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## REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL REFEREEING BODY



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## **CHAPTER 1 - OBJECT**

### **Article 1**

These Regulations have as their aim to determine:

- conditions of attribution of the title of international referee,
- rights, duties and positions of the international referee,
- categories and zone of competence of the international referee,
- methods of assessment of improvement of the international referee.

They lay down the statute of the body of international refereeing and the obligations which result from it for the people concerned and their National Federations as well as for the FILA. It defines the conditions of use of the refereeing body during Championships and competitions organised by or under the control of the FILA.

## **CHAPTER 2 - ATTRIBUTION OF THE TITLE - CONDITIONS**

### **Article 2 - Competent authority**

The FILA is the only qualified body which can give the title of international referee for the sport of wrestling and can issue referees' licences and badges.

### **Article 3 - Candidature**

Only national referees who possess the highest qualification laid down in the Regulations of their National Federation and who have their country's nationality can be presented as candidates for the international examination by their National Federation.

### **Article 4 - Preliminary conditions**

Any candidate for the title of international referee must be a maximum of 40 years of age and must have followed and passed a training course in his own country during which he must have covered all the significant matters in the international referee examination programme.

### **Article 5 - Conditions of attribution**

The title of international referee can be awarded to any candidate who has fulfilled conditions 2 and 3 above and who has followed a special training course organised by the FILA, who has satisfied the tests which follow and has satisfactorily refereed an official competition.

However, during that training course, the candidate will have to present his national referee card and provide an authorizing letter written about him by his National Federation.



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#### **Article 6 - Exam**

The examining panel for the examination outlined in article 5 is composed of FILA nominated instructors. The exam consists of:

- a. an oral test on fluency in French or English
- b. a written test: questions and pairing tables
- c. an oral test: questions relating to the technical wrestling Regulations
- d. test on video film
- e. a practical test: judgement and refereeing of matches

Any candidate for the title of referee will have to pay a registration fee and an examination fee fixed by FILA

#### **Article 7 - Nomination**

The examination candidate having successfully refereed an official competition will be awarded the title of third category. However, the jury may decide that an outstanding candidate be immediately awarded a higher category. It is however specified that a wrestler or an active trainer cannot be allowed to pass an international referee examination during a competition in which he or she is participating.

### **CHAPTER 3 - RIGHTS, DUTIES AND POSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE**

#### **Article 8 - Rights**

The duly accredited FILA international referee who meets the requirements of the various Regulations, has the right:

- a. to wear the FILA badge and the regulatory emblem on the jacket of his uniform
- b. to be nominated by the FILA to referee international competitions
- c. to be nominated FILA mat chairman
- d. to be promoted to a higher category, depending on his competence, at the time of the training courses organised for this purpose by the FILA
- e. to receive personally, decorations, diplomas, badges, medals, golden whistle etc.
- f. to receive from event organisers, when he is assigned as neutral referee assigned by FILA, the reimbursement of accommodation and travelling expenses and to receive an allowance per day for representation expenses (refer to Financial Regulations) for the duration of the competition, plus two days before the competition and one day after the competition, in a convertible currency. However this provision is not applicable to the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups and Continental Championships and Games
- g. to open procedures outlined in the FILA Disciplinary Regulations in case of dispute he is involved



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#### **Article 9 - Duties**

When working as such, international referees do not represent their country, but are only FILA nominated referees. In addition to his duties and being the subject of the provisions applicable to the function of referee as defined in the International Rules of Wrestling, the international referee must :

- a. always be able to present his license, validated for the current year,
- b. wear the regulatory dress which consists of : grey trousers, light blue shirt, yellow tie and classic navy blue jacket (each with FILA logo). It is forbidden to wear shoes on the mats,
- c. permanently be available to the qualified officials and the mat chairman for the duration of the competition,
- d. carry out the tasks which he is given in the pure spirit of justice and impartiality, and demand the integral compliance with the International Rules of Wrestling,
- e. lead the national competitions of his Federation and also work as referee at these competitions,
- f. be available as often as possible as referee for international competitions he is capable of refereeing.

