

REFEREE'S PROGRAMME

2018-21

1. Programme Components

Every 4 years the IBSA Goalball Subcommittee will hold referee clinics or exams to introduce new rules and recertify referees at all levels.

Any individual attempting a new level of certification must also attend a full clinic including theoretical instruction, written exams and practical assessment.

The International Blind Sports Federation Referee's programme consists of five components:

- Level I Referees
- Level II Referees
- Level III Referees
- Course Conductors (CC)
- Senior Course Conductors (SCC)

2.1 Level I Referees:

Level I referees are eligible to officiate at national and international events, with the exception of Paralympic Games, World or Regional Championships, Paralympic Qualifying tournaments and Youth World Championships. Exam to certify at this level can occur at any national or international event. Candidates must attend a two/three-day course and pass an open-book written exam in English of 13 multiple choice and 7 true and false questions with a minimum passing score of 15 out of 20. In addition to the written exam, the candidate must referee 3 games. Feedback will be provided for the first of the 3 games. The candidate must pass practical assessment for the 2 additional games (1 game officiated from table-side and 1 game from far-side). The minimum passing score for the game assessment of the Level I exam will be 50 out of 100 (average two games). All calls must be made in English.

Level I candidates will be examined by a Level III Referee who has completed course conductor's training, a Course Conductor or a Senior Course Conductor. Course conductors can be from the same country as the candidates.

2.2 Level II Referees:

Level II referees are eligible to officiate at any national and international events, IBSA sanctioned Regional Championships, Youth World and Regional

Championships, with the exception of Paralympic Games, World Championships, IBSA World Games. Exam to certify can occur at an international event that includes national or club team participation from a minimum of three (3) countries. Candidates must pass a timed closed-book written exam in English consisting of 25 multiple choice and 10 true/ false questions with a minimum passing score of 28 correct responses out of the 35 questions.

The candidates will be required to referee 3 games. Feedback will be provided for the first of the 3 games. The candidate must pass a practical assessment. The candidate must pass practical assessment for the 2 additional games (1 game officiated from table-side and 1 game from far-side). The minimum passing score for the game assessment will be 80 out of 100 (average of two games). Practical exams will be conducted in English. Level II candidates will be examined by a Course Conductor or a Senior Course Conductor. Conductor cannot be from the same country as the candidate.

2.3 Level III Referees:

Level III referees are eligible to officiate at any national and international events, including Paralympic Games, IBSA sanctioned World Championships and Regional Championships, IBSA World Games and Paralympics Qualifying tournaments. Exams to certify can occur at any international event with participation of national or club teams from minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) countries.

Candidates must take the Level III Referee course and successfully complete written exams and practical game assessment.

The written exam will be timed and in English. It will have two components consisting of 60 total questions.

- The first written component includes 30 multiple choice and 20 true/false questions. The minimum passing score is 48 correct responses for the 50 questions.
- The second written component includes 10 questions (consisting of either 5 videos and 5 short answer questions, 10 videos or 10 short answer questions). This part of the exam is based on situational judgement. Based on the response, an answer to each of the 10 questions may receive between 0 and 5 points. The minimum passing score is 45 out of 50 points.

The minimum passing score for the practical component of the Level III exam will be 95 out of 100 (average of 3 games).

Level III candidates will be examined by a Senior Course Conductor who is not from the same country as the candidate.

3. Eligibility for advancement to the next highest level (Level I-III):

3.1 Level 1.

Candidates to Level I – must demonstrate their commitment to officiate goalball. This must be proved by national federation or other official body.

3.2 Level II

Candidates to Level II – two (2) years (730 days) of practical national and international experience is required between Level I and Level II. Candidates must fulfill their passport annually, which proves their constant commitment to officiate goalball.

3.3 Level III

Candidates to Level III – three (3) years (1095 days) of practical national and international experience is required between Level II and Level III. Candidates must fulfill their passport annually, which proves their constant commitment to officiate goalball.

Courses for advancement must be taken in order from Level I to Level III. The IBSA Goalball Subcommittee can dismiss any referee that does not comply with the IBSA Goalball Referee Code of Conduct.

The new level is approved when the conductor confirms the results in writing or when the clinic payment is done, whichever occurs last.

If a referee candidate doesn't pass either the written exam or game assessment, they have to perform again that part only. If the candidate tries to recertify after twelve (12) months they need to pay full clinic fee as in 10.7.

4. Course Conductor (CC)

Course conductor has a minimum of 5 years as a Level III referee (preferable, but not limited). CCs are eligible to certify Level I and II referees. CC candidates must have a minimum of 7 years of continuous involvement Goalball Clinic Programme. Additionally, candidates must demonstrate a consistent commitment to officiate goalball.

Goalball subcommittee appoints CC(s) for a four (4) year period prior to each World Championship. Goalball Subcommittee can nominate new CCs according as regional requirements dictate. Goalball subcommittee can also dismiss or replace a

course conductor who is not performing the duties in line with expectations and if they don't follow the Code of Conduct.

Course Conductors can act as Technical Delegate (TD) or Commissioner after participating in corresponding training. TDs and Commissioners are approved by IBSA Goalball subcommittee's chairman.

5. Senior Course Conductor (SCC)

Has a minimum of 7 years as a Level III referee (preferable, but not limited) and has experience of conducting certification clinics.

SCCs are eligible to certify Level I, II and III Referees. SCC candidates must have a minimum of 10 years of continuous involvement in the Goalball Referee's Certification Programme. Additionally, candidates must have demonstrated the ability to teach and consistently instruct the Goalball Certification Programme. SCCs can act also as Technical Delegates (TD) or Commissioner after participating in corresponding training. SCCs are nominated and approved by the IBSA Goalball Subcommittee's chairman.

