

Directives for Match Officials at ETTU events

Definitions

Host – Host Organizing Committee, Host Association, Host Governing Body.

URC – The Umpires and Referees Committee; the Chair of the Umpires and Referees Committee; any of the designated officials of the Umpires and Referees Committee.

IR – ITTF International Referee.

IR(A) – ITTF International Referee Advanced – very competent referees identified by URC who have undertaken, or are undertaking, a suitable training and evaluation program. Any reference to IR also includes IR (A).

NR – National Referee – individuals who have successfully completed their Association internal National Referee certification program or the ITTF certified National Referee's Course.

IU - ITTF International Umpire - also referred to as White Badge (**WB**).

Gold Badge IU (GB) – ITTF International Umpire (IU) - very competent umpires who have undertaken, or are undertaking, a suitable training and assessment program. Any reference to BB also includes GB.

Blue Badge IU (BB) – ITTF International Umpire who has attended an Advanced Umpire Training course, passed an Advanced Rules Exam and fulfilled all other requirements under the Blue Badge Umpires Programme.

Blue Badge in Progress IU (BBiP) – ITTF International Umpire who has attended an Advanced Umpire Training course, passed an Advanced Rules Exam but is yet to fulfil all requirements under the Blue Badge Umpires Programme.

NU – National Umpire – individuals who have successfully completed their Association's highest internal umpire certification program, or the ITTF certified National Umpire's Course.

Match officials – include referees, umpires, evaluators, course conductors, and umpires' coordinator.

Number of Referees

Number of Referees = Referee plus 2 deputy referees for one playing hall of 16 tables or less. For each additional hall or if a playing hall has more than 16 tables then an additional deputy referee is necessary. These numbers may need to be increased, especially for qualification days where local IRs or NRs may be used. For events with 4 or fewer tables and for final stages with only one table only 1 deputy referee is required.

If considered warranted 4 referees could be used for one hall of less than 16 tables, especially if the event lasts 4 days or longer.

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Number of Umpires

All events are divided into different stages:

Qualification, 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.

Umpires are only present for the stage for which they are selected.

Following minimum number of umpires are necessary:

Qualification: Number of tables x 2 +2 – at least one umpire per table is required

Main draw: Number of tables x 4

Final days and if there is only one table: 6

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Nomination, Acceptance and Declination of Match Officials

All Referee and Umpire nominations must also be accepted – or declined – by the Association of the nominee.

Age will not be a consideration in the selections of Referees and Umpires.

Referees & Deputy Referees

Subject	European Championships (Individual/Team) European Games, Europe Top 16	Other ETTU events
Referee	Must be an active IR(A)	Must be active IRs
Deputy Referee(s)	Must be active IRs	Must be active IRs
Selection of Referee Team	By the URC in co-operation with the Host.	By the URC in co-operation with the Host.
Referee mix	At least two-thirds of the Referees shall be from Associations other than the Host	At least one-third of the Referees shall be from Associations other than the Host.

Umpires & Assistant umpires

Subject	European Championships (Individual/Team) Europe Top 16	Other ETTU events
Umpires	<p>Europe Top 16, European Championships Team (with 4 tables max.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All umpires and assistant umpires required for the event must be Blue Badge IUs. <p>European Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All umpires and assistant umpires required for the event must be IUs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All umpires and assistant umpires required for the event should be IUs. ▪ NUs accepted by ETTU URC can be used for matches at the early stages of the competition (preferably as Assistant Umpires) and may not be used for matches in quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.
Foreign IUs	<p>Europe Top 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There should be only one IU from each Association with the exception of the Host. Up to 20% of the total umpires may be from the Host. <p>European Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least 50% of the umpires shall be from Associations other than the Host representing at least five Associations 	<p>At least 50% of the umpires for the main draw shall be from Associations other than the Host, representing at least five Associations</p>
Invitations and Selection of Umpires	<p>European Championships, Europe Top 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The URC will invite Associations to nominate any IU meeting a URC defined set of criteria and any other criteria set by each Association's internal selection process. • The URC will select all foreign IUs in cooperation with the Host. • URC nominations for each stage will be based on a blend of the levels of IU certification, recent IU activities, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The URC will invite Associations to nominate any IU meeting a URC defined set of criteria and any other criteria set by each Association's internal selection process. • The URC will select all foreign IUs in cooperation with the Host. • URC nominations for each stage will be based on a blend of the levels of IU certification, recent IU activities, personal evaluations and results on written exams, as well as gender and geographic distributions; and for junior events, special considerations may be given to officials that are more recently qualified.

	<p>personal evaluations and results on written exams, as well as gender and geographic distributions; and for junior events, special considerations may be given to officials that are more recently qualified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Host will nominate all domestic IUs and NUs, and in cooperation with the URC define the criteria that each must meet in order to be accepted by the Host. 	<p>The Host will nominate all domestic IUs and NUs, and in cooperation with the URC define the criteria that each must meet in order to be accepted by the Host.</p>
Hospitality	<p>All visiting match officials shall be provided with free accommodation, meals and local transport on the same basis and to the same standard as visiting players starting the evening before their first working day and finishing with breakfast after their last working day.</p> <p>Daily allowance: Daily allowance according to Annex of the Directives</p> <p>The allowance should be paid to the match officials by the second day of the tournament. The daily allowance must be net. Taxes must be paid by the organisers.</p> <p>The Host will pay the lowest reasonable travel costs (e.g. to the airport of departure and economy airfare) of the referee, deputy referees and final day umpires.</p>	<p>All visiting match officials shall be provided with free accommodation, meals and local transport on the same basis and to the same standard as visiting players starting the evening before their first working day and finishing with breakfast after their last working day.</p> <p>Daily allowance: Daily allowance according to Annex of the Directives</p> <p>The allowance should be paid to the match officials by the second day of the tournament. The daily allowance must be net. Taxes must be paid by the organisers</p> <p>The Host will pay the lowest reasonable travel costs (e.g. to the airport of departure and economy airfare) of the referee and deputy referees.</p>
Duty day	<p>Umpires shall receive at least a 20-minute break every three hours on duty.</p>	<p>Umpires shall receive at least a 20-minute break every three hours on duty.</p>

Champions League, Europe Cup, Europe Trophy, EC Teams stages 1 and 2 (not played in tournament format)	
Hospitality	<p>All visiting match officials shall be provided with free accommodation, meals and local transport on the same basis and to the same standard as visiting players starting the evening before their first working day (if travel requires arrival the day before) and finishing with breakfast after their last working day.</p> <p>Daily allowance: Daily allowance according to Annex of the Directives</p> <p>The allowance should be paid to the match officials before the match. The daily allowance must be net. Taxes must be paid by the organisers/home club.</p> <p>Travel expenses from the home-town of the match official shall be reimbursed by the home club (by economy class train or plane, or by car at 40 eurocents per km plus eventual "vignette" costs, and visa costs) shall be reimbursed by the home club either by bank transfer before the match or latest in cash upon arrival.</p>

To achieve ETTU objectives, special consideration should be given to the selection of women for the positions of referee and umpire at all ETTU events.

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