

INTERNATIONAL YOGA COMMITTEE

(International Non-Olympic Committee)



REFEREE COMMISSION RULES (RCR)

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1) PURPOSE

The Referee Commission (RC) will consist of the President and ten (10) permanent members, at least one of which will be female, all appointed by the Executive Committee. The five (5) Continental Federations will be represented in the RC and as far as possible the RC members will be qualified for judging the yoga. Also a President and General Secretary have rights to appoint RC members without the right to vote. Only the A level qualified members will have the right to vote in the examinations of the referee course. The EC will also have the right to appoint one(1) additional member, upon the IYC President and General Secretary proposal.

2) AUTHORITIES

- 2.1. The Referee Commission will be responsible for the examination and certification of Referee Officials and their deployment at World/National Championships. It shall be the responsibility of the Referee Commission to maintain the standards of refereeing and a uniform understanding and application of the Competition Rules.
- 2.2. The Referee Commission will monitor the performance of the Referees and Judges during the scheduled World/National Championships.
- 2.3. Complaints received by the Referee Commission President or General Secretary may result in the subsequent performance of the official(s) in question being closely examined and reported on by delegated members of the Referee Commission.
- 2.4. In the event that a Judge or Referee incurs serious criticism, then the Referee Commission will decide whether to suspend that official in their absolute discretion.
- 2.5. The President & Secretary of the Referee Commission shall arrange with the IYC General Secretary for the supply of certificates, badges, stationery, examination papers, pass-books, ties, and such other items as may be required for the Referee Programme.
- 2.6. The Referee Commission shall also have the power, with the agreement of the EC, to assemble meetings of its membership in order to discuss Refereeing matters such as the implications



- of changes in the Competition Rules.
- 2.7. The meetings the and the activities of the Referee Commission will be internally coordinated, minute and circulated by the Referee Commission Secretary or Assistant Secretary as well as to the members of the EC.

3) REFEREE COURSE AND EXAMINATIONS

- 3.1 The venue for the Referee courses and examinations shall be the same as for the World/National Championships.
- 3.2 A yoga competition must be organised after the course and will serve as the confirmation event.
- 3.3 The course venue must be within walking distance of the headquarters hotel, or transport must be arranged between the two. Walking distance means a maximum of 15 minutes time.
- 3.4 The course timetable will be set by the Referee Commission 3 (three) months prior to it's scheduled start date, so as to be circulated with the hotel information as mentioned before.
- 3.5 The President or Secretary of the IYC or a nominee thereof shall inspect the proposed course venue and Headquarters Hotel during the scheduled pre-Championships. At this time, the host NF will receive a detailed briefing on requirements and details. A report of this meeting will be lodged with the Referee Commission Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
- 3.6 The Referee Commission will plan the questions for use in the examinations. These will be translated into English and will be available during the examination. The question papers to be used at the examinations will be provided to the candidates by the Referee Commission Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
- 3.7 The IYC will also circulate printed application forms for the course. These will provide for an authorization by the mandated representative of each NF in respect of the nominated candidates.
- 3.8 The Secretary of the Referee Commission will confirm that he has an adequate supply of Tie, certificates, forms and the necessary documentation to operate the course.
- 3.9 For the Yoga course and examinations if separated from the Championships, the host NF will ensure that it can provide at least 30, high quality Yoga competitors, each day. All competitors must be yoga specialized and at least 18 years old.



- 3.10 The host NF will ensure that it is able to provide adequate facilities for the Referees during the course and the competition.
- 3.11 In order to standardize the worldwide level of Refereeing, the course will involve explanations and updating of the Competition Rules. At the conclusion of this lecture, there will be a theory examination.
- 3.12 The practical examinations will take the form of observation of a candidate whilst such attempts to work in a real bout.
- 3.13 A candidate's performance will be summarized by means of a pass/fail form and the result of the examination will be given to the candidate by the Referee Commission and a copy forwarded to the candidate's nominating NF.
- 3.14 Yoga examination procedures. First part: theory questions, candidates will pass this part by having a maximum of 6 (six) wrong answers, if more they fail, a maximum of 10% bonus will be added to the total examination evaluation by passing the theory part. Second part: practical during the competition, each Judge and at least one time as Referee. The final examination result will be the summation of both parts and those achieving or exceeding the pass mark will receive their respective qualifications.
- 3.15 IYC & its National Federations have rights to issue the certification i.e. A Grade, B Grade & C Grade.
- 3.16 For the theory lectures and examinations, the host NF must furnish a room with sufficient chairs and desks to accommodate 200 people. The room must be equipped with an LCD Projector and a suitable screen.
- 3.17 The area for the yoga practical examinations must be capable of holding two full competition areas, and equipped with sufficient chairs, the two areas marked out, bells, stop watches, approved protective mitts and an adequate supply of yoga competitors and appropriate medical cover.

4 GERNAL GUIDELINES

- 4.1 The National Federations may nominate their country's citizens or residents as candidates to the IYC Referee course provided the country is in current paid up membership of IYC. Candidates must be registered with the RC Secretary, as



- specified in the IYC Financial & Administrative Regulations in effect.
- 4.2 Yoga Referee Candidates must be at least 20 years old and be a minimum diploma in yoga.
 - 4.3 Candidates must wear the uniform structure mentioned in the Rules and Regulation (<http://www.iyc-yoga.org/IYC-Rules-Regulation.pdf>)
 - 4.4 All Refereeing officials who have not attended the course and examinations and wish to officiate at the Championships must attend the lecture and briefing on the afternoon or evening before the Championships commence. They must also be present at the competition venue for final briefing and area allocation, at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start.
 - 4.5 Referees officiating in a IYC event cannot perform another function in that event.
 - 4.6 Only qualified referee can eligible to participate in the IYC events.
 - 4.7 Referees must renew their licenses every five years. All current officials are required by their National Federations to be paid up to date with the IYC Treasury. Officials of National Federations in debt to IYC may not participate in IYC Championships or courses.

5 Uniform

The official uniform will be as follows: A white shirt with Full Hand, Maroon tie, Plain Black trousers, black socks and black shoes for use on the match area. Female referees and judges may wear a hair bands.