#### **Article 10 - Permanent ending of function**

Besides death, the function of international referee ceases irremediably and the title is withdrawn in the following cases:

- when the referee reaches 60 years of age
- resignation of the interested party
- removal from the official list of international referees following the provisions of the FILA Disciplinary Regulations being applied
- removal of the interested party by his National Federation.

#### **Article 11 - Temporary suspension of function - consequences**

- a. The international referee who voluntarily ceases his activity or has been removed from the list of referees by his National Federation and who wishes to referee again must pass the examination mentioned in articles 5 and 6 above in order to be able to get back his international category and thus benefit of the corresponding rights.
- b. The international referee who has the first or second category and who has not been controlled twice during the current year will maintain the title of international referee but will be downgraded to a lower category and will be deprived of the rights which result from this. In order to obtain a higher category again, he will have to sit and successfully pass the corresponding promotion examination.

#### **Article 12 - Honorary membership**

The category I international referee who participated in 4 senior World Championships or once in the Olympic Games and who is willing to cease his refereeing activity has the possibility of receiving, at the suggestion of his National Federation or of the FILA Refereeing Department, the honorary title of honorary referee, giving him the right to the annual stamp, the badge of his title and a diploma.

On presentation of its validated licence, he will have free access to all the competitions organised under FILA's control (except the Olympic Games).



### Article 13 - Particular positions of the international referee

Notwithstanding article 10 above, the title of international referee can be withdrawn on a provisional basis and be temporarily removed from the official list of international referees, in the cases outlined in the FILA Disciplinary Regulations or if the international referee has not settled his annual licence fee for more than two consecutive years.

The international referee whose licence is not validated for the current year will not be able to referee.

The first and second category international referee will be demoted by one category if he does not take part in one competition organised by and under the FILA's control during the year.

The International referee whose refereeing activity is recognised as insufficient is demoted by one category at the suggestion of the Refereeing Department and by decision of the FILA Executive Committee.

## **CHAPTER 4 - CATEGORIES - CONDITIONS OF OBTENTION AND ZONE OF COMPETENCE**

### Article 14 - Classification

Following the suggestion made by the Refereeing Department, international referees are classified, by decision of the FILA Executive Committee, in the categories indicated hereafter, in descending order:

- a. Referee of first category
- b. Referee of second category
- c. Referee of third category
- d. honorary referee

### Article 15 - Conditions for obtaining categories

#### **a) Promotion course**

The international referee who wishes to be promoted by one category must attend a course especially set up for this purpose by the FILA during competitions and pass the exam. The interested party will have to pay an examination fee in Swiss Francs (see Financial Regulations).

#### **b) Controlling courses**

International referees can remain in their category, after decision of the Executive Committee, depending on the marks awarded by the Officiating Department during competitions in which they referee. On the basis of the same criteria, they can be demoted.

#### **c) Selection course**

Only category I referees may participate in this course, under the conditions laid down in the table "courses for referees" (Appendix) These courses are used to select the referees authorized to work at senior, junior and cadet World Championships and World Cups. They are organized on the occasion of cadet, junior and senior Continental Championships on each continent for the referees of the continent concerned.

Referees who want to participate in this course must obligatorily attend the theoretical part and must referee in the three styles during the whole competition.



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A referee who has not a sufficient knowledge in French or English will not be selected.

Concerning the World Cups, which usually are held prior to the Continental Championships, the referees included in the list of the preceding year will be authorized to work.

Concerning the World Championships, only the referees included in the list established after the Continental Championships are authorized to work.

#### **d) The first category**

The first category is only granted to referees who have satisfied the special FILA examination for this purpose at competitions reserved for this purpose. The age limit for a candidate to sit for this exam is 50 years old.

