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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Regulations on international refereeing (hereafter Regulations) of the World Capoeira Federation (hereafter WCF) define the refereeing procedures, norms and system.

These Regulations are the bedrock of all activities in the WCF related to the International Referee and refereeing. It is aimed at determining conditions of ascription of the title of international referee; rights, duties and positions as well as categories and zone of competence of the international referee.

Management of the International Refereeing Issues is part of the WCF authorities. The WCF is the only qualified body which can give the title of International Referee for the Sport Capoeira and can issue referees' licences and cards.

The WCF shall grant the title of "International Referee" to those who have successfully completed an International Referee Course and Examination and any other criteria deemed necessary by the WCF.

The WCF will regularly publish a list of licensed Referees, from which the organizers of international events will select their proposed Referee Panel for approval by the Referee Commission (RC) and the WCF President.

Consideration of the Regulations for Male and Female

If there is no stipulations to specific genders, these regulations are the same for both male and female.

References to the male gender in these Regulations in respect of referees, officials and athletes are for simplification and apply to both male and female.

Official languages

Due to official languages of the WCF these Rules published in English and Portuguese. If there is any divergence in the wording, the English text is authoritative.

Modifications

In order to standardize the worldwide level of Refereeing, the Referee Commission and the Management Board of the WCF will update these regulations periodically.

Effectiveness

All the existing Referees before the effective date of these regulations shall be considered to be recognized by these regulations.

These Regulations shall be effective as of **January 1st, 2020**.

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CHAPTER 1. REFEREE, REFEREE ROLES AND THE REFEREE PANEL

RULE 1. REFEREE

- 1.1. A Capoeira Referee is a person who is responsible for the capoeira competition game and who makes certain that the rules are followed. Referees explain the rules, evaluate the games, settle disputes, assess penalties, signal the start and end of games and inspect sports equipment prior to the start of events.
- 1.2. Referees are required to be knowledgeable of these Regulations, guiding principles of refereeing, Competition Rules of WCF and other regulatory documents of the WCF. He shall comply with these rules, decently fulfil his duty, and be unbiased, impartial, objective and moderate in his activities.
- 1.3. In case of any protests and disputes a Referee shall be able to adduce an argument in full accordance with the mentioned rules and the regulations of the competition.
- 1.4. The authority of the Referee is not confined solely to the competition area but also to its entire immediate perimeter including controlling the conduct of coaches, other competitors, or any part of the competitors' entourage, present on the competition floor.
- 1.5. All referees must remain in the competition area for the duration of the competition and may leave the competition area only upon the approval of the Chief Referee.
- 1.6. A Referee cannot act as a coach, delegate or team member in the competition.
- 1.7. Except in cases of consultation between members of the Referee Panel, any discussion of the results (matches) and the evaluation of competitors with other persons is prohibited.
- 1.8. All Referee are required to attend the referee's meetings before the start of the competition.
- 1.9. Referees may receive from the WCF or through the WCF from event organisers, the reimbursement of accommodation (or free accommodation), travel expenses, and receive an allowance for representation expenses.
- 1.10. Except the official conditions from the WCF, a Referee shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit, hospitality or service of any nature, connected with the organization of the competition or matches. If such a fact or any behaviour that diminishes the reputation of the WCF is revealed, the Referee shall be subjected to disciplinary actions.

RULE 2. REFEREE ROLES

- 2.1. The Referee roles in Capoeira Competitions are as followings:
 - a) Chief Referee.
 - b) Roda Manager.
 - c) Judging Referee.
 - d) Referee Coordinator.
 - e) Central Referee.
 - f) Timekeeper Referee.

