



**IIHF Game Officials  
Nomination and Licensing Guidelines  
2026 - 2027 Season**

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## Part I – Skills and Experience

### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 *Purpose of the Document*

A game official licensed with an international license is provided with a unique opportunity to represent not only their MNA, but also the IIHF at the most prestigious international ice hockey competitions around the world. An appointment such as this must be covered by detailed instructions and documentation in order to guarantee the quality and the integrity of both the individual and the licensing body. The following document is meant to outline these criteria and further to serve as a guide for all relevant parties so that they may fully and clearly understand both the opportunities within international officiating but also the responsibilities and obligations that must be followed.

The following document is meant to follow the IIHF core values and principles which help to create the best nomination and selection environment across all levels and championships that the IIHF has the responsibility to assign and manage. The key values of the IIHF enshrined in “Ice 2026”, namely, Integrity, Respect, Passion and Community should not only be seen in action and behaviors of all involved but also be reflected in the outlined framework and within the spirit of each paragraph presented in this document.

#### 1.2 *Scope and Applicability*

This document is applicable for the season 2026-2027. It provides the instructions for the nomination and licensing process taking place across the IIHF’s family of events.

The content is applicable to all IIHF Member associations and/or other stakeholders that would be involved in previously mentioned type of competitions. The document is in effect from 1st of May 2026 until replaced with the officially published document for the 2027-2028 season.

#### 1.3 *Definitions and Key Terms*

The terms listed below shall have the following meaning:

**Career path** = The overall label on the combined and individual steps in the individuals licensing process and its different levels mentioned in this document.

**MPS** = Minimum participation standards, definition of the lowest standards a national association need to meet to be able to participate in the world championship program.

**OFC** = Officiating Coach (hereinafter “OFC”)

**RIC** = Referee in chief (hereinafter “RIC”)

**GO** = Game Official - including both referee and linesperson (hereinafter “GO”)

**IIHF OMS** = The IIHF Officiating Management system where applications and licenses are digitality applied for by the MNA.



**Application** = An MNA is responsible for sending in applications for the international licenses as described in this document.

**Nomination** = The submission by the MNA of an official for consideration to work at an IIHF Championship.

**License** = Game official nominated to IIHF events and championships will be given a license upon assignments to a specific IIHF event.

All capitalized terms shall have the meaning as ascribed to them herein.

## 1.4 *Templets and References*

### 1.4.1 *Templates for applications and evaluations*

During the official nomination process the templets found in Appendices of these guidelines can be used as a working document to collect information prior to the update in the OMS. This will give the MNA's appointed OMS user an opportunity to collect the relevant personal data to successfully complete the nomination process and the request for data and information.

### 1.4.2 *Contact information for federations*

All questions regarding this document, its process of implementation and the relevant tools for application and follow up of the nominations and licensing is to be sent via email to IIHF Head of Officiating, Officiating Manager directly or via the generic email, [officiating@iihf.com](mailto:officiating@iihf.com).

### 1.4.3 *Relevant documents*

The following documents are referred to in these guidelines and are the relevant source of information concerning the process of applications, nominations and assignments for international game officials.

- IIHF Event Codes
- IIHF integrity Code

## 2 *Nomination of Game Officials*

### 2.1 *Nominating Purpose and Principles*

#### 2.1.1 *Core competences of an international game official*

The IIHF Sport Department wishes to ensure the verification and implementation of standards regarding the competency of each individual IIHF licensed Game Official that is involved in the licensing and nomination process. These outlined competences and criteria upon which they are selected into the overall decision-making process are a key contributor to the overall fairness and integrity of licensing and nominating Officials for international ice hockey events.

The core competences are essential for all levels of IIHF licenses being granted and



will be described in more detail under each of the specific level of license to explain the necessary criteria for potentially suitable candidates. The criteria and requirements are designed to be as objective as possible, to ensure fairness in the assessment of the MNA but also specific enough to give the IIHF the ability to make tournament specific decisions.

