

# Development of Referees and Linesmen for IIHF competitions

## Part I IIHF Career Path Development Program

## Definition

**IIHF Career Path Development Program– is an evaluation system of Referees and Linesmen, through which based of their performance, ability, ages and conditioning, IIHF licensed Referees and Linesmen are assigned to officiate at IIHF event where their abilities correspond directly to the calibre of the competition to be played.**

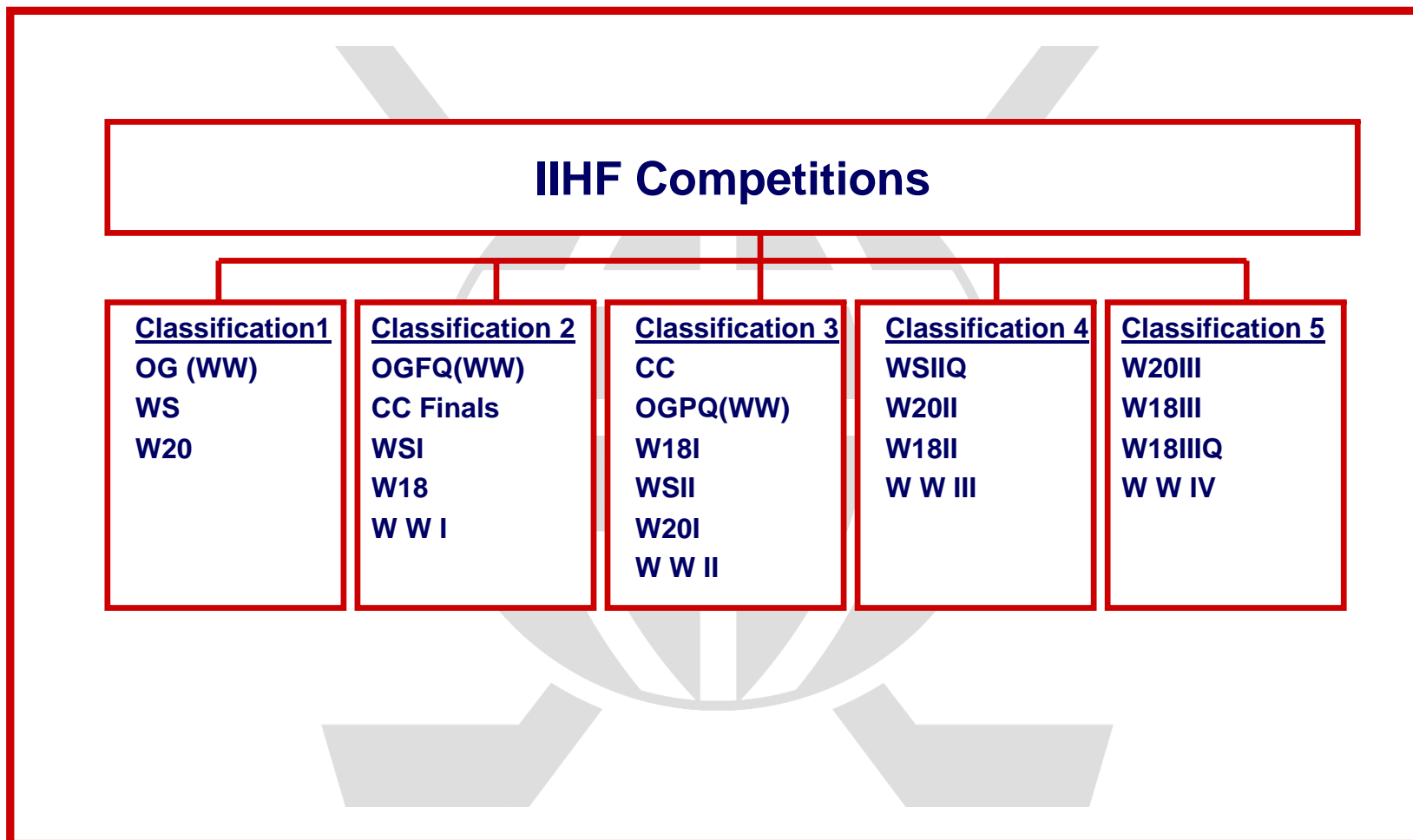
## Goals

- To ensure that the nomination procedure to assign Referees or Linesmen to IIHF sanctioned events is controlled
- To make nomination procedure more accurate
- To guarantee with the certain degree, that the licensed Referees and Linesmen have reached a certain standard of officiating which corresponds to the level of the games played in different IIHF Competitions.
- To inform NA about the performances of their Referees and Linesmen
- To select Referees and Linesmen for top IIHF Events

## Role

**The major role of the IIHF Career Path Development Program is to provide IIHF licensed Referees and Linesmen with the necessary information and the opportunities to improve their officiating skills, which will result in a high standard of officiating at all IIHF Championship tournaments.**

## Competition Classification



## Recommendation for future nomination

Number	Arrow	Recommendation	Interpretation
1	↑↑	Capable on officiating at the highest level of IIHF competition	Olympic Games included (Can only be used in a classification 1 event)
2	↑↑	Capable of officiating at a higher level of IIHF competition	Recommended for advancement to two levels higher IIHF Classification
3	↑↑	Capable of officiating at a higher level of IIHF competition	Recommended for advancement to one level higher IIHF Classification
4	⇒	Capable of officiating at this level of IIHF competition	As recommended to officiate the same tournament again (= same level as the tournament)
5	⇒	Capable of officiating at this level of IIHF competition	As recommended but needs more experience at this classification level
6	⇒	Capable of officiating at this level of IIHF competition	As recommended (= same level as the tournament) – must improve English language knowledge to remain on this level
7	↓↓	Not capable at this level of IIHF competition	Recommended to have more experience on lower level of IIHF competition
