



## IWAS POWERCHAIR HOCKEY

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### Referees Certification

PCH Referees will get the official international A, B or C - Licence after passing the theoretical and practical exam concerned, organised under auspices of IWAS/IPCH. The A-Licence is the highest international PCH Referee certification, the C-Licence is the starting international PCH certification.

#### Qualification

- **A-Referee:**
  - An IPCH A-Referee is allowed to whistle as Senior Referee in IPCH Competitions.
  - On appointment of the IPCH Jury an A-Referee is allowed to whistle as Senior and Second Referee in finals and semi finals of IPCH Competitions.
- **B-Referee:**
  - An IPCH B-Referee is allowed to whistle as Second Referee in IPCH Competitions.
  - On appointment of the IPCH Jury a B-Referee is allowed to whistle as Senior Referee in IPCH Competitions.
  - On appointment of the IPCH Jury a B-Referee is allowed to whistle as Second Referee in finals and semi finals of IPCH Competitions.
- **C-Referee:**
  - An IPCH C-Referee is allowed to whistle as Second Referee in IPCH Competitions.
  - C-Referees are not allowed to whistled finals, semi finals or other 'high risk' matches in IPCH Competitions.

#### Promotion

- **To become a C-Referee:**
  - The Referee shall officially apply for the C-exam to the IPCH.
  - The Referee shall have a reasonable knowledge of the English language\*.
  - The Referee shall have passed the IPCH theoretical and practical C-exam in an IPCH Referee Course.
  - C-exams will be offered during IPCH Development Events.
- **To become a B-Referee:**
  - The Referee shall have an IPCH C-License.
  - The Referee shall have whistled as C-Referee minimal 8 matches in IPCH Competition(s), judged positive\*\* as C-Referee by the IPCH Jury.
  - The C-Referee shall officially apply for the B-exam to the IPCH.
  - The Referee shall have whistled as Second Referee 4 matches in IPCH Competition(s), judged positive\*\* as B-Referee by the IPCH Jury (= practical B-exam).
  - The referee shall have passed\*\*\* the IPCH theoretical B-exam in an IPCH Referee Course.
  - B-exams will be offered during IPCH Competitions.
- **To become an A-Referee:**
  - The Referee shall have an IPCH B-License.
  - The Referee shall have whistled as B-Referee minimal 8 matches in IPCH Competition(s), judged positive\*\* as B-Referee by the IPCH Jury.
  - The B-Referee shall officially apply for the A-exam to the IPCH.
  - The Referee shall have whistled as Senior Referee 4 matches in IPCH Competition(s), judged positive\*\* as A-Referee by the IPCH Jury (= practical A-exam).
  - The Referee shall have passed\*\*\* the IPCH theoretical A-exam in an IPCH Referee Course.
  - A-exams will be offered during IPCH Competitions.

## **Regulations**

1. IPCH Referees who got the C-Licence in the previous years, but don't speak reasonable English, shall hold the licence till the end of the valid licence period. They are allowed to whistle as IPCH Referee, only together with a referee who speaks reasonable English.
2. The IWAS Referee Licence has a valid period of 6 years.
3. IPCH Referees, who speak reasonable English and have been whistling during the valid period of their licence in official IPCH Events, shall automatically get a licence for a next period of 6 years, if the personal Jury Reports are judged positive.
4. If a referee gets 3 or more negative Jury Reports during one IPCH competition, the Referee will have the licence downgraded (from A to B, or from B to C) after that competition. In case the Referee has a C-Licence, the licence will be deactivated. To reactivate it, refer to point 6.
5. IPCH Referees, who don't whistle any match in an IPCH Event during the license validity period, will have their licence suspended. For details about reactivation, refer to point 6.
6. In order to reactivate the license, the Referee must re-take the official exam. The exam must be at the level reached at the time the licence was suspended, eg: A, B, or C level. The Referee shall first take the theoretical part of the exam and, if passed, the practical part. The Referee needs 4 positive Judge reports on the level concerned.

### **\*To become an official international IPCH Referee the Referee shall have a reasonable knowledge of the English language.**

- Reasons:
  - English is the official IPCH language;
  - Referees need to communicate with colleague Referees, Players, match table persons, Jury Members, Technical Delegate, Organisers etc..
- With 'reasonable knowledge of the English language' we mean: the person is able to understand, speak, read and communicate in English, so that other persons can understand the person. The English proficiency doesn't have to be perfect / excellent.
- People are allowed to take part in an international C-course, but will not get the official IWAS C-Licence, if the English proficiency is not reasonable. They will receive a 'participation' certificate and can use their course experience for the development of PCH in the own nation, but will not be allowed to whistle as IPCH Referee in official IPCH Competitions.
- It is not allowed to do the theoretical exam with a translator. The influence of the translator on the candidate is not controllable. Reasonable English is needed to do the theoretical exam.

### **\*\*Judged Positive:**

This means that the Referee must get a minimum of 75% mark on **EACH** of the Evaluation Form.

### **\*\*\*Passed:**

This means that the Referee must get a minimum of 85% mark on the practical exam and minimal 26 right answers of the 30 questions theoretical exam.