



SELECTION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The following is a set of expectations for **Umpires and Referees (National and International)** in Canada.

Preamble: In order to be considered for selection to an International event, all National and International Umpires and Referees must be active and registered with TTCAN. This means that the person must submit an activity card by June 30th of each year to TTCAN and pay an annual fee (\$50.00 NU/NR or \$100.00 IU or IR) by Aug 1 of the current year. If a candidate holds both positions, then he would only pay the higher of the fee.

An umpire or referee who is interested in contributing to their Provincial Association and to the internal structure in Canada may be active (as defined above) but not registered. He/she would then be considered for internal competitions within Canada such as Canadian Championships, Canada Series, Canada Winter Games, Olympic Trials, Western Open, Atlantic Championship, etc.

A National Umpire/Referee may apply to be an umpire/referee anywhere in Canada. It is expected that he/she would be in good physical health. He/she would be able to attend to the tasks associated with a tournament in Canada.

There would NOT be any age restriction on the official within Canada.

Fully certified National Umpires and National Referees are also considered for some events in the United States (see below). This is on the condition that they are active and registered in Canada.

The following is a set of expectations for **International Umpires and Referees** who represent the country outside Canada.

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Other countries and the ITTF send invitations to TTCAN. It is the intention of these guidelines to articulate the expectation of a Canadian official representing the country.

1. Officials are to demonstrate respect to organizers of the event.
2. Officials are expected to uphold a level of composure under circumstances that are sometimes frustrating for the individual. This means that an official maintains his composure when there are unforeseen troubles. This could be at the airport with delays or cancellations, at the hotel with staff, at the tournament with your personal schedule, etc.

3. The official is expected to have contact information, on hand, of local organizers, personal contacts in case of emergency, consulate information and TTCAN staff phone numbers.
4. Officials are to remember, at all times, that their behavior and demeanor are always the subject of scrutiny of others. The official's presence at a tournament causes others to make observations and conclusions about ALL the officials in Canada. This has an impact on future invitations.
5. It is the intention of the URC for Canada to make recommendations regarding the selection of Canadian officials to events outside of Canada.

Event Expectations

In order to be considered for selection to an International event, all National and International Umpires/Referees must be active and registered with TTCAN. They must also be members in good standing of their Provincial Associations. Verification of their Provincial relationship will be acquired after the official submits their activity card. The activity card will be copied and sent to the Provincial Association for verification.

North America

Officials from Canada are expected to be in "good" physical shape. They need to be able to function through a 3, 4 or 5 day tournament. The rotation list that is used in Canada will be the standard for selection.

Youth, Junior, Cadet events (ITTF sanctioned events)

Umpires who would like to be considered for these events shall be under the age of 50. Females who apply will be given strong consideration.

Referees who would like to be considered for a referee position shall be under the age of 70. They must also meet the aforementioned physical criteria.

ITTF Pro Tour Events

All umpires and referees will be considered for these events.

World Championships

All umpires and referees will be considered for these events if they have been active and registered in the 2 years preceding the Championships.

Olympics and Paralympics

The ITTF will send a list of names to TTCAN of Umpires/Referees. TTCAN will use the list as a foundation for selection and will nominate an official from this list.

Blue Badge Program

Umpires who would like to enrol in the Blue Badge program and take the Advanced Umpire Training (AUT) through the ITTF must be under 65 years of age.

International Referee

Referees who would like to enrol in the International Referee School must be under 70.

1. Minimum Qualifications

1.1 USA Open/ITTF ProTour, USA Open Team Matches, USA National Championships, USA-ITTF Para Events

International, or National Umpire Active and Registered in the two (2) seasons preceding the selection,

1.2 All other International Events, except World Championships, Olympic Games and other ITTF Events requiring Blue Badge Umpires.

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1.3 World Championships, Olympic Games and all other ITTF Events requiring Participation of Blue Badge Umpires.

International Umpires must be Active and Registered in the two (2) seasons preceding the selection and be participating in the ITTF Blue Badge Program.

