

INLINE HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION
REFEREE'S RULE AND REGULATIONS
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Preface

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The World Skates created an organization to administer and control Roller Inline Hockey, entitled the Inline Hockey Technical Commission (IHTC), in which one of its major functions is to appoint and control all International Referees and direct them to the various international events.

The IHTC is a World Skate organ that provides global technical officials of Inline Hockey Discipline

Art. 1 Requirement for the use of International Referees

- (a) All affiliated National Federations, Areas and Associations must apply to the IHTC for its authority and approval of any international referee required to participate in tournaments involving national teams, i.e., Continental Championships, etc.
- (b) All National Federations, Areas and Associations must apply to the IHTC when International Referees are to be used to referee international tournaments.
- (c) No National Federation, Area or Association may appoint any International Referee to referee any international tournaments unless the referee holds a valid up-to-date WORLD SKATE International Referee license.

The organizing body when inviting any International Referee to officiate must ask the referee to confirm that:

1. The Referee is registered with the WORLD SKATE -IHTC and holds current valid license.
2. The Referee annual fees have been paid to WORLD SKATE.
3. This referee is physically able and proficient on inline skates to the extent necessary to properly referee on skates and maintain control of the game.
If any doubts prevail, reference should be made to the IHTC for confirmation.

- (d) All international matches must be controlled by only WORLD SKATE International Referees.

This is a right earned by International Referees throughout the World.

Any International Referee discovering that any Federation or club is not strictly applying this rule should immediately draw this breach of the rules to the attention of the IHTC.

Art 2. Annual Nomination and Registration of International Referees

- (a) The WORLD SKATE IHTC year coincides with the calendar year of 1st January to the 31st of December.
- (b) Each year a National Federation, Association or Area may propose all its International Referees to be enrolled as such by the WORLD SKATE IHTC.
Only International Referees nominated this way will be valid with WORLD SKATE IHTC as International Referees during that year.
- (c) Nominated International Referees must send their registration through their respective National Federation, Area or Association to WORLD SKATE IHTC which will issue the appropriate credential and annual stamped license.
- (d) Each National Federation, Area or Association has a moral obligation to ensure that the referees nominated for registration are active in their own countries and have maintained international standards. National Federations may seek the registration of their selected referees for WORLD SKATE IHTC certification as “WORLD SKATE

National Inline Hockey Referee” according to WORLD SKATE IHTC standards.

- (e) Each National Federation, Area or Association must inform the WORLD SKATE IHTC at the end of each year of its list of International Referees noting if they are active or not.
- (f) If an International Referee of Category “A” ceases to be active in his or her own country for two years, that referee will be downgraded to Category “C” or dropped altogether, according to the recommendation of the National Federation.
- (g) Under the same circumstances, an International Category “B” Referee will be required to undergo a retest with WORLD SKATE IHTC to regain such recognition.
- (h) If an International Referee of any grade ceases to be active in his or her own country for three years, then this license will be revoked. Should the referee wish to resume international activities, this will only be considered if so nominated by his or her own National Federation, Area or Association as a candidate for an International Referees license along with the other candidates. In such cases that referee must then be retested and pass the written, oral and practical tests.

Art 3. Categories of Referees

There are five categories of International Referees:

1. WORLD SKATE World Championship Referees, Category “A”
2. WORLD SKATE International Competition Referees, Category “B”
3. WORLD SKATE Certified National Referees, Category “C”
4. WORLD SKATE Honorary Referees
5. WORLD SKATE Supervisors