The main competences could be defined in the larger scope as.

- **Professional skills** - The type of competences and skills that are connected to hands on stuff to practice and train, as an example skating, running, rule knowledge and implementation.
- **Interpersonal skills** – The type of competences and skills that defines how a game official is interacting and working with other people such as officiating partners, players, Officiating coaches, team coaches etc.;
- and
- **Intrapersonal skills** – The skills of a game official to work with their own mental processes and as well the skills to reflect and process the process, feedback and ambitions that is connected to their commitment in the role of Game Official.

The above-mentioned skills are closely connected to the IIHF educational framework and its definition of competences a game official on top domestic level is required to show. These are competences taken into consideration for each of the license levels and are sorted into the main categories.

- Sport and Performance IQ (hockey-specific and general)
- Physical abilities
- Psychological abilities
- People skills
- Personal development

Each MNA shall, from their best of abilities evaluate and consider the core competencies upon which GO should be nominated. Additionally, the MNA will be able to recommend the level of license their specific official should receive if licensed. The MNA must also take into consideration that the given quota of licenses only should only be filled with game officials that are reaching the outlined competence requirements. MNA's are strongly encouraged not to nominate their quota simply with the goal of "filling spots". Rather, it is better to **not** nominate up to the quota if an MNA doesn't have qualified officials. MNA's will not face a reduction in future seasons if this occurs. However, MNA's that nominate officials lacking in core competencies may face a reduction of quota spots in the following season.

### 2.1.2 Maintain uniform standards across all nominated officials.

To assure the overall fairness and to quality-proof the nomination process, the IIHF is implementing tests and requirements of documentation concerning the game officials on ice history, education and development path within the domestic program. These requirements are presented in the official send out from the IIHF prior to the start of the nomination process and aim to properly assess the qualitative and quantitative measurements for each individual game official within the outlined competences



mentioned in 2.1.1.

### 2.1.3 MNA Quota and license allocations.

The IIHF is allocating the amount of licensing based on:

- (a) The available amount of assignment available for the season as defined in Appendix 1 & 3 in these guidelines, including but not limited to, a reasonable and diverse allocation of worldwide licenses; and
- (b) A quotation based on (1) a combined score of world ranking and (2) the current information and knowledge on the quality aspects of the officiating program, as further specific in Article 2.2 of these guidelines.
- (c) Based on an objective quality and quantitatively measurement, in the above outlined criteria MNAs with a high level of officiating programs and as well as advanced hockey activities will be provided with a prioritized number of international licenses.

## 2.2 Eligibility Criteria

### 2.2.1 Minimum eligibility standards

All nominated IIHF Game Officials regardless of licensing category agree to submit, if requested, the following data and information that is connected to the game officials' historical activities, their training, theoretical education standard, as well as their health and physical status:

- (a) Results from the outlined off ice physical testing on the respective level of license.
- (b) Results from the outlined on ice testing on the respective level of license.
- (c) Game officials' health status as per outlined requirements of doctor's approval.
- (d) Theoretical education history within the MNAs officiating program; and
- (e) Past seasons game assignments and nomination.

The IIHF reserves all rights to request further additional documentation if it is deemed appropriate or necessary.

### 2.2.2 Gender and age specifications

Nominations are open for both male and female game officials. Each MNA is free to nominate based on the outlined criteria for the game officials to participate within the designated gender competition level for that license level & recommend what license class each official should be licensed for by the IIHF. The IIHF will attempt to limit the overall number of nominations to the maximum number of game officials needed per championship season.

**Note:** A nomination to the IIHF does not guarantee a license and assignment to an IIHF event.

The IIHF transgender policy is the leading document to handle any question regarding the licensing process of a transgender game official.

Any IIHF licensed game official must be at least 18 years of age prior to the deadline for nomination, in order to be eligible to receive an IIHF license. No maximum age restriction is implemented if the GO is able to fulfill the outlined requirements for each



of the license classes and that the GO is following the outlined career path overseen by the IIHF office.