#### **e) Taxes**

The following fees are levied at refereeing courses :

- Control course            free of charge
- Upgrading course        payment of a fee
- New candidate            payment of a fee
- Selection course         payment of a fee

#### **Article 16 - Zones of competence**

The international referee is qualified to referee according to his category:

- a) category I**                                    all competitions under FILA's control : Olympic Games\*, World Championships and Cups, Continental Championships and Cups, Regional Games and Continental Games (all age groups).
- b) category II**                                all the competitions under the FILA's control, except for the Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups (all age groups) and Continental Championships (seniors). However they will be authorised to referee at these competitions if a promotion course to category I is organised.
- c) category III**                                all the international tournaments under the FILA's control

\* For the Olympic Games, the category I referees will be selected according to the evaluation received and on the basis of a quota fixed by FILA on the occasion of a specific exam.



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#### **Article 17 - Means of nominating referees**

- a. Any National Federation remains free to choose in the list of its qualified referees the candidate of its choice for Championships and competitions, subject to satisfying imperatively the nature of the competition: article 16 above must be followed, as must the requirements of the Regulations for International Championships and Competitions which lay down the number of referees of one country who can be presented.
- b. At the Olympic Games, only cat. I referees who are on the list drawn up by the FILA can work.

#### **Article 18 - International obligations**

Although the National Federations remain entirely responsible for their referees who have acquired the international qualification, the composition of the refereeing body planned for the various competitions organised by or under the control of the FILA must meet the following requirements:

- a. In international tournaments where there are three countries or more participating, in addition to the competent referees of participating countries as is mentioned above in article 16, a neutral referee who will work as coordinator and mat chairman, must obligatorily be nominated by the FILA and must officiate.
- b. If the organiser does not register in the FILA calendar a competition which is under the FILA's responsibility and if he does not inform FILA of its organisation in due time, the organising Federation will be sanctioned as provided in the FILA General Regulations for International Championships and Competitions, the FILA Disciplinary Regulations and FILA Financial Regulations. In addition, the international referees who have accepted to referee the competition will be sanctioned as stipulated in the Regulations in force.
- c. Concerning a match between two nations, the FILA will not delegate a referee, unless the Federations concerned ask for one.
- d. The FILA nominated referee must provide the competition report for the competition which he referees, within 2 days after the competition by mail at the FILA Secretariat.
- e. The FILA nominated referees are designated each year after the Calendar Congress, which is run by the FILA, produces the international calendar. However, for international tournaments which do not appear on the calendar, the organisers must ask the FILA to designate referees mentioned in paragraphs a) and b) above, at least three months before the tournament in question. This request must be presented in writing to the FILA Secretariat. The time limit is reduced to two months if there are just two countries participating (paragraph c), above.
- f. The organising federation of international tournaments which are covered by this article and which does not request a FILA nominated referee will be liable to sanctions as laid down in the Disciplinary Regulations.
- g. The assigned referee must make sure that the organizer send the results to FILA by e-mail – address : [fila@fila-wrestling.com](mailto:fila@fila-wrestling.com) at the end of each session in order to be able to include them immediately in FILA site. The day before the competition the programme and the match list.





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## **CHAPTER 5 - REFERENCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES**

### **Article 19 - Reference**

For reference purposes, the FILA keeps a record of the international referees and the evaluation they received. Referees are filed according to their activity and their competence. This facilitates application of the provisions of articles 10 and 13 above.

### **Article 20 - Means of control**

For the Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, World League, a reference system has been drawn up by the FILA and which comprises members of the FILA Bureau and the Refereeing Department.

International referees who take part in events and competitions organised by their National Federation, under the FILA's control, are examined and evaluated during the events by the designated persons or, depending on the nature of the competition, by the FILA designated referees (as mentioned above in article 18 d).

The evaluation and comments are recorded by the FILA and are used to establish the annual classification of international referees.