RULE 3. CHIEF REFEREE

- 3.1. The Chief Referee leads the Referee Panel and bears the responsibility for the organization of the competition in accordance with the rules and regulations.
- 3.2. The Chief Referee is obliged to:
 - a) Check the preparation level of the competition areas and equipment together with the Local Organizing Committee, and applies to the Local Organizing Committee to eliminate any shortcomings, and compiles a delivery-acceptance act over the competition area.
 - b) Participates in the Accreditation procedure by himself or through his representative(s) and designates responsible persons for the weigh-in.
 - c) Personally leads the organization of the drawing of competitors.
 - d) Predetermines the Referee Panel members to be appointed and ensures their timely confirmation of appointment.
 - e) On the days prior to the competition, organizes a meeting of Referee Panel (if necessary, it should be held again during the progression of the competition) and ensures that all required persons are convened on time.
 - f) During the competition, ensures that the matches are conducted in an objective manner and supervises the Referees' affairs.
 - g) Supervises the documentation procedures, as well as the accurate recording of scoring and results of games.
 - h) Evaluates each member of the Referee Panel at the end of the event up to 10 points.
 - i) To submit a report to the organization that sanctioned the competition about the results within 3 days via electronic and hard copies.
- 3.3. Chief Referee is entitled to:
 - a) Stop the match if there is any obstacle that obstructs the competition and announce any time-out or suspension of the competition in case of Force Majeure.
 - b) Where necessary, make amendments and changes to the competitions progress and the sequence of matches (in this case, this issue must be justified in the written report).
 - c) Change the functions of the Referees during the course of the match (if it is urgent).
 - d) Remove any Referee from the Referee Panel who makes a gross mistakes or fails to execute his obligations after the current match has finished (this issue shall be recorded in the report and the relevant bodies of the WCF shall be informed).
 - e) Warn and/or remove any delegates, coaches and team leaders disrespecting and/or insulting any Referee or any other participant.
 - f) To pass the final judgment on matters of a technical nature which may arise during a match and for which there are no stipulations in the rules.
- 3.4. It is binding for the competitors, referees, representatives and team members to fulfil the Chief Referee's requirements.
- 3.5. If the Chief Referee is of the opinion that a competitor should be disqualified, he may call the other members of the Referee Panel in order to reach a verdict.

- 3.6. The Chief Referee shall always stay within the competition area. He shall conduct the competition and administer the decisions.
- 3.7. In unusual circumstances, by the Chief Referee's instructions, other Referees may implement his duties.

RULE 4. RODA MANAGER

- 4.1. The Roda Manager is the member of the Referee Panel designated as responsible senior referee in the certain competition area.
- 4.2. The Roda Manager is obligated to:
 - a) Lead referees in their particular competition area.
 - b) Check the athlete's readiness before each game (to check their equipment, uniforms, hygiene).
 - c) Ensure timely arrival and shift of Judging Referees.
 - d) Meet the requests and needs of referees in the competition area designated to him.
 - e) Find a solution to controversial issues and with the approval of the Chief referee state the final decision.
 - f) Familiarize himself with the position of the medical table and the first aid crew.
 - g) Ensure that the surface of the competition area is clean and in good condition.
 - h) Ensure that there are no media representatives or other unrelated person in prohibited zones of the competition area.
 - i) Recommend to the Chief Referee the evaluation points of the Judging referees at the end of the competition.
- 4.3. A maximum 1 (one) Roda Manager may be appointed per competition area.
- 4.4. If there is only 1 (one) competition area, the Roda Manager shall not be appointed and his duties are performed by the Chief Referee.

RULE 5. JUDGING REFEREE

- 5.1. The Judging Referee is the member of the Referee Panel who observes the competitors' movements and match attentively and evaluates them properly.
- 5.2. A Judging Referee may base his score solely on his own judgement.
- 5.3. A Judging Referee must not be distracted during the match.
- 5.4. By raising a flag a Judging Referee signals to the Central Referee to stop the match if there is some case that the Central referee overlooked during the competition and reports the issue to him.
- 5.5. A Judging Referee shall raise a relevant flag to score a competitor. Judging Referees evaluating the culture of the game shall synchronously raise the final score for each competitor. If electronic scoreboards are being used the relevant condition shall be established between the Judging Referees evaluating the culture of the game, to ensure that they are not aware of scoring points on the screen of another Judging Referee.
- 5.6. A Judging Referee shall not have any kinship ties or group (school) relations with the competitors whose performance are evaluated by him in the current match. In such a case or in any other case giving way to suspicion, on the objectivity of the Judging Referee, he shall inform the Chief Referee of this and submit a petition for

his replacement. In case any relations are detected between the competitor and the Judging Referees after the competition, that competitor's results shall be cancelled and those who deliberately conceal the fact shall be brought to justice before the WCF relevant bodies.