The IIHF reserves the right to ask for any further documentation as needed for any specific nomination by an MNA.

## 2.3 License Types and Levels

### 2.3.1 Overview

The IIHF is providing each MNA with the possibility of nominating game officials to be licensed by the IIHF. As part of the nomination process, the MNA will be given the opportunity to recommend a license class for a specific official. However, the IIHF will make the final determination on what class of license to award an official upon his or her assignment to a specific event. Each license is active only for the specific event that an official is assigned to. It will not carry over from season to season.

### 2.3.2 Divisional License

#### *Description*

The **IIHF DIVISIONAL license** (Previous level 1) aims to provide international experience for the purpose of developing the individual game official that is either on the top level within the domestic program or is a game official with ambition to become part of the international top-level group and would gain international experience by acquiring this license. It is important that prior to nomination the MNA must assure the availability to participate in the events, its preparation and travel days.

#### *IIHF Career path*

The game official assigned this license has either:

- (a) had experience of IIHF events at this license level and is proceeding within the competition structure according to the allocated competition levels as described below; or
- (b) is participating in his/her first international competition and therefore applying for this type of license.

#### *Core competences*

The game official must showcase a high level of professional skills, including but not limited to skating, physical condition and rule knowledge. When evaluating the core competences, the MNA should utilize the IIHF educational framework as a tool for comparison on the theoretical knowledge and the appropriate testing of physical and skating skills to ensure that the core competences are meeting the expected level.

The game official must showcase a good understanding of English. In the future this will be done through a standardized English aptitude test that the IIHF will define.



### Allocated competition levels for Divisional licenses:

IIHF Male competition level:	IIHF Female competition level:
WMIIA, WMIIB, WMIIIA, WMIIIB, WMIV, WM20IIA, WM20IIB, WM20IIIA, WM20IIIB, WM18IB, WM18IIA, WM18IIB, WM18IIIA, WM18IIIB, and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season.	WWIIA, WWIIB, WWIIIA, WWIIIB, WW18IB, WW18IIA, WW18IIB, WW18III, and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season.

### 2.3.3 Future Elite License

#### *Description*

The **IIHF FUTURE ELITE license** (Previous level II) aims to create a developing environment for game officials that may earn opportunities at the IIHF Elite Licenses level in the future. The main goal for the Future Elite licenses is to quality proof the future elite game officials through both IIHF championships as well as other activities such as meetings and camps so that determinations can be made in future seasons whether a Future Elite licensed official is ready to be licensed at the Elite level.

It is important that prior to nomination the MNA must assure the availability to participate in the events and its preparation and travel days.

#### *IIHF Career path*

The game official that is to be assigned this license category has either had experience at previous IIHF events at this license level and is proceeding within the competition structure according to the allocated levels or is participating in his/her first international competition and has the domestic skills to work at the Future Elite level.

#### *Core competences*

The game official at this level must showcase a high level of professional skills, including but not limited to skating, physical condition and knowledge of the official playing rules. When evaluating the core competences, the MNA should utilize the IIHF educational framework as a tool for comparison on the theoretical knowledge and the appropriate testing of physical and skating skills to assure that the core competences is of expected level.

The game official must showcase a good understanding of English. In the future this will be done through a standardized English aptitude test that the IIHF will define.



## Allocated competition levels for Future Elite licenses:

IIHF Male competition level:	IIHF Female competition level:
WMIB, WM20IA, WM20IB, WM18IA, and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season. This will include the Continental Cup Final.	WWIB, WW18IA, and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season.

### 2.3.4 Elite License

#### *Description*

The **IIHF ELITE license** (Previous level III) is aiming to create a high-performance environment targeting the game officials participating in the top competition in the domestic programs and whose performance ranks them as some of the best in their MNA.

The Elite license game officials are the IIHF's core group with potential to be assigned to IIHF top events such as Women's World Championship, Men's World Championship and compete for assignment to Olympic Winter Games.

