

INTERNATIONAL REFEREE RULES

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The present International Referee Rules determine the referees' preparation, formation and delegation procedures for their participation in international competitions.

1.2. The planned and proper holding of world championships, continental championships and other international competitions, compliance with the rules at these events and accurate assessment of results largely depend on international referees' expertise. Thanks to their high level of expertise, experience and correct decisions, the international referees ensure that the results and achievements of competitors are duly determined, assessed and confirmed at championships and competitions.

1.3. These rules are valid for all member federations and clubs of the ShipModel Sport International Federation (hereinafter SMSIF) which hold official SMSIF events and involve international referees. The rules are also mandatory for international referees themselves.

CHAPTER 2

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT AS AN INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

2.1. Definition of an international referee.

An international referee is an individual authorized by the sport event organizer to ensure the observance of the Rules and Conditions of international competitions who has completed special training and has been assigned the appropriate qualification category.

2.2. An individual may act as an international referee if he/she:

- belongs to a national federation affiliated to SMSIF;
- as a rule, has reached the age of 25;
- has vast practical experience due to his/her long lasting activity in ship model sport and knows the competition rules precisely;
- has a high qualification category of a referee in his/her national federation and/or has successfully completed an appropriate training course;
- is ready and able to act as an international referee upon request;
- has been proposed by his/her national federation for appointment as an international referee with sufficient grounds.

CHAPTER 3

CLASSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

3.1. International referees are assigned the following qualification categories:

- International referee of the first category (1C);
- International referee of the highest category (HC).

An international referee of the first category may be an individual who has successfully completed the international level course carried out under the supervision of a representative of SMSIF Executive Committee or a representative of SMSIF Commission Management.

An international referee of the highest category may be an individual who has successfully completed the training course approved by the SMSIF Executive Committee and has successfully worked as a referee of the first category.

3.2. International referees have a right to referee in certain classes and categories:

Category	A, B	Classes	all
Category	NS	Classes	F2, F4, DS, NSS, F6, F7
Category	FSR	Classes	FSR-V all, FSR-H all, FSR-O all
Category	M	Classes	Eco, FSRE, F1, F3, Mono/Hydro
Category	S	Classes	all
Category	C	Classes	C all, construction evaluation in F2, F4-B, F4-C, F-DS

CHAPTER 4

GENERAL TASKS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

4.1. International SMSIF referees have the following rights:

- to referee international competitions;
- to control compliance with the requirements for the construction of models and to confirm the accuracy of information in model passports;
- to confirm records according to SMSIF Rules;
- to ensure their own safety at competitions;
- to receive remuneration for refereeing at competitions;
- to improve their qualification;
- to make civil contracts in accordance with the law;
- to receive the organizer's confirmation of their work at the competition at the end of the competition, written in the referee's license.

4.2. International SMSIF referees have the following duties:

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to know the competition rules and to ensure their observance while refereeing the competition;

to promote the observance of Competition Regulations, to control and to insist on the compliance with SMSIF Rules and to sanction for their violation;

to check the equipment and dimensions of competition sites and courses and to demand that the organizers fix any defects or errors immediately;

to referee professionally and impartially, to avoid mistakes that may lead to the distortion of competition results;

to act according to the Competition Regulations;

to promote fair competition;

to resolve issues arising during the competition timely and professionally, according to their rights and duties, to ensure that the competition is held at a high organization level;

to follow the safety rules of physical culture and sports;

to abstain from smoking, taking alcohol, low-alcohol drinks, beer, taking drugs and psychotropic substances, their analogues, toxic or other intoxicating substances when refereeing competitions;

to execute other duties in accordance with legislative acts.

4.3. An international referee is not entitled to investigate, assess and confirm the results in those classes in which he/she personally participates as a competitor.

CHAPTER 5

ACTING AS AN INTERNATIONAL REFEREE

5.1. The activity of an international referee depends on the kind/level of the SMSIF event, the referee's duties at this event and requires a certain qualification level.