RULE 6. REFEREE COORDINATOR

- 6.1. A Referee Coordinator is the member of the Referee Panel who leads the Central Referees and Timekeeper Referees.
- 6.2. The Referee Coordinator is obligated to:
 - a) Predetermine and conform with Chief referee the Central referees and Timekeeper referees for each Roda.
 - b) Ensure timely arrival of Central Referees and Timekeeper Referees.
 - c) Meet the requests and needs of the Central Referees and Timekeeper Referees.
 - d) Recommend to the Chief Referee the evaluation points of the Central Referees and Timekeeper Referees at the end of the competition.
- 6.3. A Maximum of 1 (one) Referee Coordinator may be appointed in the competition. If there is only 1 (one) competition area, the Referee Coordinator shall not be appointed and his duties are performed by the Chief Referee.

RULE 7. CENTRAL REFEREE

- 7.1. The Central Referee is the member of Referee Panel who directly manages over the proper conduct of the match within the competition area.
- 7.2. Each Central Referee will function in their own corresponding gender category. In case that the Central Referee is not of the same gender, a referee from another gender designated by the Chief Referee shall preside over the match.
- 7.3. Central Referees uses special gestures to direct the matches (see Referee Gestures below).
- 7.4. The Central Referee gives the signal to begin, stop and close the game, call attention for lack of activeness, penalize if the competitor commits an infraction, and bring the competitors forward for the scoring.
- 7.5. A Central Referee only starts a game once he ensures the readiness of the competitors, Bateria, Judging Referees, Timekeeper Referees and the scoreboards before commencement of every round. In the case of shortcomings, he requests the elimination of any issues.
- 7.6. When required or in the case of any contradiction between Judging Referees, the Central Referee stops the match to discuss it.
- 7.7. In the case any one of the competitor(s) or team member act in a prohibited way or intervening outwardly, the Central Referee stops the match and demands the relevant person(s) not to act in such a way, or shows a yellow card by warning him (them). If the infraction is severe, the Central Referee may directly issue a "yellow" card without verbal warning, or stop the match and disqualify the person(s) by issuing a "red" card.
- 7.8. In the case any person received a "yellow" card commits an infraction again within a course of the same competition, the Central Referee stops the match and by issuing him the "red" card disqualifies that person from the current competition.

- 7.9. The Central Referee stops the match under the following circumstances:
- a) When a competitor or team member has violated the Rules.
 - b) When any of the competitors needs medical aid (in this case, he summons the team of doctors and records the length of the period).
 - c) In case any competitor needs to arrange his uniform (after the round ends).
 - d) By the request of either the Chief Referee or any Judging Referee.
 - e) At the request of the competitor (in case the Central Referee considers it reasonable to stop the match at this time).
 - f) In case the Central Referee needs to consult any other person of the Refereeing Panel.
 - g) in other emergency cases.
- 7.10. The Central Referee may cancel the match prematurely under the following circumstances:
- a) In the case any one of the competitors expresses his intention of not continuing the match.
 - b) In the case any competitor is ejected from the match, or the decision over disqualification is given.
 - c) In the case two yellow cards or a red card is issued to the competitor(s).
 - d) For security and safety reasons.
- 7.11. While declaring the match results, the Central Referee stands at the starting position, holds the hands of both competitors and raises the winner's hand according to the result.
- 7.12. The Central Referee shall consult with other members of the Referee Panel regarding any issues the Referee may have overlooked.

RULE 8. TIMEKEEPER REFEREE

- 8.1. Timekeeper Referee is a member of the Referee Panel who controls over the conduct of the competition within the specified time. He stands outside the Roda circle, which he considers suitable place for himself.
- 8.2. The Timekeeper Referee:
- a) Shall check the uniforms of the competitors before they enter to the Roda, shall not permit any athletes who do not meet the procedures entering the Roda and shall inform Chief Referee of this.
 - b) While the Central Referee gives a signal to start a match, he records the start time and gives a signal with whistle and gesture at the end of the match.
 - c) Keeps track of the length of breaks between rounds and informs Central Referee of the completion of the breaks.
 - d) Pauses the time when the match is broken and resumes the remaining time when the incomplete match restarts.
 - e) Provides other referees with advice at the Referee's request regarding the issues any Referee may have overlooked.
 - f) Measures the delay time over the competitors' arrival to the competition area with stopwatch and signals to the Central Referee while such delay is recorded.

- g) In the case any match is cancelled due to the competitor's injury, he stops the normal match time, starts an additional stopwatch, and records the length of period of "physician's examination" over the medical aid.

