

DIFA Referee Commission Constitution

Article 1: Name and Objective

1. **Name:** The organization shall be known as the DIFA Referee Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").
2. **Objective:** The Commission aims to oversee the selection, training, and performance evaluation of referees in international football and futsal competitions organized by the Deaf International Football Association (DIFA).

Article 2: Structure

1. **Composition:** The Commission shall consist of the following members:
 - Referee Coordinator
 - Supervisors / RLO
 - Reporters
 - Disciplinary Committee
 - Delegates
 - Appointments Coordinator
2. **Appointments and Tenure:** Members shall be appointed by DIFA for a term of four years, with the possibility of reappointment.

Article 3: Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Referee Coordinator:**
 - Ensure overall coordination of referee activities.
 - Oversee the appointment of referees for matches.
 - Act as the main point of contact for referees and officials.
2. **Supervisors / RLO:**
 - Mentor and coach referees.
 - Provide feedback and analysis of referee performance.
 - Collaborate with other members of the Commission to ensure high standards.
3. **Reporters:**
 - Document and assess referee performances.
 - Provide reports that contribute to the development and promotion of referees.
4. **Disciplinary Committee:**
 - Handle protests and disputes according to established rules.
 - Ensure fair enforcement of regulations.
 - Consist of the Technical Director, Deaf Referee Coordinator / RLO, and Hearing Referee Coordinator.
5. **Delegates:**
 - Ensure compliance with match protocols.
 - Supervise match logistics and materials.
 - Support referees to perform their duties effectively.
6. **Appointments Coordinator:**
 - Assist the Referee Coordinator in appointing referees to matches.
 - Determine team and referee shirt colors in advance.
 - Ensure timely communication of referee assignments.

Article 4: Selection and Licensing

1. Selection Process:

- Referees are selected based on a ranking system: A-List (elite), B-List (middle level), and C-List (beginner).
- Participation in mandatory workshops testing fitness, rules, and non-verbal communication is required.
- Referees must present a diploma issued by their national federation.

2. Licensing:

- Licenses are awarded based on workshop results and CV.
- Levels of competition for each list are as follows:
 - **A-List:** Deaflympics, World Championships (national), World Cup for Clubs.
 - **B-List:** Regional Championships (national), Youth Regional Championships (national), Youth World Championships (national), Regional Cup for Clubs.
 - **C-List:** Youth Regional Cup for Clubs, Women Regional Cup for Clubs.

Article 5: Conduct and Duties

1. Code of Conduct:

- Referees must adhere to DIFA's dress code and professional standards.
- Officials are encouraged to maintain a healthy lifestyle and exhibit professional behavior.
- Referees must arrive at least 1.5 hours before a field match and 1 hour before a futsal match.

2. Communication:

- Referees and officials communicate through the appointed coordinator.
- A sign language interpreter must be available during tournaments.

3. Match Interference:

- Only the RLO and Technical Director can intervene in a match when necessary.

Article 6: Compensation and Support

1. Compensation:

- Referees receive compensation for their participation, details of which vary by tournament.

2. Support:

- The Commission ensures that referees have the necessary support, including accommodation in separate hotels from teams and the board.

Article 7: Amendments

1. Procedure:

- Amendments to this constitution can be proposed by any member of the Commission.
- Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Commission members.

Article 8: Ratification

1. Effective Date:

- This constitution shall become effective upon approval by the DIFA Executive Committee.

2. Review:

- The constitution shall be reviewed every four years to ensure relevance and effectiveness.

This constitution outlines the structure, roles, responsibilities, and procedures of the DIFA Referee Commission, ensuring the effective management and development of referees in international deaf football and futsal tournaments.



Composition of the DIFA Referee Commission

President of the Commission

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- Role: Oversee all activities of the Commission, lead meetings, and represent the Commission to DIFA.

Secretary of the Commission

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- Role: Manage administrative tasks, organize meetings, keep records, and ensure communication between Commission members.

Members of the Commission

1. Technical Director

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- Role: Provide technical expertise on the laws of the game, develop training programs, and evaluate referee performance.

2. Referee Coordinator

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- Role: Coordinate referee activities, oversee the appointment of referees for matches, and serve as the main point of contact for referees.

3. Referee Instructors

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- Role: Conduct training and development programs for referees, ensure referees are up-to-date with the latest rules and techniques.
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- Role: Offer continuous education and enhance referee skills.

4. Fitness Instructors

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- Role: Oversee the physical training and fitness of referees, conduct fitness tests, and provide guidance on maintaining peak physical condition.
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- Role: Ensure referees maintain good physical condition throughout competitions.

5. Technical Experts

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- Role: Provide technical insights and support on the laws of the game, assist in developing training materials for referees, and evaluate referee performance from a technical perspective.
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- Role: Assist in creating educational and technical materials for referee training.

6. Administrative Staff

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- Role: Manage logistical and administrative tasks related to referee appointments and events, maintain records of referee performances and qualifications, and support the Commission in organizing meetings and events.
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- Role: Assist the Secretary in administrative and organizational management.

Observers and Consultants

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- Role: Provide advice and feedback on referee performances and help implement best practices.
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- Role: Offer perspectives and advice on the challenges faced by female referees and promote the inclusion of female referees at the international level.

This composition of the DIFA Referee Commission ensures effective management and continuous development of referees through structured leadership and clearly defined responsibilities.

List of DIFA Referees (2024)

Elite List (A-List)

1. Referees:

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2. Assistant Referees:

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International List (B-List)

1. Referees:

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2. Assistant Referees:

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Development List (C-List)

1. Referees:

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2. Assistant Referees:

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This list includes referees and assistant referees categorized into Elite, International, and Development lists, ensuring a comprehensive structure for referee development and performance management at DIFA.