Depending on their functions, international SMSIF referees must have the following qualification categories:

Table 1

Operational area	World championships/ competitions	Continental championships	International competitions
Chief referee	HC	HC	HC / 1C
Start leader or leader of the evaluation commission	HC	HC / 1C	1C
Start referee, timekeeper, linesman	1C	1C	1C

At official events, the appointed international referee must sufficiently know one of the official languages of SMSIF (Russian or English).

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5.2. The organizer has to invite international referees in writing no less than 6 months before the beginning of the event. If the international referee is not able to attend the event, the organizer will have time to look for another international referee.

An international referee is proposed by the SMSIF Commission Management. National federations may also propose international referees.

5.3. While arranging international competitions and championships included in the SMSIF Competition Calendar, the organizer has to invite at least one international SMSIF referee from a country other than the hosting country.

5.4. The organizer has to finance international referee's accommodation and catering and pay for his/her daily work at the competition. The sum must be paid in a fully convertible currency or the equivalent sum in the local currency.

5.5. If an international referee is unable to execute his/her duties for a short time (e.g., due to illness), the national federation has a right to appoint another international referee who belongs to this national federation.

CHAPTER 6

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

6.1. Obtaining the qualification of an international SMSIF referee requires appropriate education and examination.

Special education is not necessary if an applicant has many years of experience and profound knowledge due to being an active ship modeling sportsperson, possesses refereeing abilities, meets the requirements and conditions sufficiently for obtaining a referee's category and has a national referee's category.

6.2. The education content is determined by the education curriculum confirmed by the SMSIF.

The education of international referees of the highest category is carried out by means of a course approved by the SMSIF Executive Committee.

The education of international referees of the first category is carried out by means of courses from national federations. These courses are initiated and supervised by the SMSIF Executive Committee or SMSIF Commission Management.

6.3. Every applicant must take the exam to prove the required abilities and skills. The exam is taken in verbal and in written form. The unified examination questions and assignments are developed by the Commission Management and approved by the SMSIF Executive Committee.

The examination questions and tasks must be available only to persons appointed by the Executive Committee or Commission Management. The written exam can be carried out in a programmed form (e.g., multiple choice questions with 3 alternative answers).

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The exam is considered passed if at least 80% of the questions and assignments are answered/completed. The examiners are the same persons who had taught the course.

CHAPTER 7

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL REFEREE. THE INTERNATIONAL REFEREE'S LICENSE

7.1. To be confirmed as an international referee, the national federation must write an application to the Executive Director and to the head of the SMSIF Referee Commission. Application forms may be requested by the SMSIF Executive Director (see Appendix).

A photo (in JPEG format) is attached to the application, then it is sent to the SMSIF Executive Director by e-mail.

7.2. The Executive Director and head of the SMSIF Referee Commission check the application. If all the requirements are met, a license is issued and sent to the respective national federation.

The international referee's license is issued free of charge. It contains personal data, qualification level, categories and classes in which the referee has a right to referee, the referee's number and photo. The license is signed by the SMSIF Executive Director.

7.3. The referee's number and his/her signature are final and complete identification of the international referee during the confirmation of the competition results.

The referee's number consists as follows:

- Country code;
- Serial number within the country;
- Qualification level.

Example: international referees of the Russian national ship modeling federation who have different qualification categories receive the following numbers:

RU-001/ 1C (referee of the first category – 1C)

RU-002/ HC (referee of the highest category – HC)

7.4. The international referee's license is valid for 4 years.

If the referee's license is about to expire, he/she must send an application for renewal of the license through his/her national federation to the SMSIF Executive Director and head of the SMSIF Referee Commission and attach the license to the application.

The international referee's licenses whose validity period has expired without an application for lengthening are considered invalid.

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7.5. If new categories and classes need to be added to an international referee's license or some categories/classes should be removed from it, the corresponding national federation should send the license to the SMSIF with an appropriate application.

7.6. If the license is lost, its duplicate is issued upon request. In this case, an ID photo must be attached to the application.