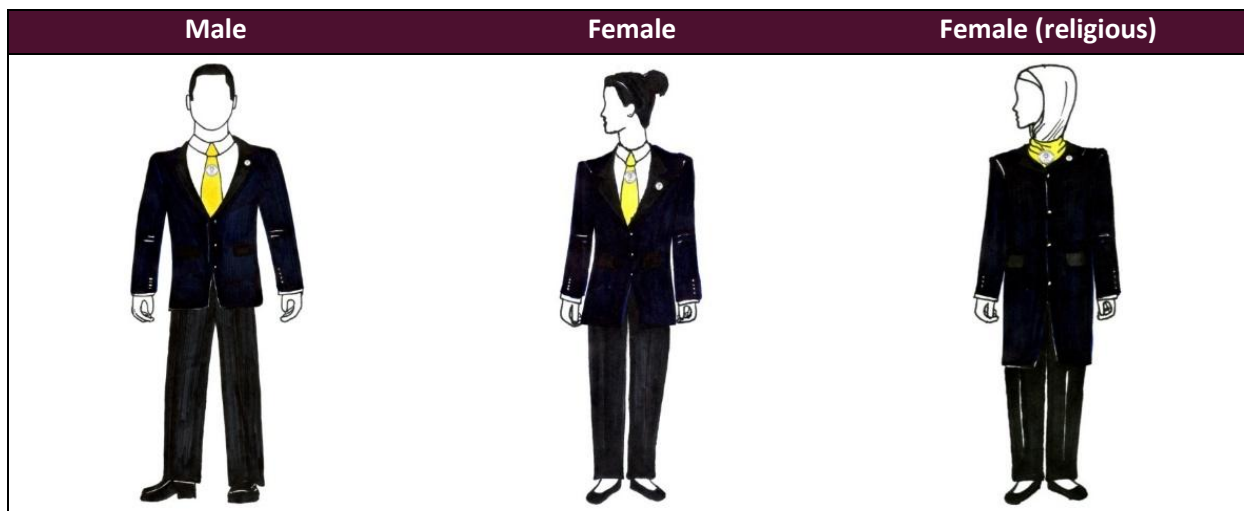
RULE 9. REFEREE PANEL

- 9.1. The Referee Panel is set up for refereeing matters at the competitions.
- 9.2. Each game will be presided over by at least 5 Judging Referees, 1 Central Referee and 1 Timekeeper Referee. When there are a number of Rodas, a Roda Manager and Referee Coordinator shall be appointed.
- 9.3. The Referee Panel of a competition is orchestrated via the following sequence:
 - Step 1) The RC compose a list of candidates of possible Chief Referees for the event.
 - Step 2) The RC confirms the list of candidates with President of the WCF and the Local Organizing Committee.
 - Step 3) The RC elects the Chief Referee of that particular competition.
 - Step 4) The Host country Local Organizing Committee composes a list of their preferred Referee Panel personnel (except Chief Referee) and gives it to the RC for approval.
 - Step 5) After the Chief Referee has been elected and other Referees have been approved by the RC, the Local Organizing Committee announces the official composition of the Referee Panel of that particular event.
- 9.4. If there is no prior notice of a justifiable reason for absence, the selected Referee is responsible to officiate at the official event of WCF designated to him.
- 9.5. If any member of the Referee Panel fails to execute his obligations or is unable to execute his duties for any objective reason, another person is appointed to the vacancy as per the vacancy category by the Chief Referee's decision.
- 9.6. Settlement of disputes during the game is carried out by voting between the Judging Referees and the Roda Manager appointed for the current Roda. Where necessary, the Central Referee together with the Chief Referee by his instruction take part in the voting process. When the votes are equal, Chief Referee's vote is deemed to be decisive.
- 9.7. The Local Organizing Committee shall assist to Referee Panel with technical officials who will operate the timing and scoring system and complete the competition paperwork.

RULE 10. UNIFORM OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

- 10.1. The Referee Panel members shall wear neat uniform; carry their Referee card, whistle and the manual of competition rules on his person at all times.
- 10.2. The Referee Panel members must wear the official uniform designated by the WCF at IRCE, at competitions and all briefings.
- 10.3. The Uniform of the Referee Panel must be a single-breasted dark blazer, white shirt and the official WCF tie, plain dark trousers, black shoes. Shoes with heels are not permitted.
- 10.4. Often moving Referees may wear their uniform without the blazer.