6. Other trainings

6.1 ITO Training

ITO training, workshop consists of

- ITO Manual
- Roles and duties of scorer, timer and goal judges
- Exercise of clock and score sheets
- Practice of goal judge

6.2 Technical Delegate's training

Technical Delegates' training is one-day workshop and consists of

- Material in TD guidelines
- Goalball rules and regulations
- Protest procedure
- Exercises

Subcommittee select the TDs mainly from the group of SCC/CC, but is not limited to this group if other persons have shown competence and performance in similar events and they know Goalball rules and regulations.

7. Certification Maintenance:

To maintain IBSA Certification all Referees must:

- pay a fee of Euros 20 for passport maintenance by 31 March of each year
- submit a validated “E-Pass” to the IBSA Goalball Referee’s Coordinator by 31 December of each year
- record all games officiated during that year in the “E-Pass” (games must be played under IBSA rules)

7.1 Level I

Annually, Level I Referees must referee a minimum of eight (8) games at one or more local or international tournaments (total 8 games).

7.2 Level II

Annually, Level II Referees must referee eight (8) games at one or more local or international tournaments and referee a minimum of four (4) games at one or more international tournament (total 12 games).

7.3 Level III

Annually, Level III Referees must referee a minimum of eight (8) games at one or more local or international tournaments and referee a minimum of ten (10) games at one or more international events (total 18 games).

When two or more different national or club teams participate in one tournament it is called international tournament.

8. Special Circumstances for Certification Maintenance

If a certified referee does not meet the annual tournament certification requirements but still pays their maintenance fees, they will lose certification as follows:

- Level I - if one year missed, must re-qualify as Level I
- Level II - if one year missed, drop to Level I
- Level III - if one year missed, drop to level II

If a referee cannot meet their certification requirements in a given year, they may submit their passport and maintenance fees and a letter to the IBSA Goalball Referee Coordinator explaining the reasons that prevented from achieving their annual requirements. Upon reviewing the referee’s letter, the IBSA Goalball Referee Coordinator, in consultation with the Goalball Subcommittee, will make a determination as to whether or not their certification will be maintained.

If a referee does not pay their fees by the 31 March deadline for every current year, or does not send their E-Pass by the 31 December deadline, they will be dropped from the referee programme, lose their IBSA Referee certification and lose the right to referee or officiate in any IBSA sanctioned events or Paralympic Games.

9. Appointment of Referees and ITOs

The IBSA Goalball Subcommittee, in consultation with the Referee's Advisory Group will approve and appoint referees and ITOs to the Paralympic Games and referees to World and Regional Championships, IBSA World Games and Paralympic Qualifying tournaments. See Tournament Regulations 45.

10 Clinic Procedures

All referee clinic must be announced in IBSA web page and be open to all candidates. However IBSA referee coordinator will approve the eligibility of candidates in advance. Organizer will define the total amount of referee candidates depending on the number of teams participating and the amount of games in the tournament.

10.1 The first action is to select clinic date and location.

10.2 Notify the IBSA Goalball Referee's Coordinator goalball.referees@ibsasport.org (ideally 90 days in advance) of the national association, location and date, number of participants at each level and fee payment details.

10.3 The IBSA Goalball Referee's Coordinator will then put out a call for all conductors eligible to conduct the clinic. Referee coordinator in consultation with chairman or sport director confirms the conductor.

10.4 The clinic must be held in conjunction with a tournament in order for practical assessment to occur. Games must be played according to IBSA goalball rules.

10.5 After the IBSA Goalball Referee's Coordinator has received registration information and fee payment (must be paid in advance), the Goalball Referee's Coordinator will provide the conductor all required course and exam materials.

10.6 Clinic organizer commits to cover the all travel costs (door to door) to Conductors and per diem euro 25,00/day.

10.7 Registration Fees

Clinic fees for the 2018 – 2021 period are:

- Level I € 20.00

- Level II € 40.00
- Level III € 80.00

Any referee who attends the IBSA Goalball Subcommittee clinic and pays the registration fee for that clinic is not required to pay maintenance fees in that same year. If the referee has already paid the certification maintenance fee for that year they only need to pay the balance of the clinic fee.

Candidates who pass a new level between January to April the full requirements of the new level as stated in rule 7.1 – 7.3.

Candidates who pass a new level between May to August should fulfil half of the requirements for the new level.

Candidates who pass a new level between September to December should pass the requirements for the level they have come from e.g. Those, who pass level III should fulfill level II requirements.

10.8 Clinics will generally consist of a 2 - 3 days theoretical component in which each rule is discussed and a practical assessment where each candidate is evaluated while refereeing 2-3 games. The average of the two practical marks for level I and II and three for level III in conjunction with the mark from the theoretical exam will determine a passing or failing mark.

Note: The theory part of the clinic may be shorter if candidates have previous Goalball experience or longer, if allowance needs to be made for interpreters or extraneous factors.

10.9 The assessing criteria must be explained to all participants during the clinics.

10.10 The marking requirements will be found in the clinic material and it is different for Level I, II and III.

10.11 In the event a candidate is recertifying at the same level, they may choose to by-pass the clinic and simply pay to challenge the written and practical exam to become recertified. All recertifying Level III referees and anyone attempting a new level must participate in a full referee's clinic.

10.12 When the IBSA Goalball Referee's Coordinator has received the clinic reporting forms from the CC/SCC, the IBSA Goalball Referee's Coordinator will add all referees who received a passing mark to the IBSA Master Referee Database, and send all new referees a letter informing them of their results and a maintenance E-Pass.

IBSA Goalball sub-committee reserves the right to change or modify referee's program when needed, provided they present 30 days written notice on the Goalball Committee website www.ibsasport.org. Referee's program takes effect on 1st of January 2018.