7.7. The international referee's license can be revoked if:

- a referee has violated the SMSIF rules or the rules for issuing a license;
- a referee has made unsportsmanlike, biased, ill-considered decisions;
- there is irrefutable evidence of the absence of the referee's necessary qualification;
- the referee has repeatedly refused to act as an international referee without convincing reasons;
- the referee has not acted as an international referee according to the SMSIF International Referee Rules for more than 4 years since the license issue date;
- the referee has terminated his/her membership in the national federation.

7.8. The revocation of right to act as an international referee (except for the last two conditions when the license automatically loses its validity and significance) is done by the decision of the Executive Committee. The referee's national federation can send a written application justifying the revocation of the license to the head of the Commission. He/she is obliged to present applications for the revocation of the international referee's license at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for discussion and decision-making.

The revocation of a license and the right to referee is to be published in the SMSIF information bulletin.

7.9. An international SMSIF referee is personally responsible for the lengthening of his/her referee's license.

CHAPTER 8

INTERNATIONAL REFEREE REGISTER

8.1. The assignment of the category "international referee" is reported in the published SMSIF International Referee Register. The Executive Director sends the register to all national federations upon request.

Updates of the Register resulting from the deletion and adding of data as well as information about new referees who have received the license are published in the SMSIF information bulletin.

The SMSIF International Referee Register contains the following information about a referee:

- Country;
- Name, surname, home address;

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- Category, classes of models;
- Qualification level;
- Referee's number;
- Validity period of his/her license.

8.2. The referee must immediately inform the head of the Commission should his/her address change.

The national federation must immediately inform the head of the Commission about the death of an international referee or his/her relocation to another country.

CHAPTER 9 THE REFEREE PANEL

9.1. The Competition Regulations determine the composition of the referee panel of the competition. The referee panel must include the chief competition referee, the chief competition secretary, the deputy of the chief referee for sport, the deputy of the chief referee for technical issues and referees. The chief referee, the chief secretary, the deputy of the chief referee for sport and the deputy of the chief referee for technical issues constitute the chief sports referee panel.

9.2. The chief referee and the chief secretary are approved by the organizer taking into account the competition status in coordination with the SMSIF Executive Committee. The chief referee and the chief secretary are not eligible to participate in this competition.

9.3. The staff of the referee panel is appointed by the chief competition referee in coordination with the organizer. All referee panel members must correspond to the qualification requirements for the "ship modeling sport" referee. In order to effectively ensure the competition process in all classes, the chief referee may form specific referee teams for each group of classes that are similar with regards to their courses and entrust them with servicing the start places of certain groups of classes.

9.4. The chief referee forms the referee panel, organizes and supervises its work. The chief referee holds the meeting of the referee panel and assigns referees to their positions before the beginning of the competition. The chief referee conducts the competition according to the competition rules and regulations and is accountable for the competition to the SMSIF and the organizer.

CHAPTER 10 FUNCTIONAL DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE CHIEF REFEREE PANEL

10.1. The chief referee has the following duties:
before the commission regulating the competitors' admission to the competition commences its work, to make sure that the water area equipment is

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ready for the competition, to inspect all premises, referees' equipment and inventory and their compliance with the rules and, if necessary, to draw up a protocol documenting the inspection result and to sign it together with the organizer and the official SMSIF representative;

to approve the competition program and the start schedule together with the organizer, two hours before the starts at the latest;

to determine the order of participants and starts in advance, following the rules of every sports discipline/class before the work begins, according to the approved schedule;

to approve the distribution of group racing participants in race groups according to their experience, sport level and individual rating in racing and speed classes;

to consider protests and make decisions in a timely manner;

to hold referee meetings (briefings) together with team representatives before the beginning of the competition and when necessary;

at the briefing and before the beginning of the official ceremonies, to announce persons whose reason for absence at the competition official ceremonies is recognized as respectful;

to certify all competition protocols with his/her signature;

to ensure the availability of the competition results for the participants.