- 10.5. Referees with long hair shall firmly and tidily assemble it. Female Referees may wear the long dark blazer and religious head-wear as indicated in the picture below.
- 10.6. The Uniforms of the Referee Panel in the international competitions shall look as following:







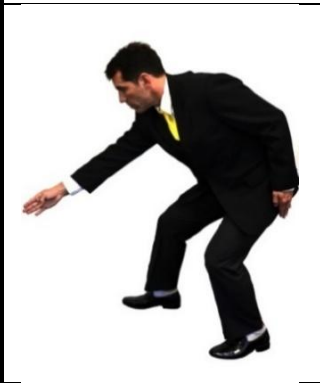



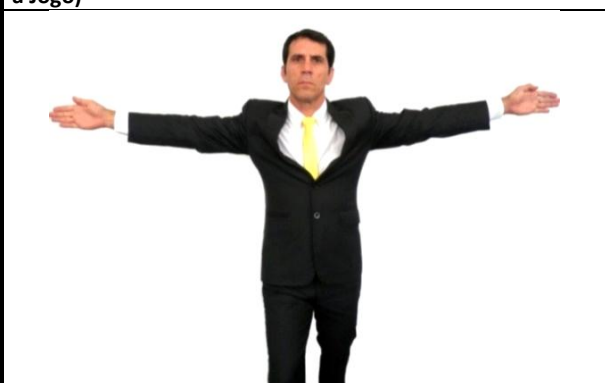

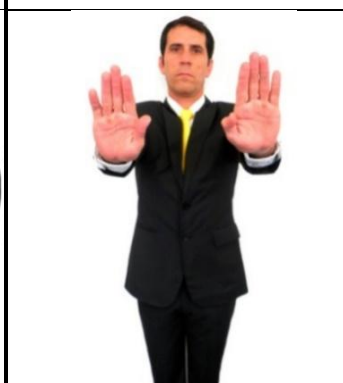




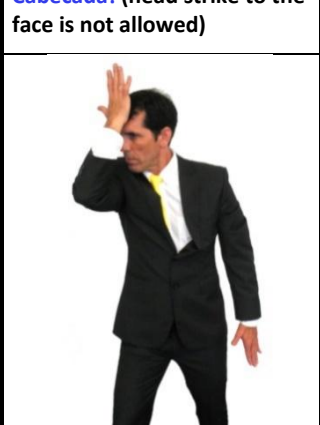


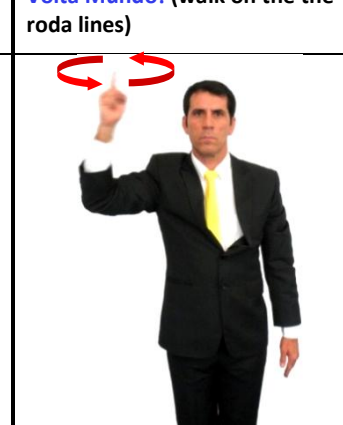
RULE 11. HONORARY INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

- 11.1. A Referee may receive a title of "Honorary International Referee" (HIR) by means of a vote by the Referee Commission.
- 11.2. Requirements for the Honorary International Referee are:
- a) Suggestion shall be given by National Federation or by Referee Commission.
 - b) At least 10 (years) experience as International Referee;
- 11.3. In case of granting a title of "Honorary International Referee", the Referee qualification categories shall be withdrawn and the HIR Referee will not be permitted to officiate at international Capoeira events.

RULE 12. REFEREE GESTURES

- 12.1. The referees shall use the terminology and gestures indicated below while performing his duties:

Posição de pé (pay attention to the instruction)	Salve! (greeting of referees, participants etc)	Inicial! (competitors come to initial position)	Pé do Berimbau! (calling to the foot of Berimbau)
			

Comece! (start a Jogo)	Ação! (engage/ resume the game)	Ofensa! (prohibited movement)	Direção para! (Point someone or show direction)
			
Pare! (at any point of time when the referee wants to stop a Jogo)	Desclassificado! (get out of the roda!)	Empurao! (don't push)	
			
Soco! (punch is not allowed)	Galopante! (strike with palms are not allowed)	Cotovelada! (elbow strike is not allowed)	Joelhada! (knee strike is not allowed)
			
Cabecada! (head strike to the face is not allowed)	Golpe baixo! (lower kicks under the hip or high rasteira on shin)	Quieto! (dont talk, respect and listen)	Volta Mundo! (walk on the the roda lines)
			