### **Article 21 - Consequences of the technical control**

The international referee who is the subject of a complaint for infringement of the officiating rules of wrestling will receive a warning if the complaint is recognised as justified by the competent authority. If the offence is repeated, the referee will be demoted to a lower category. However, if the offence is serious, the referee could be suspended for the duration of the competition or be immediately demoted by the Executive Committee.

The international referee who makes an unjust decision under pressure or in agreement with someone, and who is thereby covered by the provisions of the FILA Disciplinary Regulations will be disqualified and excluded for life.

Suspension can be imposed during the competition in which the offences were noted.

The final sanction will be the subject of a decision by the FILA Bureau on the basis of the results of an ordered investigation.

### **Article 22 - Improvement, courses and examination**

National Federations must attach particular importance to national training courses as a means of improvement. Bearing in mind provisions of article 15 above, an international referee will be examined for his improvement and for possible promotion to a higher category during special examinations run by the FILA during competitions indicated for this purpose in the international calendar.

The international referees' exam must take place without regard to the category of the referees concerned and is governed the FILA Refereeing Department. It is organised at the same time as an international competition. It must be preceded by theoretical training in order to standardise the refereeing.

The National Federations which enter candidates for the course must ensure they have entered enough international referees of the correct level to referee the competition concerned. As far as possible, such training courses will take place on the different continents.



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### **Article 23 - Information during major competitions**

Independently of the provisions laid down in article 22 c) above, in order to obtain the most homogenous refereeing body at major competitions such as the Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups, Continental Games and Championships, a training course for participating referees will obligatorily take place run by the President of the Refereeing Department and by instructors appointed by the FILA President.

In addition, each day, the person in charge for the refereeing body at the competition will convene the referees to discuss any litigious points which may have occurred.

The person in charge of the refereeing body will bring together the mat chairmen whenever he considers it useful.

In addition to the reminder of major officiating rules, video films on delicate officiating situations will be showed and the referees will be questioned on their interpretation of these situations.

It is reminded that the referee and the mat chairman cannot be of the same nationality as the competing wrestlers.

## **CHAPTER 6 – THE REFEREE**

### **Article 24 – The Referee**

a) The referee is responsible for the orderly conduct of the bout on the mat, which he must direct according to the Rules.

b) He must command the respect of the contestants and exercise full authority over them so that they immediately obey his orders and instructions. Similarly, he must conduct the bout without tolerating any irregular and untimely outside interventions.

c) He shall work in close co-operation with the judge and must carry out his duties in supervising the bout while refraining from any impulsive or untimely interference. His whistle shall begin, interrupt and end the bout.

d) The referee shall order the return of the wrestlers to the mat after they have left it, or the continuation of the bout in the standing or "par terre" position (on the mat), with the approval of the judge, or failing that, with the approval of the mat chairman.

e) The referee is required to wear a red wristband on his left arm, and a blue wristband on his right arm. He shall indicate with his fingers the points corresponding to the value of a hold after its execution (if it is valid, if it has been executed within the limits of the mat, and if a wrestler has been put in a danger position, etc.) by raising the arm corresponding to the wrestler who scored.

f) The referee must never hesitate to:

- Interrupt the bout at exactly the right time, neither too soon nor too late.
- Indicate whether a hold executed at the edge of the mat is valid.
- Visibly count the five seconds during which the wrestler is held in a bridge position and award the additional point (1) for this situation.
- Signal and announce TOUCHE (fall) after seeking the agreement of the judge, or if this is not possible, of the mat chairman. In order to determine whether a wrestler has actually been pinned to the mat by both shoulders at the same time, the referee must say the word TOUCHE (fall), raise his hand to secure the agreement of the judge or the mat chairman, strike the mat with his hand and then blow the whistle.