8	↓↓	Not capable at this level of IIHF competition	Recommended to have more experience in lower classification or different category
9	↓↓	Not capable at this level of IIHF competition	No longer recommended for any IIHF high classification competition

## Referees and Linesmen Nomination Procedures

### JUNE

Licence Applications developed by the IIHF database and based on the previous season licenses are distributed to all member national associations by the IIHF office for reviewing and making necessary corrections.

### JULY

July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for submission of IIHF Referee and Linesmen License Applications by national associations to the IIHF office.

### AUGUST

Applications are entered into the IIHF Referee and Linesmen database.

The IIHF office reviews the license category for each game official applied by each respective national association.

IIHF office charts the movement of IIHF referees and linesmen based on Referee Supervision Reports on each game official

## Referees and Linesmen Nomination Procedures

### SEPTEMBER

IIHF office creates the draft nomination of referees and linesmen for all scheduled IIHF competitions for the season based on the evaluations produced by IIHF Referee Supervisors, the proposed game schedules, locations of the IIHF competitions and the national association ranking lists.

The first draft of the license applications and officiating proposals are submitted to and reviewed by the IIHF General Secretary and modified if required.

The IIHF Referee and Linesmen License Application proposals are presented to the Referee Committee for review.

The seasonal officiating nominations are presented to the IIHF Referee Committee for review.

The Referee Committee Chairman presents the proposed IIHF Referee and Linesmen License Applications to IIHF Council for their consideration and approval.



## **Referees and Linesmen Nomination Procedures**

The Referee Committee Chairman presents the proposed officiating nominations for the entire Championship Program to the IIHF Council for their review.

The Referee Committee Chairman presents the officiating nominations to the competing teams within each championship for their review and acceptance.

The accepted officiating nominations are presented to the IIHF Congress for approval.

The IIHF office distributes IIHF license crests to each national association for their distribution to licensed game officials within their country.

