and Auxiliary) (\*):
        - Maximum duration of 8 days USD 300,00
        - Duration of 9 days or more USD 600,00
      - Payment for Assistant Referees (\*):
        - Maximum duration of 8 days USD 150,00
        - Duration of 9 days or more USD 300,00
- (\* *Note: Travel costs by own car (km, tolls, meals, etc.), between the private address and the airport (round-trip), are already included.*

- 2.2 The organization, cost of travel, lodging and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be guaranteed.
- 2.3 The financial counterparts will be transferred by bank transfer within a maximum of one week after the event or by cash delivery on the date of the event.

## VI. DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION

All documents must be sent to WORLD SKATE by email to the address [sportdepartment@worldskate.org](mailto:sportdepartment@worldskate.org) and with copy to [rinkhockey@worldskate.org](mailto:rinkhockey@worldskate.org).

Any information made by other means, different from that stated (telephone calls, chats, fax or SMS messages, among others), may NOT be considered as an official transmission.

National Federations and/or Continental Areas that do not respect all the obligations of this Regulation, from the moment that World Skate has knowledge, a disciplinary procedure will be opened.

## VII. ANNEXES

### ANNEX 1: REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT

#### EVALUATION OF THE "INTERNATIONAL REFEREES"

##### ARTICLE 1. REFEREE EVALUATION PROCESS - TECHNICAL DELEGATES REPORTS

RHTC creates the present document that is written with the intention of standardizing the aspects related with the valuation in the refereeing of matches done by the nominated referees.

According to the above, in all the matches, there will be a procedure to elaborate an evaluation document that will allow to assess different aspects that are detailed below.

- 1.1 DRESS AND PERSONAL ASPECTS OF THE REFEREES. The image is a fundamental part for all RHTC members, so technical delegates will value the grooming, neatness and uniformity. The referees must use the garments/uniforms that are provided by the Organization. During the events programmed by RHTC and the wearing/use of any other unauthorized clothing must be avoided, except for express force majeure.
- 1.2 PROTOCOL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MATCH. Referees must be groomed and presented on the rink, at least 90 minutes prior to the start of the game. They will proceed to control the rink, the location of the benches and the goal cages. They must make sure about, the uniforms of the players as well as the identifications of the technical body.
- 1.3 OWN ASPECTS OF THE GAME. The following ~~sections~~ items will be taken into account;
  - 1.3.1 POSITIONING, DYNAMISM AND CONCENTRATION of the referee team. It is relevant the positioning of the referees during the match development as well as in the execution of the penalties and direct free hits.
  - 1.3.2 SIGNALLING AND DECISIONS during the match. Control of the distances during the execution of the fouls and to assure the existing procedures.
  - 1.3.3 Control of ADVANTAGE LAW, TECHNICAL FOULS AND PASSIVE PLAY. Signaling and follow-up of advantage law, as well as the procedures that are derived in the signaling of the technical fouls and the passive play.
  - 1.3.4 Control of TEAM FOULS, VERBAL ADMONITIONS AND SIMULATIONS.

- 1.3.5 PROTEST AND ATTITUDES AGAINST SPORT, of players and representatives of the teams.
- 1.3.6 SERIOUS AND VERY SERIOUS FAULTS, sanctions and suspension procedures with CARDS. DIRECT FOULS AND PENALTIES, as well as the established procedures: goalkeepers, executant player and other players.
- 1.3.7 OTHER ASPECTS that will be evaluated, with the same or greater relevance, will be THE COHERENCE AND THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES OF THE GAME. It is important to facilitate the development of the game, using the principles of AUTHORITY, being one more part of the game, which does not have to stand out on it.

## **ARTICLE 2. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REFEREE EVALUATION AND THE WEIGHTING OF THE REPORTS**

RHTC has made the decision to carry out an evaluation system, as specified in the preceding paragraph. For this reason all the supervised competitions will have the valuation of the Referees about the performance of their functions.

There are two types of ratings:

- 2.1 Evaluations carried out by **TECHNICAL DELEGATES** selected by the RHTC, who will receive timely advice to issue and complete the reports properly. These persons will make a report for each of the principal referees, and might add an annex report, for the valuation of the table referee, as the Auxiliary Referee, in case they detect any imprudence in their behavior, including likewise any technical error in the development of their function.

The reports submitted by each **TECHNICAL DELEGATE** will have a weighting on the end result of **80%**.

- 2.2 Evaluations carried out by the **COACHES OR DELEGATES OF THE TECHNICAL BODY FROM EACH ONE OF THE TEAMS INVOLVED**. It is obvious that the evaluations can be subject to aspects of the development or end of the matches, but it is relevant to involve all the members of the competition. That is why, the WS-RHTC intends to give active participation and obtain the opinion about the performance of the refereeing work.

In this case, **the weighting on the final result will be 10%** for each **COACH OR DELEGATE** (being the sum of 20% on the total).

**ARTICLE 3. ASPECTS CONCERNING THE DECLARATIONS OF THE REFEREE TO THE MEDIA AND "SOCIAL MEDIA"**

It is obvious that social networks are part of everyday life and have their importance in the promotion of our sport, as well as in the increase of interest on the part of all the followers of our sport. That is why, from RHTC, it is intended to regulate these aspects that in many cases give bad reputation to the refereeing work.

Therefore, all communications with official media must be authorized by RHTC.

The referees must have decency in the use of the social networks, to avoid interfering in the development of the competitions, or to give doubt to any other decision taken by the referees nominated to referee a match.

If deemed appropriate, RHTC may request any of the persons who do not comply with this provision, to write a confidential report, describing and exposing what happened with the relevant facts, forwarding the mentioned report within **48 hours** from the communication.