Pausa! (time out / stop time)	Ginga! (signal to do Ginga, not only strike)	Verificando a prontidão (Confirming readiness of Referee Panel & Competitors)	Espera! (waiting for announcement)
			
Advertência! (showing yellow/red card because of infraction)	Advertência verbal! (verbal warning)	Pronto-socorro! (first medical aid)	Ajuste o uniforme!! (adjust uniform)
			
Não sai da Roda! (Dont cross the Roda line)	Mais ação! Passivity or avoid the game	Fim! (the current Jogo is closed)	
			

CHAPTER 2. INTERNATIONAL REFEREE COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

RULE 13. ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREE COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

- 13.1. International Referee Courses and Examinations can be conducted online by the WCF or in a physical face to face situation by the Host National Federations.
- 13.2. The Decision on organization of a physical face to face International Referee Course and Examinations (called IRCE, if organized concurrently as a single event) is accepted by the Referee Commission (hereinafter RC) with the consent of the WCF President based on the request of host National Capoeira Federation. The decision

shall be accepted at least 6 months prior the event. In certain cases, this period may be amended by the MB.

- 13.3. The program and content of the physical IRCE shall be announced at least 3 months in advance.
- 13.4. The "International Referee Courses" and "International Referee Examinations" are usually held together, as a single event, during an international Capoeira events. However, if necessary, they can be organized separately based on the RC's decision.
- 13.5. If a physical IRCE is organized during a Competition, it shall be organized several days in advance and the venue shall not be far from the headquarters of the Competition.
- 13.6. The Chairperson of the RC or an authorized person designated by him shall visit the venue specified for the physical IRCE and inspect its readiness level. If a physical IRCE is organized during an International Competition, then the suggested venue is visited at the same time as the Competition venue. If a physical IRCE is organized as a separate event, then the venue shall be visited by a member of the RC at least two months in advance.

RULE 14. REFRESHER COURSES

- 14.1. The International Referee Refresher courses (hereafter IRRC) is organized physically only and during international Capoeira events.
- 14.2. The RC may organize an IRRC separate from scheduled international events whenever the Competition rules are revised.
- 14.3. The organizational requirements for the IRRC are the same as the IRCE.

RULE 15. IRCE and IRRC PAYMENTS

- 15.1. All participants of an IRCE or IRRC shall pay the participation fees set by the RC no later than the last day of registration.
- 15.2. Round trip airfare, accommodation charges of room and nutrition shall be borne by the participants.
- 15.3. The Host National Federation retains a percentage of the participation fee as designated by the MB.

RULE 16. HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1. The Host Organization shall ensure that adequate facilities are available for the physical IRCE or IRRC.
- 16.2. The Host Organization of physical IRCE or IRRC shall provide the followings on its own expense:
 - a) A hall (in good condition) with at least 50 seats and other necessary conditions.
 - b) Roda place and lines with a diameter of 3 meters in the hall.
 - c) a projector and an appropriate screen for presentations in the hall; in case of a big hall and large audience a microphone system should also be provided.
 - d) 10 well-trained athletes with at least 4 years of experience present during the courses.
 - e) services of first aid and transfer to hospital.

- f) stop watches and identification badges for participants and other equipment necessary for the event.
 - g) lunch and coffee breaks for participants.
- 16.3. The provision of stationary needs (questionnaire and examination papers, certificates, stationery, and such other items as may be required for the event) is the responsibility of the RC secretariat for any IRCE or IRRC.

RULE 17. REGISTRATION FOR IRCE and IRRC

- 17.1. National Capoeira Federations that are full members of WCF are the only organizations authorized to nominate candidates (a citizen of their country) for an International Referee with national Referee qualification, before the designated time.
- 17.2. The candidates intending to participate in IRCE or IRRC shall apply to their home National Federation through their personal account in the WCF website.
- 17.3. The candidates who have no National Capoeira Federation in their country may directly apply to the WCF through their personal account on the WCF website.

RULE 18. REQUIREMENTS OF CANDIDATES

- 18.1. The requirements of Candidates for International Referee are as followings:
 - a) The applicant must be at least 23 years old with no physical defect and chronic disease.
 - b) He must have at least 6 years of experience in Capoeira for the Referee category “D” and a minimum of 12 years of experience for higher categories.
 - c) at least 2 years experience in national competitions as a Referee.
 - d) at least an intermediate level of English or Portuguese (speaking and writing skills.)
- 18.2. The RC reserves the right to limit the number of applicants of any IRCE and waive the attendance fee of participants from under-developed countries in order to balance number of Referees between regions.