It is important that prior to nomination the MNA must assure the availability to participate in the events and its preparation and travel days.

#### *IIHF Career path*

The game official that is to be assigned this license category has either had experience at IIHF events at this license level and is proceeding within the competition structure according to the allocated competition levels as described below. Though not required, in most cases a game official with an Elite IIHF Licenses must have been involved in the Future Elite program prior to being nominated to this level.

#### *Core competences*

The game official at this level must showcase a high level of professional skills, including but not limited to skating, physical condition. When evaluating the core competences, the MNA should utilize the IIHF educational framework as a tool for comparison on the theoretical knowledge and the appropriate testing of physical and skating skills to assure that the core competences is of expected level.

The game official must showcase a good understanding of English through the completion of the IIHF provided English. If this English test has been made on a previous license level it must not be conducted again.



## Allocated competition levels for Elite licenses:

IIHF Male competition level:	IIHF Female competition level:
WM, WMIA, WM20, WM18, and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season.	WW, WWIA, WW18 and other non-specified club or national team competitions allocated for the specific season.

## 2.4 Nomination Process

### 2.4.1 Seasonal nomination process

#### *Step 1: Application of new license:*

As prescribed in Article 2.2.3 of these guidelines; in order to be considered for the 2026-2027 championship season, all necessary information and documentation must be submitted to the IIHF no later than July 31st for female nominations and August 31st for male nominations. The MNA is responsible for completing the official application according to the outlined documentation and system within the announced deadline.

An application fee of 50 CHF will be applied for all licenses awarded (Note: this is for licenses, not nominations). The payment of the licensing fee will be done through an invoice to the respective federation at the end of the season.

#### *Step 2: Licensing of nominated officials:*

Once the IIHF is confident to have gathered an educated understanding of the skills, knowledge and suitability of the applicant, it will make a suggestion on the IIHF Office level. In collaboration with either the IIHF Officiating Committee or another similar working group, the IIHF Officiating Department will license nominated officials for the IIHF's various championships and events. The final list of international licenses will also be approved by the IIHF Council.

Upon approval, the game official and RIC will be notified of the championship that he or she has been licensed for.

## 2.5 Renewal of Nomination

- **Annual renewal requirement:** As stated earlier, no nominations carry over from season to season. If an MNA wishes to re-nominate a previously nominated or licensed game official, the MNA must assure that the proper information is updated according to this documentation and as well that the proper information and documentation that is for yearly renewal is submitted within the timeframe.

## 3 Ethical Guidelines and training

### 3.1 Education and acceptance of IIHF Integrity policy

All IIHF licensed game officials are required to undergo the "Respect in the Workplace" workshop, which can be conducted online. Upon successful completion of the 90-minute workshop, the game official will be issued an automatic certificate of completion, which is valid for 24 months.



The game official will be required to submit their valid certificate via Hydra; at all championships the game official is nominated to attend. Without a valid certificate being submitted, the game official will not be allowed to officiate any game at the Championship.

### **3.2** *Integrity and compliance*

The IIHF is dedicated to ensuring safety and overall integrity at all of its Events, including but not limited to World Championships.

At events, the hosting MNA is required to appoint an Event Integrity Officer who oversees all integrity related matters, concerning the Organizing Committee, and volunteers.

Additionally, the IIHF makes available to the OC of all its championships, an IIHF Integrity Officer, who oversees all integrity related matters concerning staff, players, teams, and officials.

Outside of the events, the IIHF is monitoring the conduct at its championships from an integrity point of view. Under the applicable IIHF Integrity Code, the IIHF Office has the jurisdiction to launch official internal investigation against any suspicious behaviour based on Article 5.1 of the IIHF Integrity Code.

Should the offence be deemed so severe as to exceed the IIHF Office's sanctioning powers, the IIHF Office can refer the case to the independent IIHF Ethics Board for a formal investigation, in accordance with Article 5.1.10 of the IIHF Integrity Code.