### **OCTOBER**

The IIHF office contacts each member national association providing them with the list of their assigned referees and linesmen asking that they confirm the participation of their game officials in the assigned competition.

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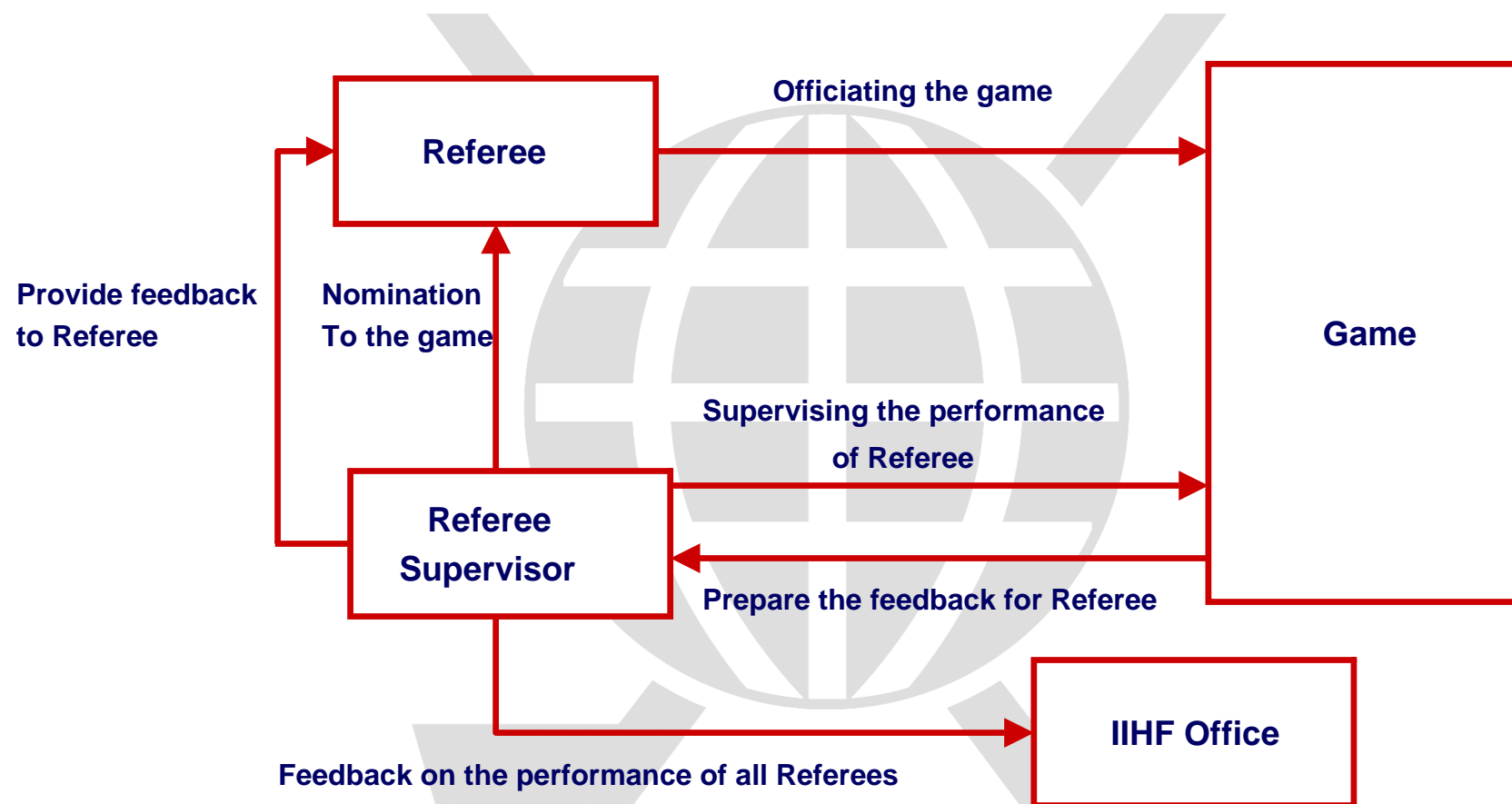
## Part II At the Event