RULE 19. CONTENT and PROGRAM OF IRCE and IRRC

- 19.1. The study materials of the International Referee Courses are available online as well as in the form of a lecture at physical face to face courses. An ample amount of time is provided during the courses for presentations and practical trainings.
- 19.2. If the courses and examinations are held concurrently, the exam must be held after the conclusion of the course.
- 19.3. The program of the physical IRCE (or IRRC) shall be:
 - a) The classes organized by RC in the form of seminar.
 - b) Taking exams of the theoretical knowledge for who has not already passed exams online.
 - c) Observation of the practical skills in the conditional Roda.
 - d) Certification.
- 19.4. The online Courses and Examinations shall be available throughout the year and the program and content shall be open all time. Candidates that have passed exams online shall participate in a physical face to face IRCE or IRRC before an

international event licensed by the WCF and show practical skills in the conditional Roda.

- 19.5. The Curriculum of the IRCE and IRRC includes the “Status of the WCF”, “Competition Rules for Sport Capoeira” and these “Regulations” and other “Rules and Regulations of the WCF”.
- 19.6. The RC will devise the questions for use in the examinations. Examination materials will be in English and Portuguese and such other languages as may be required from time to time.
- 19.7. During the examinations, theoretical and practical knowledge is tested. Theoretical knowledge is tested in writing, in question and answer form, and practical knowledge is tested on the basis of timeliness and correctness of actions and decisions during a conditionally provided Roda, scoring is also tested.
- 19.8. Candidates will be assessed by means of an evaluation form with scores allotted to the various sections of the examination. The RC Chair will decide the pass mark for each examination after consultation with the WCF President.
- 19.9. 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 RC and a copy forwarded to the candidate’s National Federation.
- 19.10. All qualifications of an IRCE are provisional: they are only officially confirmed as a result of a satisfactory performance at a subsequent scheduled WCF licensed Competition (confirmation event).

RULE 20. RESULT OF IRCE, ISSUANCE OF LICENSES

- 20.1. The candidate who has attended the International Referee Courses but failed the examination will be given a second chance to participate in another IRCE without being required to pay the course fee.
- 20.2. Candidates passing examinations successfully are given a conditional Referee title, but he must confirm his title by way of a practical activity in a WCF licenced Competition no later than 6 months after the courses, otherwise, the title will not be confirmed. The decision about satisfactory or unsatisfactory activity is determined by the Chief Referee of the competition. If the candidate fails the practical test during the Competition, the candidate, starting from that moment can, within 1 year, re-evaluate one more time to confirm his title in any other WCF licensed competition.
- 20.3. Candidates who successfully pass examinations and have confirmed his skills practically in Competition, receives the official title of International Referee. He must be given a license and a referee diploma no later than 1 month after confirmation. The name of this person must be reflected in the International Referee List on the WCF website and the corresponding notes must be made in his International Capoeira Passport by the RC.
- 20.4. Referee shall inform the RC of any changes to his contact information or personal details.

RULE 21. LICENSE VALIDITY

- 21.1. Any licensed Referee that regularly takes part as a member of the Referee Panel in licensed WCF Competitions is not required to pass the practical examinations again

- for a new licence, but if the rules have changed, or the RC finds it necessary, the theoretical knowledge may be tested again.
- 21.2. The license, duly signed and validated, will allow the Referee to attend all international competitions sanctioned by the WCF.
 - 21.3. The affirmed licenses are issued for 1 (one) year and for their renewal:
 - a) the license fee must be paid on time.
 - b) Referees must participate in Referee Refresher Courses at least every 2 years.
 - c) Referees must take part in the Referee Panel of a WCF licensed international competition at least every 2 years.
 - 21.4. License of a Referee who has not paid the annual license fee will be automatically suspended.