### **3.3** *Zero tolerance for discrimination and bias*

The IIHF has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to discrimination. Any form of discrimination, whether in the form of racial, sexual or other social forms of discrimination are prohibited and not tolerated within the jurisdiction of the IIHF.

All behavior suspicious of abuse, discrimination or other forms of harmful behavior will be flagged and reviewed by the IIHF. Should it be deemed to be severe, the IIHF retains the jurisdiction to launch a formal internal investigation at the IIHF Office level. Any abusive conduct within the jurisdiction of the IIHF can potentially be forwarded to the independent IIHF Ethics Board for further review and sanctioning.

### **3.4** *Reporting and corrective actions*

The IIHF has put in place a system of reporting to make reporting accessible and feasible for anyone involved within Ice Hockey.

The following reporting services are available to contact the IIHF:

#### *Option 1 – Sideline Reporting:*

At all IIHF Championships, posters including a reporting QR-code are placed around the locker rooms and corridors of the respective arenas, that can be scanned to be taken to the IIHF reporting website. A report made over Sideline can be made giving your information or completely anonymized, depending on the way the reporter prefers.

Any reports made via Sideline will be notified to the IIHF Office where they will be analyzed for potential investigations.



#### Option 2 – Real Response:

The IIHF has partnered with a reporting provider that offers an anonymized, real time chatting tool that allows for reporting to be made in a chatting conversation between the reporter and the IIHF. All conversations reported via this tool are entirely anonymous but enable the IIHF to ask for further information or re-contact the reporter via the tool, should it require further documents or information in order to start its investigation.

#### Option 3 – Integrity Email address:

Game officials have the possibility to directly contact the IIHF legal department via the IIHF email address to report harmful conduct or ask further questions or for help regarding a situation they feel uncomfortable about. Email: [integrity@iihfoffice.com](mailto:integrity@iihfoffice.com)

#### Option 4 – On-site Integrity Officer:

As stated in Article 3.2 of these guidelines, during all IIHF Championships, an Integrity Officer will be present that can be approached regarding any possible integrity-related issues.

IIHF game officials can therefore approach the Integrity Officer on site at any point during the event in order to report an issue or misconduct. The information who this Integrity Officer will be at each respective championship will be communicated by the IIHF officiating coach.

## **4 Licensing of Game Officials to IIHF Events and Championships**

### **4.1 Principles of Fair and Transparent Licensing**

#### **4.1.1 Principles of licensing**

All officials licensed and assigned to IIHF events and tournaments mentioned in this document shall be made based on merit, experience, competency. It is the responsibility of the IIHF Office to provide all responsible stakeholders in the process with information that is relevant and verified for the finalization of the nomination process to IIHF events and championships.

In the case of changes and adjustments of licensing and assignment the IIHF Office shall contact the referee in chief for the individual game official to discuss the possibilities of replacing the GO with another GO from this MNA or from another MNA.

#### **4.1.2 Bias and conflict of interest**

The IIHF Officiating Department along with either the Officiating Committee or related working group are responsible for assuring that the various steps in the nomination and license process provide each individual with equal opportunities and fair assessment without involvement of bias that could question the integrity in the process.

Each staff member and IIHF Officiating committee member is required to submit a signed declaration of conflict of interest prior to the start of this process.



## **4.2** *Licensing Eligibility for IIHF World Championship Program*

4.2.1 IIHF Career path structure is the main tool for the IIHF Office and Officiating Committee to assure a fair and professional allocation of Internationally licensed game officials to the IIHF Champions program. Each game official is provided with a license(s)

4.2.2 within his or her category and level of licenses and matched towards the career path matrix provided under Appendix I & 3

## **4.3** *Nomination Process*

### **4.3.1** Selection Authorities:

For each season the IIHF Office, through the designated staff, will create an overview of proposed international licenses for IIHF Championships and events based on the nominations from the MNAs and the above principles in the nomination processes.