Active Referees

- (a) For both “A” and “B” Categories the minimum age is 25 years and the maximum age 62 years.
Active Category “A” and “B” referees who have had their 50th birthday must undergo a physical examination at a site arranged by WORLD SKATE IHTC to evaluate their physical condition in order to ascertain if they are capable of continuing as a WORLD SKATE Inline Hockey Referee. The results of this must be sent to the WORLD SKATE IHTC for their acknowledgment and approval.
- (b) Active referees must attend all meetings to officiate at any Championships, Tournaments or Matches when summoned to do so. They must possess their own inline skates, safety equipment and be in physical condition to use these while refereeing games.
- (c) National Federations may request that their national referees undergo a WORLD SKATE IHTC Inline Hockey Referee training course and become certified as a WORLD SKATE National Inline Hockey Referee Category “C”. Not only will this provide

excellent training, but will be an initial stage toward their development as an International Referee. The age requirement is a minimum of 21 years, with no maximum other than the one set by the National Federation. Such courses can be arranged by contacting WORLD SKATE IHTC Referee-in-Chief.

Honorary Referees

- (a) Honorary Referee is a title the WORLD SKATE IHTC may wish to bestow upon a distinguished International Referee for exceptional services to the WORLD SKATE IHTC and this sport. Normally this title will not be bestowed upon any referee who is under 55 years of age. However, extraordinary circumstances do exist under which the WORLD SKATE IHTC can bestow this honor on an International Referee who is under the age of 55.
- (b) All International Referees in any category, including Honorary Referees, will have free entry to all the rinks where competitions are taking place either National or International. They will also receive all WORLD SKATE IHTC publications free of charge.
- (c) International Honorary Referees may continue their activities within the framework of their own National Federations, Confederations or Associations and may referee international inter-club matches, but must abstain from refereeing full international matches.

Officiating SUPERVISORS

- a) Persons may apply to become a WORLD SKATE officiating program supervisor to the WORLD SKATE IHTC at any time. Such requests must be submitted to the WORLD SKATE IHTC Referee in Chief in writing. Letters must clearly indicate one's recent involvement within inline hockey domestically and/or internationally and highlight one's officiating achievements. Letters must also make mention of any unique qualifications, training, and skills or experience that an applicant possesses which are relevant to the position sought.
- b) Supervisors of officials, under the direction of the WORLD SKATE IHTC RIC shall supervise the work performance of all inline hockey officials at International Events. These supervisors shall observe the entire game when conducting any type of supervision.
- c) Supervisors will conduct a brief debrief with the officials post-game and submit a written evaluation to the official and WORLD SKATE IHTC RIC before the tournament has concluded.
- d) Appointment of Supervisors for each International Tournament will be from the WORLD SKATE IHTC
- e) Appointed Supervisors would not be eligible to officiate in the tournament they are

acting as a Supervisor.

Art 4. Registration Fees for Referees

All active referees nominated to the WORLD SKATE IHTC for certification as an inline hockey referee must pay directly or through their National Federation, Association or Confederation the following fees:

- (a) **ENROLLMENT AND TEST FEE - fifty USA dollars (US\$100)** which is Payable upon application for the international test and before being awarded their WORLD SKATE international license. The fee is payable to WORLD SKATE. This license fee covers the cost of materials and a resulting referee certificate remains valid through the conclusion of the year in which it is WORLD SKATE issued, and if less than 6 months remains, through the following year.
- (b) **ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE - fifty USA dollars (US\$50)** payable to World Skate by the National Federation or Association after January test of each calendar year. Payment of fees entitle the referee to receive from WORLD SKATE IHTC the following:
 - 1. International Referee license - Referee Certificate
 - 2. International Referee crest for his or her shirt upon initial enrolment.
 - 3. A copy of the current edition of WORLD SKATE IHTC Rules with all amendments.

The fees related to the current year must be paid without additional bank expenses (free of charge) to World Skate at the following bank account no later than January 31st:

Beneficiary: WORLD SKATE

Bank: UBS Lausanne

Account n.: 0243-186105.61M

IBAN: CH580024324318610561M

BIC: UBSWCHZH80A

Reason of Payment: "ILH Referee - (name of the referee)"

Article 5. Referee Attire

- (a) The International Referee must always appear in the rink suitably dressed befitting this position.
- (b) All working inline hockey referees are required to wear inline skates and be competent skaters. Referees must furnish their own inline skates, helmet with visor, shin guards, elbow pads, and other WORLD SKATE IHTC required safety equipment, as well as a referee's uniform. They shall be dressed in dark blue or black full length trousers and a black and white striped shirt or such other attire as approved by the WORLD SKATE IHTC.