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g) The referee must:

- Rapidly and clearly order the position in which wrestling must be resumed, when he sends the wrestlers back to the centre of the mat (their feet must be in the central circle).
- Not stand so close to the wrestlers that he obstructs the view of the judges and the mat chairman, particularly if a fall appears imminent.
- Ensure that the wrestlers do not rest during the bout on the pretence of wiping their bodies, blowing their noses, pretending to be injured, etc. In this case, he must stop the bout and ask for a caution (0) to the wrestler at fault and 1 point to his opponent.
- Be able to change his position from one moment to the next, on the mat or around it, and in particular, immediately fall flat onto his stomach to obtain a better view of an imminent fall.
- Be able to stimulate a passive wrestler without interrupting the bout, by standing in such a way as to prevent the wrestler from leaving the mat.
- Be ready to whistle if the wrestlers come too close to the edge of the mat.
- Not interrupt the bout in Greco-Roman Wrestling in a danger position situation, after 1 minute and 30 seconds.

i) The referee is also required to:

- Pay special attention to the wrestlers' legs in Greco-Roman wrestling.
- Require the wrestlers to remain on the mat until the result of the bout is announced.
- In all cases where agreement is necessary, first ask the opinion of the judge at the edge of the mat facing the mat chairman.
- Proclaim the winner after agreement with the mat chairman after each period and at the end of the bout.

i) The referee requests penalties for violation of the Rules or for brutality.

j) The referee, if the mat chairman intervenes, must interrupt the bout and proclaim victory by technical superiority when the wrestlers' scores are 6 points difference in one period. In this situation, he must wait for the action - either an attack or a counter attack - to be complete.

## **CHAPTER 7 – THE JUDGE**

### **Article 25 – The Judge**

a) The judge is responsible for all the duties stipulated in the general Rules of wrestling.

b) He must follow the course of the bout very closely without allowing himself to be distracted in any way; he must award points for each action, and mark them on his score sheet, in agreement with the referee or mat chairman. He must give his opinion in all situations.

c) Following each action, and on the basis of the referee's indications (which he compares with his own evaluation) or, failing this, on the basis of the mat chairman's indications, he records the number of points awarded to the action in question, and enters the results on a scoreboard placed beside him. This scoreboard must be visible to both the spectators and wrestlers.

d) The judge verifies and signals the fall (TOUCHE) to the referee.

e) If, during the bout, the judge notices something that he feels he should bring to the referee's attention because the latter was not able to see it or did not notice it (a fall, illegal hold, passive position, etc.), the judge is obliged to do so by raising the bat of the same colour as the singlet of the wrestler in question, even if the referee has not asked for his opinion. In all circumstances, the judge must call the referee's attention to anything that seems to him abnormal or irregular in the course of the bout or in the conduct of the wrestlers.



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f) The judge must, moreover, sign the score sheet handed to him upon receipt, and at the end of the bout, must clearly record on the score sheet the result of the bout by distinctly crossing out the name of the loser and writing in the name and country of the winner.

g) The decisions of the referee and judge are valid and enforceable without the intervention of the mat chairman if they are in agreement - except for proclamation of victory by technical superiority, in which case the mat chairman is required to give his opinion and in case of consultation or challenge.

h) The judge's score sheet must accurately indicate the time at which a bout ends in the case of victory by a fall, technical superiority, withdrawal, etc.

i) To make it easier for the judge to supervise the bout, particularly in a delicate position, he is authorised to change positions, but only along the edge of the mat over which he has control.

j) He must also indicate by underlining, the last action scored which can determine the winner of the period.

k) Cautions for fleeing the mat, illegal holds, or brutality will be noted by an 'O' in the column of the wrestler at fault.

l) The judge must be very active in clinch situations and help the referee to determine the wrestler at fault in case of an improper execution of the clinch.

## **CHAPTER 8 – THE MAT CHAIRMAN**

### **Article 26 - Appointment**

In compliance with the International Wrestling Rules stipulating the forming of an officiating body required for the control of wrestling matches, the FILA Executive Committee, upon proposal of the Officiating Department, is in charge of appointing the FILA mat chairmen who will work at the Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups, Continental Championships and Games, Golden Grand Prix (Finals).

To be appointed, a mat chairman must have the level of category O referee.