**ARTICLE 4. OTHER ASPECTS RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS**

In relation to the communications and/or sports or personal relationship of the referees with clubs, technical body and players, from the RHTC it is intended to avoid any external circumstance that does not favor the corporate image of the refereeing activity.

Regarding with this, RHTC establishes the restriction of entry to the referee's locker room to no one who is not authorized by RHTC.

- 4.1 Only the following persons can have access, without starting any kind of conversation about it:  
Team Delegates (delivery or collection of licenses), Technical Delegate designated for the event and authorities of the Public order, always for the minimum and necessary time.
- 4.2 In the event of any irregularity in the fulfillment of the access to the referee's locker room, the Technical Delegate(s) may request the referees an explanatory report of the circumstances, for the non-compliance of the previous point.
- 4.3 Similarly, in the event of any irregularity on the Teams part, the referees must mention in the match report the name and position of the persons who have accessed the referee's locker room without express authorization.
- 4.4 If the referees themselves, due to medical assistance, request access to the locker room they must record in the minutes, the said intervention and reasons, in the match report.

## ANNEX 2: WORLD SKATE COURSES AND UPDATES

In relation to Annex 2 "World Skate Courses and Updates", and all related information can be accessed through the Official Regulations of Courses and Rink Hockey Formations Training of World Skate, published on the official website of the World Skate.

For any related information or consultation you can contact by email to the address: [sportdepartment@worldskate.org](mailto:sportdepartment@worldskate.org) And copy to [rinkhockey@worldskate.org](mailto:rinkhockey@worldskate.org).

## ANNEX 3: OFFICIAL REGISTRATION MODEL WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

In relation to Annex 3 "Official Registration Model World Skate International Referee", the Official Form that must be sent to World Skate together with proof of payment of the referee fees in question, is attached.

	<b>WORLD SKATE</b>	
	<b>REFEREE INSCRIPTION FORM</b>	

<b>NAME:</b>				<b>DIGITAL PHOTO</b>
<b>SURNAME:</b>				
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>				
<b>NATIONALITY:</b>		<b>GENDER:</b>		
<b>HOME ADDRESS:</b>				
<b>CITY:</b>		<b>COUNTRY:</b>		
<b>EMAIL:</b>				
<b>PHONE Nº:</b>		<b>COUNTRY CODE:</b>		
<b>BANK ACCOUNT NAME:</b>				
<b>ACCOUNT Nº (IBAN ):</b>		<b>SWIFT:</b>		
<b>POLO SHIRT SIZE:</b>		<b>TROUSERS/PANTS SIZE:</b>		
<b>SPOKEN LANGUAGES:</b>				

Please rate your language command as Fluent or Fair.

<b>INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION LICENSE</b>	
<b>NATIONAL FEDERATION AFILIATION:</b>	
<b>CONTINENTAL AREA AFILIATION:</b>	
<b>YEAR THAT OBTAINED WORLD SKATE LICENSE</b>	
<b>WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL CATEGORY:</b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL CARD NUMBER:</b>	
<b>REMARKS:</b>	

<b>DATE AND PLACE:</b>		<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	
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# ANNEX 4: OFFICIAL EVALUATION MODEL WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

 <b>WORLD SKATE</b>	<b>WORLD SKATE</b> <b>EVALUATION REPORT FORM</b>	
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COMPETITION :	
WS TECHNICAL DELEGATE:	
COACH / TEAM OFFICIAL:	
GAME N <sup>o</sup>	

DATE :	
TIME :	
PLACE :	

TEAM 1:	
TEAM 2:	

MAIN REFEREE 1:	
MAIN REFEREE 2:	
AUXILIAR REFEREE :	
ASSISTANT REFEREE :	

Time					SCORE						
	NORMAL TIME		EXTRA TIME		NORMAL TIME		EXTRA TIME		PENALTYS	FINAL RESULT	
	START	END	START	END	1 <sup>o</sup> HALF	2 <sup>o</sup> HALF	1 <sup>o</sup> HALF	2 <sup>o</sup> HALF			
1 <sup>o</sup> HALF	H	H	H	H							
2 <sup>o</sup> HALF	H	H	H	H							

PRE MATCH CHECKS	REFEREE 1					REFEREE 2				
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
GOAL NETS										
PLAYERS EQUIPMENT										
RESERVE BENCH										

GENERAL EVALUATION	REFEREE 1					REFEREE 2				
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
TECHNICAL FOULS										
TEAM FAULTS										
PASSIVE PLAY										
ADVANTAGE RULE										
DISTANCE CONTROL										
TIME CONTROL										
VERBAL WARNINGS										
TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS										
EXPULSION										
PENALTY SHOTS										
DIRECT FREE HITS										
INVALID GOALS										
SIMULATIONS										
APPLICATION OF RULES										
DISTRACTIONS										

ATTITUDE	REFEREE 1					REFEREE 2				
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
TO OTHER REFEREES										
TO PLAYERS										
TO OFFICIAL TABLE										



	<b>WORLD SKATE</b>					
	<b>EVALUATION REPORT FORM</b>					

POSITION ON RINK	REFEREE 1					REFEREE 2				
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
DURING OPEN PLAY										
AT INDIRECT FREE HITS										
AT DIRECT FREE HITS										
AT PENAL TIES										
DURING TIME-OUT										

OTHERS	REFEREE 1					REFEREE 2				
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	BAD	VERY BAD
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
CONSISTENCY OF DECISIONS										
UNIFORM										
HANDLING OBJECTIONS										
PUNCTUALITY										
CONCENTRATION										
AUTHORITY										
<b>DIFFICULT DEGREE OF THE MATCH</b>		<b>EASY</b>				<b>NORMAL</b>			<b>DIFFICULT</b>	

**COMMENTS:**

NAME :		SIGNATURE :	
EMAIL :			

SEND REPORT TO :