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Certified Referee Qualification

The USATT has a new referee qualification, the “Certified Referee.” To enable clubs without regional or higher umpires to run tournaments, club umpires will be eligible to serve as referee for zero, one and two-star tournaments by passing the Certified Referee exam.

Qualifications:

Certified Referee: A USATT umpire of any level can take the certified referee exam.

Fee \$15 paid to USATT. Tommy Perkins will mail the candidate the current USATT Tournament Guide, which is a reference for the exam. Wendell Dillon will mail the candidate a Referee CD containing a series of PowerPoint lessons on the duties of the referee. The CD also contains other useful references including the ITTF Handbook.

The candidate will nominate a proctor (monitor) to administer the closed book exam. Wendell Dillon will mail the exam to the proctor, who will administer the exam and return the completed exam to Dillon for grading. The exam includes multiple choice questions and tie break problems. After the completion of the written exam the candidate will be given a rating list, an entry list and several blank draw sheets. The candidate must make a draw in accordance with the proper procedures. The draw is an un-timed exercise and any references may be used. The draw must be returned to the proctor for mailing with the rest of the exam.

The closed book portion of the test consists of 25 questions worth 4 points each. The questions are applicable to umpires or referees. A good understanding of the ITTF Laws and Regulations is necessary to pass the written exam. The draw is a separate exercise worth 10 points. A score of 75% (of 110 points) is required to pass. Regardless of total score a candidate will not pass without a good understanding of tie break and draw procedures.

After grading the exam Dillon will send a critique to the successful candidate. We do not critique failed exams. A failed exam may be retaken after three months. After a second failure the exam may not be retaken without special permission.

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