### **Article 27 - Position**

The body of mat chairmen is a body formed of specialists subordinate to the person in charge for the refereeing body, coming under the FILA Executive Committee.

Nominated according to their competences, the interested parties must swear an oath of impartiality and honesty, and are the sworn FILA referees.

### **Article 28 – Technical functions**

The FILA mat chairman, whose functions are very important, shall assume all the duties provided for in the Wrestling Rules and must:

- Note that all the requirements to begin a match are met,
- Control the work of the timing clerk,
- Ensure that all referees are always present near the mats
- Supervise the match and note all the actions



- Co-ordinate the work of the referee and the judge
- Indicate to the referee which wrestler must be ordered the clinch when the bout period ends 0-0 in Freestyle and after 1 minute and 30 seconds in Greco-roman
- Follow the course of the bouts very carefully, without allowing himself to be distracted in any way, and to evaluate the behaviour and action of the other officials according to the Rules,
- In the event of disagreement between the referee and judge, his task is to settle the issue in order to determine the result, the number of points and the falls
- In no case may the mat chairman be the first to give an opinion, he must wait for the opinion of the referee and judge, and he is not entitled to influence the decision.
- The mat chairman's approval must absolutely be sought before granting a fall.
- The mat chairman may decide to interrupt the bout in case of a serious mistake made by the referee.
- He may also interrupt the bout if a serious scoring mistake is made by the referee and judge. In such case, he must ask for a consultation. If the mat chairman does not obtain majority during the consultation, he must stand for either the referee or judge. This consultation does not alter the wrestler's right to the challenge.
- During a bout, when the coach considers that a blatant refereeing mistake has been made against his wrestler and calls for a challenge, the mat chairman must wait for the action to go to neutral and stop the match. He must review the video evidence at the same time as the referee, judge, and Jury of appeal. If the refereeing body was right, the mat chairman must make sure that no other challenge will be granted to the wrestler in question during the remaining of the match. After the single review of the video evidence, the referee gives his decision first, followed by the judge and the mat chairman. If the mat chairman agrees with his two colleagues, the Jury of appeal does not intervene and the decision is final, except if it notices a blatant misconduct. In such case, the decision of the Jury of appeal shall be enforced.

#### **Article 29 – Specific competences**

The FILA mat chairman is competent in particular circumstances and situations as described below:

- He takes due note of all the irregularities recorded and makes his observations and remarks to the head of the refereeing body who submits them to the Officiating Department and to the FILA Bureau.
- Possibly, he can propose the immediate suspension of the judge or of the referee in case of irregularity of serious infringement; he gives his opinion on the ranking of international referees.

### **CHAPTER 9 – THE JURY OF APPEAL**

#### **Article 30 - Appointment**

The Jury of appeal is appointed by the FILA President or his substitute. It is formed of three (3) persons chosen among the Instructors, the Bureau members, or knowledgeable refereeing people according to the different matches and wrestlers' nationality. There is one Jury of appeal per mat. One member of the Jury of appeal will be appointed as coordinator and will be in charge of announcing the Jury's decisions on behalf of all.

#### **Article 31 - Responsibilities**

The Jury of appeal is responsible for controlling that all rules governing a wrestling match have been applied by the refereeing body before the winner of the period or the match can be declared by the mat chairman.



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### **Article 32 - Role**

If the Jury of appeal notices that a serious administrative, timing or scoring mistake has been made, the coordinator must bring it to the mat chairman's attention and ask for its rectification. If the Jury of appeal notices that the mat chairman did not stop the match further to a challenge request, the coordinator must ask him to do so immediately after the action is completed.

During the video review, the Jury of appeal will not be allowed to speak with the refereeing body that must make its decision on its own. If the majority of the refereeing body reaches an agreement (the mat chairman's agreement being mandatory), the Jury of appeal cannot intervene, except in case of a blatant misconduct. In such case, the Jury invites the mat chairman at its table, reviews the disputed action a second time and renders its final decision. No further appeal will be possible.