- (c) The International Referee's crest will be worn on the left breast shirt pocket. International Referees under sanction, suspension, or who cease to be active, must no longer wear the International Referee crest.
- (d) Replacement crests can be purchased from the WORLD SKATE IHTC or headquarters for US\$15 each.

Article 6. Traveling and Maintenance Expenses

Local Organizers are responsible to International Referees for the payment of legitimate travel and accommodation expenses. Referees are permitted to accept an agreed stipend for professional services, but not to exceed the World Championship gratuity of US\$ 60 total for each day in which they referee.

Article 7. Functions of the Referees

International Referees must have committed to memory and scrupulously observe the WORLD SKATE IHTC Organizational Rules and The Rules of the Game for Roller Inline Hockey

Article 8. Disciplinary Action

- (a) In the event that the IHTC is required to sanction an International Referee, either by a warning, temporary or permanent suspension, the IHTC must notify the referee's affiliated organization in writing, with an accompanying statement of charges and supporting evidence.
- (b) The sanctioned referee may appeal the IHTC disciplinary action through his or her affiliated organization. The WORLD SKATE appeal will be heard by the Executive Committee of the IHTC within thirty (30) days after its presentation. The next appeal will be heard by the IHTC Assembly and the third or final appeal before an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress of WORLD SKATE.
- (c) If an International Referee is sanctioned by his or her National Federation, Confederation or Association, this organization must send to the IHTC its decision with detailed information concerning the cause of action. Should the penalty appear justified, IHTC will uphold this action of the National Federation, Confederation or Association, and/or take what ever action that appears appropriate at the international level.

Article 9. Testing of International Referee Candidates

- (a) The Roller Inline International Referee tests can only be conducted for the highest category of National referees and are to be held at a pre-arranged date and venue

where the IHTC is present. A written, oral and practical demonstration test will be administered.

- (b) The IHTC will conduct the International Referee tests at least once a year. Candidates for the test must be nominated by their respective Federation to the Referee in Chief and IHTC Commission.
- (c) The National Federation, or Association staging the tests will be responsible for the hotel accommodation and meal costs for the examiners, plus economy class round trip transportation.
- (d) The results are sent directly to the affiliated organization. In order to pass the test, the candidate International Referee must obtain 80 per cent correct answers on the oral and written tests. For the practical demonstration, the candidate must obtain a 90 per cent correct performance.

Article 10. Miscellaneous Rules

- (a) The moment the International Referee receives notice to officiate from the IHTC, this referee must reply immediately, confirming acceptance. In the event of refusing the appointment, a written reply must clearly state a valid reason for this refusal.
- (b) An International Referee must always be in possession of a valid passport, and a visa when necessary, in order to be ready to referee events as appointed by the IHTC within any of its affiliated countries.
- (c) International Referees who officiate at any International Championship, Tournament or match, are not permitted to participate in any other team or organizational function, other than exclusively refereeing.
- (d) All cases not provided for in the present IHTC International Inline Hockey Referees Organizational Rules or Rules of the Game which may arise, will be settled by the IHTC in accord with WORLD SKATE Statutes and Regulations. Modifications to the rules can only be made valid by proper discussion and action at the General Assembly of the IHTC.

IHTC REFEREE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Article 11.

All official international matches will be controlled by neutral referees. In certain unavoidable circumstances, a non-neutral referee may control an international match, but only if both Federations engaged in the match have reached a mutual agreement which has been approved by the IHTC.

Article 12.

It is the unquestionable responsibility of the organizing club, National Federation, Confederation or Association to provide any referee with whatever protection from bodily harm is necessary, before, during and after a match. Referees shall be accommodated and housed separated from the players.

Article 13.