## **4.4** *Event-Specific Nominations*

### **4.4.1** Club competitions

The IIHF Officiating Department will specify for each season the individual club competitions, such as the Continental Cup, that will be appointed with international licensed game officials. The overall need of licensed game officials on club competition level is found under Appendix 2 & 4.

### **4.4.2** Other Competitions

The IIHF Officiating Department may at their discretion cooperate with MNAs and similar stakeholders to allocate nominations of game officials for these events, championships and individual games. These nominations should clearly outline the licensing level for the individual game official. The overall need of licensed game officials on club competition level is found under Appendix 2 & 4.

## **5** Appeals and Dispute Resolution

### **5.1** *Dispute in connection with nomination and licensing process*

A MNA and/or GO shall be entitled to request further explanations and details of the rejection of a nomination or lack of license, within 15 business days of receipt of the decision. As such, the Officiating Department, in conjunction with the Officiating Committee or other relevant working group, shall make available any and all documents it used to come to the decision and provide an indication of its selection process. Any documents or communications that are considered classified shall not be made available.

# Appendix 1 - 2027 Officiating Championship Program – Men’s



Expected Game Official Assignments - Quantity and Quality - 2027												MALE	
IHF Championship Program				Referees				Linesperson				Game Officials	
IHF Championship Program - Male, senior	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total	
2027	WM	4	Elite	16	16	0	0	16	16	0	0	16	32
2027	WM IA	4	Elite	6	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	14
2027	WM IB	4	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14
2027	WM IIA	4	Division	6	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7	14
2027	WM IIB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM IIIA	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM IIIB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM IV	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
<b>Total IHF Championship Program - Male, senior</b>				<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>118</b>	
IHF Championship Program - Male, junior U20	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total	
2027	WM20	4	Elite	10	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	12	24
2027	WM20 IA	4	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14
2027	WM20 IB	4	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14
2027	WM20 IIA	4	Division	6	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7	14
2027	WM20 IIB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM20 IIIA	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM20 IIIB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
<b>Total IHF Championship Program - Male, junior U20</b>				<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>99</b>	
IHF Championship Program - Male U18	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total	
2027	WM18	4	Elite	10	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	12	24
2027	WM18A	4	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14
2027	WM18B	4	Division	6	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7	14
2027	WM18BA	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM18BB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM18IA	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
2027	WM18IB	3	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11
<b>IHF Championship Program - Male U18</b>				<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>96</b>	
Continental Cup	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total	
2027	CC - Final	4	Future Elite	4	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	10
2027	CCP	4	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	10
2027	CCE	4	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	10
2027	CCD	4	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	10
2027	CCC	4	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	10
<b>Total Continental Cup</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	
IHF supported Competitions	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	total	total	
2027	IHF CHL	4	Future Elite	X	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	
2027	Asia Championship	4	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	10	
<b>Total IHF supported Competitions</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Expected Assignments for License Calculation</b>				<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>323</b>	

Appendix 2 - 2027 Officiating Championship Program - Mens-2



2026 World Ranking	2027 Officials - M		377	
	171	206	Licenses proposed 2027	
Ranking	MNA	Referees	Linespersons	Total
1	USA	8	9	17
2	SUI	8	9	17
3	CAN	9	8	17
4	SWE	9	8	17
5	CZE	9	8	17
6	FIN	9	8	17
7	GER	8	9	17
8	DEN	6	7	13
9	SVK	6	7	13
10	LAT	6	6	12
11	AUT	6	6	12
12	NOR	6	7	13
13	KAZ	5	3	8
14	FRA	5	4	9
15	SLO	4	5	9
16	HUN	5	4	9
17	GBR	5	4	9
18	ITA	5	3	8
19	POL	5	4	9
20	JPN	3	4	7
21	ROU	3	4	7
22	UKR	4	3	7
23	KOR	4	3	7
24	LTU	4	3	7
25	CHN	4	3	7
26	EST	2	2	4
27	ESP	2	2	4
28	NED	2	2	4
29	CRO	2	2	4
30	SRB	1	3	4
31	ISR	1	3	4
32	UAE	1	3	4
33	ISL	1	3	4
34	AUS	1	3	4
35	BEL	2	4	6
36	BUL	1	3	4
37	NZL	1	3	4
38	TPE	1	3	4
39	TUR	1	3	4
40	THA	1	2	3
41	KGZ	1	2	3
42	TKM	0	2	2
43	MEX	1	1	2
44	LUX	1	2	3
45	GEO	0	2	2
46	RSA	0	2	2
47	BIH	1	1	2
48	HKG	0	2	2
49	PHI	0	2	2
50	SIN	0	2	2
51	MOG	0	0	0
52	DPR	0	0	0
53	KUW	1	1	2
54	IRN	0	2	2
55	MAS	0	2	2
56	INA	0	1	1
57	UZB	0	1	1
58	ARM	0	1	1
59	RUS*)	0	0	0
60	BLR*)	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>377</b>	