In order to be considered for selection, all International Umpires/Referees must have passed the current Umpires Refresher Exam within the past three years. They must have submitted an Umpire Report from previous International Event(s) attended to the Umpires Chairman, the Director of Technical Matters and the Officials Development Program Officer.

The Umpire's Activity Card must include one of the following tournaments in the past two years.

- Canadian Senior or Junior Championships, Canadian Para Championships
- Canada Winter Games, Canada Series or Canada Series Final,
- Atlantic Canada Championships, Western Canada Open, Western Canada Summer Games
- North American Championships (when held in Canada),
- Canadian Open, Eastern Canada Open, Quebec Circuit (Easter event).

2. Restrictions

2.1 No Umpire will be funded by TTCAN for more than one International Event during one fiscal year (April 1 – March 31) outside of Canada.

2.2 No Umpire may be selected for World Championships unless he/she has been selected for and has attended an ITTF sanctioned International Event after becoming an International Umpire.

2.3 No Umpire may be selected for Olympic Games unless he/she has been selected and attended World Championships prior to Olympic Games.

2.4 An Umpire may be selected for second World Championships three (3) years after attending first World Championships, or Olympic Games.

2.5 An Umpire may be selected for third World Championships ten (10) years after attending first World Championships.

2.6 An Umpire may be selected for second Olympic Games nine (9) years after attending first Olympic Games.

3. Selection Procedure

- Selection will be based on the principle of simple rotation. The selection will be from top to bottom in descending order, based on the latest rotation list on TTCAN website. The rotation list will be drawn from the list of National and International Umpires meeting minimum qualifications.
- After receiving an invitation from an Association, the TTCAN Officials Administrator after checking with the budget, will send an email to all the Umpire/s on the rotation list for their availability for the upcoming event.
- After receiving the availability confirmation from the umpire/s, the TTCAN Officials Administrator with assistant from Director of Technical Matters (or TTCAN Board of Directors if applicable for that event) will select the Umpire/s for the upcoming event. After the umpire attends the event, they will be dropped to the bottom of the rotation list.

The umpire selected will be responsible for the travel arrangements to the event.

- Umpires that reply stating their availability, but that decline once selection is made, for whatever reason, will be dropped to the bottom of the list.
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- Once the itinerary is confirmed, the umpire must send a copy (showing cost) to TTCAN in order to receive the contribution. In the event that a TTCAN Official Administrator does arrange transportation, outstanding invoices (past 30 days) will be subject to 1% interest on the amount owing.
- Umpires that are not selected but would still like to attend the upcoming event; TTCAN Officials Administrator will contact the hosting Association to get permission for more Umpires to attend. If the hosting Association accepts more umpire/s, the umpire/s can attend, but must pay their own transportation cost. Umpires attending an event on their own transportation cost will not be dropped to the bottom of the list.
- For events such as Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Pan AM Games (and Para Games), the selection will be made by the TTCAN Board of Directors.

4. Funding of Travel of Officials to International events

The events TTCAN will fund include, but are not limited to: World Championships, US National Championships, North American Team Championships, World Junior Championships and one (1) ITTF ProTour where Blue Badge Evaluation will take place.

These events will be announced at the start of each fiscal year (March-April) and are subject to change at any time. TTCAN will reimburse an Umpire the fixed amounts of: \$250 for events in North America, \$500 for events in Europe, and \$750 for events in Asia, Africa

and Oceania. In case of using an alternate travel mode, the reimbursement will not exceed the fixed amount for the event in question.

Certified Evaluators of the Blue Badge program (ITTF) serving at the senior World Championships (Team or Individual) are entitled to one subsidy per fiscal year (up to 300\$ pending budget availability). A request showing proof of activity shall be sent to the TTCAN Officials Administrator 30 days prior to the start of the event. The claim will be processed and the evaluator will be informed of the available funding. This subsidy cannot be in addition to a subsidy received for out of country Referee or Umpire duties of the same fiscal year.