An International Referee must have the IHTC International License in his or her possession whenever officiating at a match.

Article 14.

In the event of adverse weather or playing conditions at the rink, or if there is a definitive lack of discipline, the question of whether a match is playable or not is the sole responsibility of the appointed referee. The Referee must immediately inform IHTC of the reason for the suspension of the game and when it will be rescheduled.

Article 15.

Referees will ensure that discipline is maintained throughout all matches and that they are played in a correct manner, free from all forms of rough, violent or improper play.

Article 16.

The International Referees must be provided with a private changing room that is apart from the players, coaches or spectators.

Article 17.

It is the International Referee's right to collect any expenses due for travel, board and lodgings, prior to the start of the match.

Article 18. International Referees have the following responsibilities:

- (a) Referees must be dressed and ready 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the match.
- (b) Referees must furnish their own inline skates, helmet with visor, shin guards, elbow pads, and other IHTC required safety equipment, as well as a referee's uniform as an official.
- (c) It is their responsibility to ensure that the rink and goals are in order.
- (d) Referees must assure the presence of a doctor or paramedic with a WORLD SKATE

aid kit to deal with the possibility of injuries.

- (e) Referees are to communicate in a friendly/professional manner with the other Game Officials.(ie Timekeepers, Penalty Box attendants etc...)
- (f) Referees must write any comments or protests on the Match Report, which will then be handed personally to the IHTC and the organizers.

World Skate Code of Ethics

The WORLD SKATE In-Line Hockey Referee Program - Referees' Code of Ethics, provides guidance to registered officials across the world. WORLD SKATE and their members should expect from WORLD SKATE referees the highest possible standards of personal integrity, competence, sound judgement and discretion. This Code of Ethics has been developed by the WORLD SKATE Referee Committee and the IHTC. It is our public declaration of a referee's obligation to the game, his peers and himself.

I will...

- Do the best job I can in each game, no matter what the category of hockey. Always show respect for my fellow referees, the players, coaches and fans.
- Show respect for all participants and spectators of the game at all times.
- Develop my skills as a referee and be consistent and uniformed in my calling of penalties.
- Treat the use of abusive language or gestures as completely unacceptable under any circumstances.
- Study and continue to improve my knowledge of the WORLD SKATE playing rules, and the WORLD SKATE Inline Hockey Referees' Program policies and procedures.
- Referee the game at all levels to the spirit of the game in accordance with the WORLD SKATE Playing Rules.
- Represent myself and the rules of the game as fairly and as accurately as possible at all times.
- When required, promptly report all penalties involving potential disciplinary action to the appropriate authorities.

- Always be unquestionably impartial, keeping a professional and appropriate distance from teams.
- Uphold the philosophy and right of all participants to "Fair Play" and penalize all violent acts accordingly.
- Try to raise the standard of play in each game that I referee.
- Be supportive of my fellow on-surface and off-surface officials at all times, even when I am a spectator.
- Contribute to the continuing growth of the WORLD SKATE Inline Hockey Program and its officials within my Federation through support, encouragement and positive attitude.
- Respect and accept constructive feedback from supervisors and the assignments I receive from my administrators.

I...

- Accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but I will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professionalism.
- Understand that the use of alcohol is not encouraged and is totally unacceptable on game days and that the use of illicit drugs is against the law at all times.

Registration with your Federation in the WORLD SKATE Inline Hockey Referee's Program implies that you understand and will comply with the Referees' Code of Ethics. Referees not complying will be subject to disciplinary action.

Name (print)

Signature

Date



REFEREE REGISTRATION SHEET

To become a carded and certified inline hockey referee you must complete the following:

1. Have a good knowledge of the playing rules.
2. Complete the written exam and achieve an 80% score.
3. Understand and be able to demonstrate proper on surface positioning.
4. Be a proficient skater.
5. Successful supervision at the Championship level.
6. Be willing to continue to your development as an official by assisting in the growth of the inline game in your country.

Registration Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Exam Score: Skating: Supervision: Card:
