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1 – International Referee definition

The aim of this paragraph is to exactly specify what an International Referee is and what he needs to know.

His role:

- It is a FIHB representative and so he must have the authority and diplomacy related to the function of an International Referee.
- He follows the guidelines established by the Supervisor.
- He checks the status of the pitch: marking of the game lines, goals.
- He controls the refereeing equipment: radio, flag, whistle, referee's chair or elevated platform.
- He is time keeper / desk secretary in order to control timing of matches.
- He retrieves the referee's horse.
- He inspects player's equipment and the tack of ponies or horses.
- He makes the draw for engagement.
- He controls the colours of the team's uniform and can change the uniform or a team by a draw.
- Referees have the authority to intervene in offenses out or in the pitch, during warm-up, during the match and until the validation of the match.
- He can order a player to exit from the pitch for medical reasons and asks the intervention of the doctor.
- He can order a pony/horse to exit from the pitch for veterinary reasons and asks the intervention of the veterinary.
- He can order a dangerous pony/horse to exit for the safety of players and/or horses.
- In the absence of the Supervisor, he may stop the match if security, weather, soil, boundaries conditions require.
- Referees are the only judges on the pitch. They must act without hesitation. But they can ask for advice or decision the Supervisor or Jury in any dispute or doubt.

An International Referee has to:

- Be Referee category 4 or 5 stars.
- Be appointed by the Supervisor of the competition.
- Be impartial to all teams.
- Stay calm at all times.
- Know all the technical terms for refereeing in French and English language.
- Participate to a FIHB clinic once every 2 years to update and renew his knowledge of International rules.
- Maintain his International Referee status acting in international competitions when required and cannot refuse to participate more than 3 times during two years starting in his last presence in a FIHB IRC clinic, has to participate in a FIHB event at least once per two years.

2 – Classification of International Referees

An International Referee is classified according to the number of "stars".

The National Referee has 1 to 3 stars according to the rules of each ONHB, the refereeing level and the experience (Club, Regional, National, National Elite, etc.).

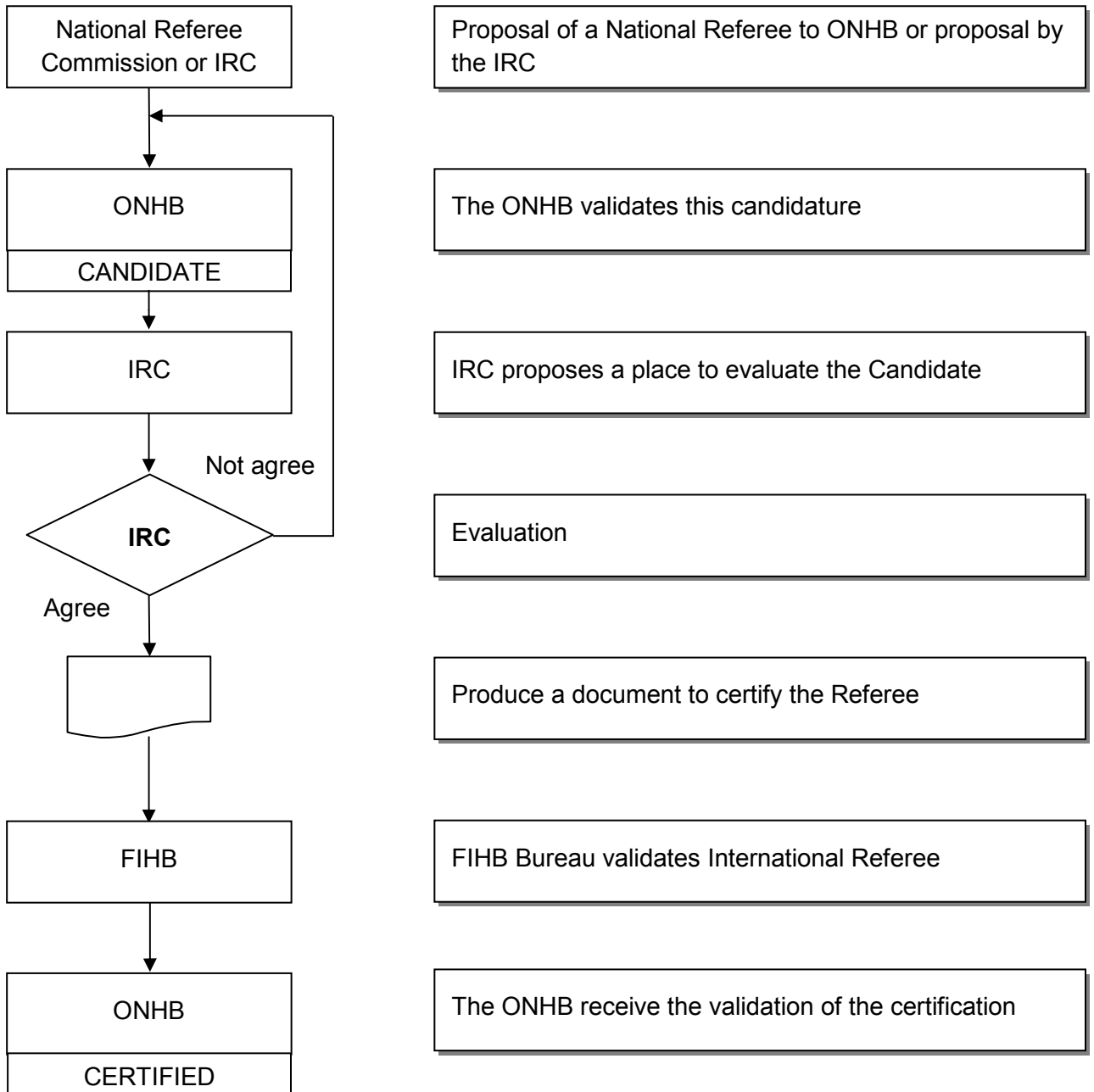
The International Referee has 4 to 5 stars as follow:

- **International Referee 4 stars:**
 - Be proposed by own ONHB or by FIHB IRC.
 - Be minimum a National Referee 3 stars for over 4 years.
 - Be evaluated and accepted by FIHB IRC.
 - Have a minimum of 90 points in FIHB WHR by two years between each FIHB IRC clinic.
 - Be able to use the technical terms for refereeing in French and English Language as in his own language.

- **International Referee 5 stars:**

- Be minimum an International Referee 4 stars for 3 successive years.
- Have a minimum of 150 points in FIHB WHR by two years between each FIHB IRC clinic.
- Be proposed by own ONHB or by FIHB IRC.
- Be evaluated and accepted by FIHB IRC.

3 – International Referee work flow



4 – FIHB Referee fee 2017

WHR Inscription fees					
Category	1* competition	2* competition	3* competition	4* competition	5* competition
Referee	5€ note 1	10€ note 1	15€ note 1	20€ note 1	25€ note 1

note 1: not due for 2017, offered by FIHB

5 – International Referee List

The following table lists the FIHB International Referees who can be called on FIHB International competitions or tournaments.

Legenda for spoken languages: **Fr** Fluently
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 Fr Mother language

Nation		Name	Spoken languages	# stars	status
	Belgium	Stephane Vanneste	Fr , En	5	Certified
		Raoul Verhoeven	<u>Fr</u> , En	4	Certified
		Kevin Vanneste	Fr , En	4	Certified
		Tonny Vandevenne	Fr , En	4	Certified
		Davy Bocqué	Fr , En	3	Candidate
	France	Jean-Marc Saur	<u>Fr</u> , En	5	Certified
		Gildas Lefort	<u>Fr</u> , En	5	Certified
		Denis Boulard	<u>Fr</u> , En	5	Certified
		Eric Guy	<u>Fr</u> , En	5	Certified
		Thomas Datin	<u>Fr</u> , En	4	Certified
		Sernin Pitois	<u>Fr</u> , En	4	Certified
		André Ponzio	<u>Fr</u> , En	4	Certified
		Frédéric Descamps	<u>Fr</u> , En	4	Certified
		Patricia Joyet	<u>Fr</u> , En, Sp	4	Certified
	Germany	Anna Von Godin	<u>Ge</u> , Fr , En	4	Certified
	Italy	Maurizio Percia	<u>It</u> , En, Fr	5	Certified
	Portugal	Iñes Santos	<u>Pt</u> , En , Fr	3	Certified
	Spain	Francesc Puy	<u>Sp</u> , En, Fr	5	Certified
		Santiago Arango	<u>Sp</u> , Fr	5	Certified
		Josep Salvatella	<u>Sp</u> , En, Fr	4	Certified
		Neal Seal	<u>Sp</u> , En, Fr	4	Certified
		Mariá Clavell	<u>Sp</u> , En, Fr	3	Certified
		Rodrigo Padilla	<u>Sp</u> , En	3	Candidate
		Laureana De Prado	<u>Sp</u> , En , Fr	3	Candidate

6 – Supervisor definition

The aim of this paragraph is to exactly specify what a Supervisor is and what he needs to know.

His role:

- He must be familiar with the International rules in force, and must enforce it.
- He is a FIHB ambassador and so he must have the authority and diplomacy related to the function of an International Supervisor.
- He is present at the very beginning of the competition and leave only after the price ceremony.
- He appoints Referees during a competition.
- He approves the time keeper(s) and he is responsible for.
- He organizes briefings and debriefings with Officials.
- He organizes briefings and debriefings with the Team Leaders or Coaches or team responsible.
- He evaluates the Referees during matches.
- He controls the players and ponies/horses.
- He chairs the veterinary visit or optionally may be represented by a Referee.
- He evaluates if the pitch allows to play and orders any necessary changes.
- He verifies that the organizational conditions are met: secretariat, display, medical services, veterinary.
- He is present at the beginning of the match and he guarantees the proper flow of the schedule.
- He distributes the referees on the various matches.
- He receives complaints from the teams, records regulatory complaints, settles disputes that do not require the use of the Appeal Committee.
- He applies the sanctions.
- He proceeds with the classification of the teams, validates the results.
- He may take the decision to validate the results or replay the match later.
- He can stop the game if security, weather, soil, boundaries conditions require.
- He can order a dangerous pony/horse to exit from the pitch for the safety of players and/or horses.
- Referees are the only judges on the pitch and the Supervisor must not interfere with the referring during a game. Under special circumstances (like decision or not to start with a sudden death, the decision or not to exclude from the pitch a player or a horse or to allow or not a horse or player to enter onto the pitch) or under major or technical circumstances, the referee may ask advice or decision to the Supervisor.

A Supervisor has to:

- Speak fluently English and French languages.
- Be Referee 3 to 5 stars to become Supervisor.
- Be appointed by the FIHB Bureau.
- Be accepted by the FIHB IRC.
- Be aged at least 30 years.
- Own 10 years minimum experience in Horse-Ball.
- Be impartial to all teams.
- Know how to stay calm in all circumstances.
- Know all the technical terms of Horse-Ball in French and English language in addition to the mother language if it is different.
- Be Supervisor at National level in his country for more than 4 years.






A Supervisor cannot:

- Interfere the referee's decision during the matches, only when safety is the aim.
- Stop the referees during the matches, only when safety is the aim.

7 – Supervisor List

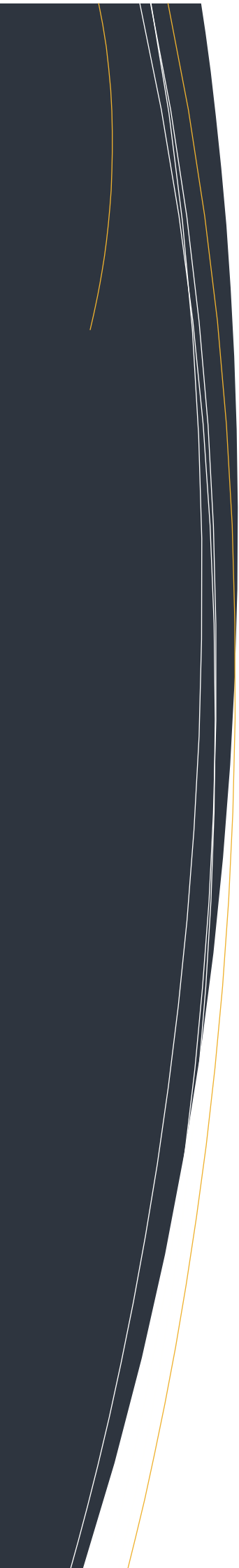
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	Belgium	Olivier Jacques-Houssa	<u>Fr</u> , En, Du
	France	Jean-Marc Saur	<u>Fr</u> , En
		Christophe Desormeaux	<u>Fr</u> , En
		Gildas Lefort	<u>Fr</u> , En, Sp
		Denis Boulard	<u>Fr</u>
		Eric Guy	<u>Fr</u>
	Italy	Maurizio Percia	<u>It</u> , Fr, En
	Portugal	Francisco Campeao	<u>Pt</u> , En
		Frederico Cannas	<u>Pt</u> , En, Sp, Fr
	Spain	Javier de Prado	<u>Sp</u> , <u>Fr</u> , En, Ge
		Manuel de Prado	<u>Sp</u> , <u>Fr</u> , En, Ge

History

Document history		
2014 ver.1.1	February 2014	Version 2014 - First edition approved by FIHB Bureau on February 20 th 2014
2014 ver.1.4	June 2014	Version 2014 - Second edition approved by FIHB Bureau on June 30 th 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changed Referee classification from number of balls into number of stars; • added WHR points criteria for passing from Referee 4 stars to 5 stars; • modification to the names of referees & supervisors.
2015 ver.1.5	March 2015	Version 2015 - Third edition approved by FIHB Bureau on March 11 th 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changed the payment of the FIHB WHR fee from annual to competition; • minimum FIHB WHR point for being referee 4 or 5stars; • no FIHB WHR fee for Supervisor; • update of the referees & supervisors list.
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