



USATT Umpire/Referee Memo 2003-3

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SUBJECT: Selection of Officials for Foreign Assignments

1. We now have 63 international umpires and 7 national umpires in our database. 38 of the international umpires and all of the national umpires are considered active.
2. We have 9 international referees and 5 national referees.
3. Between Canada and the U.S. we normally accept either international or national referees and umpires. Only international referees or umpires can be assigned to any other country.

POLICY:

1. When we receive an invitation from a foreign association for referees or umpires we notify all eligible officials. The announcement includes:
 - a. Name and dates of the event.
 - b. Any special criteria, e.g. Blue badge, IR/NR or IU/NU
 - c. Any reimbursement from USATT and/or the host association.
 - d. Suspense date for applying.
2. Selection criteria
 - a. Selections are made by the Selection Sub-committee of the Rules/Officials Committee based on the following criteria and any special criteria specified in the invitation.
 - b. Umpires must have worked as an umpire at the US Open or Nationals within the last two years and performed to acceptable standards.
 - c. Activity at US major tournaments. Those that consistently umpire at the US Open, Nationals and North American Teams will have priority.
 - d. Consideration of previous foreign assignments. Those with the most recent foreign assignment will be considered behind those active umpires without recent foreign assignments.
3. Advanced umpire qualifications will be discussed in a separate Umpire Memo.

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