If the mat chairman does not agree with the referee and the judge, then he must seek the Jury of appeal's decision and it will be considered final and irrevocable.

A complete set of red, blue and white paddles must be made available to each Jury of appeal in order for its decision to be seen by everyone.

No further appeal can be lodged to the FILA Bureau, CAS, or any other court once a decision has been made by the refereeing body (agreed upon by the mat chairman) or by the Jury of appeal.

The FILA Bureau can eliminate a member of the refereeing body or Jury of appeal at any time if it deems that a serious mistake in the application of the rules or in the decision of a challenge has been made.

The Jury of appeal will also be in charge of assessing the referees' work and submitting its written evaluations to FILA.

### **Article 33 – Penalties against the Refereeing Body**

The FILA Bureau, which constitutes the supreme jury, shall have the right to take the following disciplinary measures against the official(s) technically at fault:

- Give the official(s) concerned a caution
- Withdraw the official(s) from the competition
- Demote the official(s) to a lower category
- Order a temporary suspension
- Order a final dismissal



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## **CHAPTER 10 - OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **Article 34 - Scope of regulations**

International referees depend on the Financial Regulations with regard to their financial obligations, on the Disciplinary Regulations with regard to sanctions and penalties and on the Distinctions and Awards Regulations with regard to awards they can earn.

### **Article 35 - Distinctive insignal**

International referees in all categories have a special insignia.

### **Article 36 - Field of application**

The provisions of these Regulations apply to all the international referees who are regularly qualified by the FILA and to all the affiliated National Federations, and more particularly with regard to their obligations of education, further training and retraining of their international referees.

It is recommended that the National Federations follow the spirit of these Regulations so that their referees offer quality refereeing which conforms to the FILA Rules and Regulations

### **Article 37 - Miscellaneous**

In the event of a question concerning the interpretation of any of the articles in these Regulations, only the FILA Bureau is qualified to interpret them. In addition, the same Bureau has the right, with a view to the Constitution, to make any changes it deems necessary in order to improve the smooth running of international refereeing.

### APPENDIX - TYPES OF COURSES FOR REFEREES

Type	Description of the course	Competition	Person in charge	FILA fee	Referees authorised to participate	Max number of courses
1 and PM	Course for new candidates	1 per Continent	2 FILA instructors assigned by the Officiating Department and designated by the FILA	Sfr.100.- per person	Max 6 referees per mat and per country	5
2	promotion from cat. III to II and from II to I	1 per Continent	2 FILA instructors assigned by the Officiating Department and designated by the FILA	Sfr.100.- per person	Max. 4 referees per mat and per country	5
3	selection for the junior, senior World Championships and World Cups	During FS / G-R / WW's cadet, junior senior Continental Championships on each continent	2 FILA instructors assigned by the Officiating Department and designated by the FILA	Sfr.100.- per person	Max 2 referees per mat	15
4	Annual control for cat. O, I and II	During all the competitions included on FILA calendar where there is a referee assigned by FILA	1 referee assigned by the FILA Officiating Department and designated by the FILA	No fee	Max 10 referees per mat and per country	
5	Educational course in preparation for the OG and World Championships	Special course determined by the FILA	Lead by the FILA and co-ordinated by the Officiating Dept.	No fee	According to the FILA guidelines and Regulations	2

**N.B**

- a. Cat. O referees who want to obtain a selection to work at World Championships must obligatorily participate in the course organized on the occasion of the Continental Championship on their continent.
- b. Cat. II and I referees must participate in one international tournament each year.
- c. Cat. III referees do not have to participate in an international tournament each year.
- d. At Asian, American, African and Oceania Continental Championships, the countries which have no cat. O referees can send their highest qualified FILA referees.
- e. For all types of courses, the participants must show a written attestation from their National Federation.
- f. Before any World Championship, one consultation meeting will be held for half day, for the referees category I that have been selected.