



IPCH Referee C-Course
at international PCH tournaments

1. Introduction

One of the main goals of the international IWAS Committee of Electric Wheelchair Hockey (IPCH) is to support PCH development by reaching more nations, athletes, trainers/coaches and referees. Therefore the IPCH stimulates and supports nations which like to organize an IPCH Referee C-Course in the spirit of development, by preference in-between the years of Regional and World Championships.

2. Objectives

An IPCH Referee C-Course has the following objectives:

- To offer an educational program for referees that emphasis the knowledge of international game rules and regulations that can be used for the international as well as for the national PCH development.
- To offer referees the opportunity to get their official international IPCH Referee C-Certificate, with which referees have the possibility to lead international matches at IPCH World Championships and Regional Championships (like European Championships and Qualification Tournaments) and other tournaments sanctioned by IWAS.
- To create contact moments with participants. Sharing knowledge is the key to development and meeting others is essential for sport. To bring together athletes, trainers/ coaches, referees and organising people in an PCH event gives great opportunities to reach this goal.

3. Program

The educational program will be based on the IPCH Game Rules and the IPCH Referee Handbook. A program (with theory and practice) will be offered by at least one IPCH Referee Instructor, including a theoretical and a practical exam.

An IPCH Referee C-Course will take at least 4 days (including arrival and departure day 6 days):

Day 1: Arrival Day (3 days before 1st Match Day)

Day 2: Theory (IPCH Game Rules and Referees Handbook) ; (2 days before 1st Match Day)

Day 3: Theory and theoretical exam (day before 1st Match Day)

Day 4 & 5: Practice on at least two Match Days (whistling games, receiving feedback, observation colleague Referees and practical exam) ; (during Match Days)

Day after last match day: Departure Day (depending on the duration of the tournament)

4. Organisation

- The Organising Committee (OC) shall add and include the Referee C-Course in the international PCH tournament for club teams and/or national teams.
- The OC shall arrange additional referees, in case the number of course referees will not be sufficient for the tournament.
- The course will be given by an IPCH Referee Instructor(s), appointed by IPCH.
- The theoretical days of the course shall be scheduled before the first match day.
- The accommodation (hotel) for the participating referees, as well as the sports venue(s), shall be arranged by the OC and shall meet the standards as stated in the IPCH Organisers Regulations.

5. Participants

- An IPCH Referee C-Course needs to be open to all nations, which want to develop their current state of PCH referees activities. IPCH shall support the OC with the invitation.
- The national IWAS member organisation shall appoint participating referee(s) of the own nation and will be responsible for the application and costs.
- From the organizing nation a maximum of 3 referees may enrol the course.
- Participating referees shall have experience at least from the PCH competition in the own nation.
- Participating Referees shall be 18 years or older and shall have sufficient command of speaking, reading, writing and understanding of the English language.
- The minimum number of participants is 4 referees. In case less participants enroll the course, IPCH has the right to cancel the course.
- The maximum number of participants depends on the number of matches of the tournament, and will be settled by IPCH, in cooperation with the OC.

6. Costs

- The OC shall cover the costs of the IPCH Referee Instructor(s) and at least one IWAS/IPCH Technical Delegate/Jury Member, the accommodation, meals, meeting room, sports venue, transportation, IWAS Fees etcetera, as stated in the IPCH Organisers Regulations.
- The OC may ask Participation Fee for the participating referees.
- A national member organisation of IWAS shall request IWAS/IPCH to sanction an PCH competition event for official IPCH Referee C-Course at least 8 month before the event. IWAS/IPCH will sanction the event in case the competition level is considered high enough for a well standard IPCH Referee C-Course.