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### Appendix 3 - 2027 Officiating Championship Program – Women’s

Expected Game Official Assignments - Quantity and Quality - 2027													Women's	
IHF Championship Program				Referees				Linesperson				Game Officials		
IHF Championship Program Women's	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total		
2026	WW	Elite	12	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	12	24		
2027	WW IA	Elite	6	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	14		
2027	WW IB	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14		
2027	WW IIA	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW IIB	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW IIIA	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW IIIB	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
<b>Total IHF Championship Program - Women's</b>				<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>98</b>		
IHF Championship Program Women's U18	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total		
2027	WW18	Elite	6	10	0	0	10	10	0	0	10	20		
2027	WW18 IA	Future Elite	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	14		
2027	WW18 IB	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW18 IIA	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW18 IIB	Division	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7	11		
2027	WW18 IIIA	Division	6	0	0	3	3	0	0	5	5	8		
<b>IHF Championship Program - Women's U18</b>				<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>75</b>		
IHF supported Competitions	System	Class	Teams	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Elite	Future Elite	Division	Total	Total		
2027	Asia Championship	Division	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	10		
<b>Total IHF supported Competitions</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>Expected Assignments for License Calculation</b>				<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>181</b>		

Appendix 4 -2027 Officiating Championship Program -  
Women's-2



2026 World Ranking	87	112	199	
	2027 Officials - W		Licenses proposed 2027	
Ranking	MNA	Referees	Linespersons	Total
1	USA	8	8	16
2	CAN	8	8	16
3	FIN	5	5	10
4	CZE	5	6	11
5	SUI	6	6	12
7	SWE	6	6	12
8	JPN	4	6	10
9	GER	5	6	11
10	HUN	3	3	6
11	DEN	2	3	5
12	NOR	2	3	5
13	CHN	2	3	5
14	AUT	3	3	6
15	FRA	2	3	5
16	SVK	2	3	5
17	NED	1	2	3
18	ITA	2	3	5
19	KOR	2	3	5
20	GBR	3	2	5
21	POL	3	3	6
22	SLO	1	1	2
23	KAZ	0	1	1
24	LAT	2	1	3
25	ESP	1	1	2
26	TPE	1	1	2
27	MEX	1	1	2
28	ISL	1	1	2
29	AUS	2	2	4
30	TUR	1	1	2
31	BEL	1	1	2
32	HKG	0	1	1
33	NZL	0	1	1
34	LTU	0	1	1
35	UKR	0	2	2
36	RSA	0	1	1
37	CRO	0	0	0
38	BUL	0	2	2
39	ROU	0	1	1
40	DPR	0	1	1
41	SRB	0	1	1
42	EST	0	0	0
43	ISR	0	0	0
44	BIH	0	0	0
45	THA	0	1	1
46	SIN	1	1	2
	KUW	0	0	0
	MAC	0	0	0
	MAS	1	1	2
	PHI	0	1	1
	SIN	0	0	0
	UAE	0	1	1
	RUS*)	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>199</b>	

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