CHAPTER 3. REFEREE QUALIFICATIONS

RULE 22. QUALIFICATION CATEGORIES

- 22.1. International Referee qualifications are classified into four categories "A","B","C" and "D".
- 22.2. A Referee with category "A" license can be assigned to any role in the Referee Panel during an international competition, including Chief Referee.
- 22.3. A Referee with category "B" license can be assigned to any role of the Referee Panel except Chief Referee.
- 22.4. A Referee with category "C" license can be assigned to any role in the Referee Panel except Chief Referee and Roda Manager.
- 22.5. A Referee with category "D" license can be assigned to any role in the Referee Panel except Chief Referee, Roda Manager and Judging Referee.
- 22.6. Candidates start their first qualification from category "D" and every 3 years, step by step, they can progress to "A" category. In unusual circumstances the President of the WCF may decide that an outstanding candidate be immediately awarded a higher category. In this case a special commission is to be set up by the MB. This special commission, in addition to the RC members, must include the WCF President or one of the WCF vice presidents and member(s) of the MB.
- 22.7. A Referee who wishes to upgrade his qualification category must regularly take part in the IRRC.
- 22.8. Any Referee against whom a disciplinary measure has been taken shall be excluded from the list of International Referees to be nominated for a promotion to a higher category until the sanction against him is lifted.

RULE 23. VALIDITY AND SUSPENSION OF QUALIFICATION

- 23.1. In order to officiate as referee at WCF licensed event a referee must hold a WCF international license and be active in his nation and continent.
- 23.2. A Referee shall decently fulfil his duty and be unbiased, objective and moderate in his decision and activities.

- 23.3. In case whereby a Referee violates his duties or does not fairly judge, intentionally commits any kind of unfairness or any other adverse reports on him are received, he will be subjected to disciplinary actions.
- 23.4. Disciplinary actions can be suspension of his Referee license, disqualification, downgrading, re-examination, de-classification of his Referee title and other sanctions deemed necessary by the RC. Penalties and sanctions may be combined.
- 23.5. If after the proceedings it becomes clear that a misjudgement has been committed unintentionally, the Referee may still be subject to disciplinary measures.
- 23.6. Restoration of qualification is granted one time only.
- 23.7. The WCF shall notify the concerned Referee and his national federation regarding the measures taken, and imposed sanction(s) on the concerned Referee(s).
- 23.8. Depending on seriousness of infraction committed and the disciplinary sanctions imposed to the Referee, the RC may decide to allow the concerned Referee to attend an IRRC after payment of annual fees in arrears.
- 23.9. WCF shall regularly update the list of licensed International Referees in the website.

CHAPTER 4. REFEREE COMMISSION

RULE 24. TASK OF THE REFEREE COMMISSION

- 24.1. The Referee Commission is established for the purpose of training, examination, qualification and certification of international referees for Sport Capoeira and control of their activities during WCF licensed events.
- 24.2. The RC organizes courses for the training of referees and examinations in accordance with the procedure agreed with the WCF Management Board (MB).

RULE 25. COMPOSITION OF THE REFEREE COMMISSION

- 25.1. RC consists of: 6 elected members, the Secretary and the Chairperson of the commission. They are elected on a permanent basis by the MB of the WCF and their activities can be suspended by the MB or the President of the WCF.
- 25.2. In addition to permanent members, the President of the WCF may appoints additional secretaries of the RC with no right to vote.
- 25.3. The Chairperson organizes daily work of the RC office and directs the activities of the commission.
- 25.4. Requirements for candidates to be nominated for the Referee Commission are:
 - a) The experience in Capoeira should be at least 15 years.
 - b) Members must be from different continents (at least 4 continents must be represented in the RC).
 - c) Candidate shall have good background and character.
 - d) Candidate shall have at least intermediate level of English speaking and writing skills.

RULE 26. RESPONSIBILITY AND POWER OF THE REFEREE COMMISSION

- 26.1. The RC will be responsible for organizing of courses, examinations and certification of International Referees.
- 26.2. The RC elects the Chief Referee of all international competitions licensed by the WCF. Before election of the Chief Referee, the RC coordinates the list of candidates with the President of the WCF and the Local Organizing Committee. The rest of composition of the Referee Panel is selected by the Host and is to be approved by the RC.
- 26.3. During Competition, the RC controls the protection of refereeing rules and standards, as well as the Referee Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- 26.4. The RC has a power to investigate and, if required, to take measurements against those Referees who were removed from the Referee Panel by the Chief Referee of the competition.
- 26.5. The RC may suspend the license of Referees for up to three years depending on the seriousness of the fault. Subsequently, the RC may demand a new Referee course and examination for any suspended Referee.
- 26.6. The RC shall convene meetings of its members in order to discuss Refereeing matters such as organizing of courses, examinations or implementation and implications of new rules.
- 26.7. All activities of the RC shall be thoroughly reported to the President of the WCF.

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