## **IIHF Referee Supervisor**

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assist the IIHF Chairman
- Organise and conduct a Team Rule Information Meeting (TRIM)
- Organise ice practice sessions with Referees and Linesmen
- Organise daily activities for Referees and Linesmen
- Participate in Directorate Meetings
- Organise the meeting with Referees and Linesmen
- Prepare the draft of nominations of Referees and Linesmen for the games
- Make Supervision of the Referees and Linesmen from game to game
- Provide to Referees and Linesmen feedback from the games
- Provide IIHF Office with feedback on the performance of their game officials immediately following an IIHF Competition.

## Practical Evaluation of Referees and Linesmen



## Documentation

**After each game IIHF Referee Supervisor must fill in Referee Evaluation Form and Linesman Evaluation Form on the performances of Referee and Linesmen . One copy of this form he should give to the Referee and linesmen. All original forms after the end of competition IIHF Referee Supervisor must send to IIHF Office.**

## **Documentation**

**After the end of the IIHF competition, IIHF Referee Supervisor submit to IIHF Office the following documentation:**

- **Referee Supervisor Championship Report**
- **IIHF Skating Tests**
- **Referee Linesman Comprehensive Evaluation Summary**
- **Referee Supervision Analysis Report**
- **Linesman Supervision Analysis Report**
- **Penalty Summary Report**
- **IIHF Referee Game Reports**
- **IIHF Referee Supervisor Report**
- **All originals of Referee's and Linesmen's Evaluation Forms**

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## Part III Referee and Linesman History

## Referee History

Event-Code	Season	Number of Games	Supervisor	Rating	Scoring	Ranking
WS	2003/2004	4	PA, EF, PH, JJ	⇒	51	3
WSIA	2002/2003	4	UL	↑	56	1
WSIIA	2000/2001	4	EF	↑	58	1
WSIIB	2001/2002	5	EF	↑	57	1



## Linesman History

Event-Code	Season	Number of Games	Supervisor	Rating	Scoring	Ranking
W18I	2001/2002	5	RS & MZ	↑	55	1
W20IB	2002/2003	4	JO	↑	56	1
WS	2002/2003	6	BN, PH, JO, RS, DO, ML	⇒	49	2
WS	2003/2004	6	PA, EF, PH, JJ	⇒	56	2

## SUMMARY

**2004 - 2005 Season:**

**IIHF Licensed Referees**

**„A“ category – 46 (37male + 9 female)**

**„B“ category – 223 (189 male + 34 female)**

**„C“ category – 71(71 male)**

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**Total: 340 (297 male + 43 female)**

**121 Referee have been assigned to IIHF Competitions.**

## SUMMARY

**2004 - 2005 Season:**

**IIHF Licensed Linesmen**

**„A“ category – 57 (44male + 13 female)**

**„B“ category – 340 (277 male + 63 female)**

**„C“ category – 138 (135 male + 3 female)**

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**Total: 535 (456 male + 79 female)**

**204 Linesmen have been assigned to IIHF Competitions.**

## SUMMARY

**IIHF Career Path Development Program gives the possibility to make the nomination procedure for the IIHF much more accurate and to guarantee with the certain degree, that IIHF licensed Referees and Linesmen assigned to the different events are based on the Referees and Linesmen capabilities and are in the best interests of the Referees and Linesmen and the sport itself.**

## Literature

- IIHF Officiating Procedures Manual
- IIHF Officiating Instructor Manual
- IIHF Referee Supervisors' Handbook
- IIHF Game Official Handbook
- IIHF Off Ice Officials' Handbook
- IIHF 2002-2006 Rule Book
- IIHF Case Book
- IIHF Rule Emphasis Bulletin
- IIHF Rule Interpretation Bulletin