10.2. The chief referee has the following rights:

to cancel or postpone a competition if the venue, water area, equipment and inventory are not ready or do not comply with the rules, technical and safety standards by the time the competition is about to start;

to stop or suspend a competition in case of adverse conditions (weather, violation of public order);

to correct the competition program and schedule;

to replace referees during the competition, to personally participate in the refereeing process should it be necessary to replace a referee;

to remove referees who have committed gross mistakes and (or) are not coping with their duties;

to refuse participation in the competition for those competitors whose sport qualification or other qualities do not meet the requirements of the present Rules or Competition Regulations;

to suspend from the competition those competitors who are not ready technically, have committed gross violation of the present Rules or demonstrated unsportsmanlike behavior towards their rivals, spectators or referees;

to decide upon the respectfulness of reasons for persons being absent at the official competition ceremonies (opening ceremony, prize giving ceremony, closing ceremony).

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10.3. The chief secretary:

supervises work of the competition secretariat, is responsible for the preparation of preliminary and official results;

supervises the commission regulating the competitors' admission to the competition and ensures registration of competitors;

organizes draws and distribution of competitors by race groups;

keeps protocols of the competition, referee panel meetings;

certifies all protocols with his/her signature together with the chief referee;

formalizes the chief referee's orders and decisions, submits the competition results to the chief referee for his/her approval and the required data for compiling the final report;

makes and signs a general technical report of the competition and, after the chief referee's approval, submits it to the SMSIF and the organizer within three working days;

provides information materials to the referee panel, technical services of the competition, team representatives, is responsible for all information related to the competition;

registers official protests and submits them to the chief referee and members of the protest commission immediately;

controls the implementation of the referee panel decisions on the admission of competitors to the competition as well as their decisions on protests;

organizes the preparation of awarding materials for competition winners and prizewinners.

10.4. The chief deputy referee for sport:

supervises the competition together with the chief referee and is responsible for the competition process;

functions as the chief referee in his/her absence;

supervises work of senior start referees, makes sure that competitors and referees follow the rules.

10.5. The chief deputy referee for technical issues presides over the technical commission, controls compliance of models with the rules. He/she is responsible for the preparation of the competition site, the water area, equipment and inventory necessary for the competition according to the competition rules.

10.6. The senior start referee:

is appointed by the chief referee for starts (heats) in classes with similar competition rules and types of distances;

is responsible for timely informing teams and competitors about the start, checks the compliance of models with safety rules and competition rules in the concerning discipline/class of models;

supervises the referee team's work at the start place;

assigns duties to the referees at the start place and instructs both referees and competitors;

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makes sure that the starting documentation for the competition at his/her start place is timely prepared;

controls compliance with safety rules;

organizes the issuance of preliminary information about the competition process at his/her start place;

makes a final decision on the results of the start and signs the starting protocol.

The senior start referee is not allowed to participate in the classes he/she serves.

If it is impossible to conduct the competition due to weather, technical or other conditions, the senior start referee suspends the competition at this start place and reports to the chief referee immediately.

10.7. The start secretary:

prepares the starting documentation for the competition at his/her start place;

keeps the starting protocol and prepares visual information about the competition process at the start place;

processes the starting protocol, signs the starting protocol together with the senior start referee and submits it to the chief secretary within 30 minutes after the end of the start;

compiles a technical report on the work of the start place and signs the documents.

10.8. The senior static evaluation referee (judge):

is appointed by the chief referee for those disciplines/classes that require assessment of models for compliance with their prototype (“NS” and “C” Classes);

is responsible for timely informing teams and competitors about the working hours of the static (construction) evaluation commission, checks the compliance of models with safety and competition rules in the concerning discipline/class of models;

is responsible for the timely preparation of working documentation and protocols during the construction evaluation;

supervises the referee team’s work during the construction evaluation;

makes the final decision on the score of the model during the verification of results, signs the protocols;

organizes the issuance of preliminary information about the competition process in his/her commission.

10.9. The evaluation commission referee (judge):

is appointed for competitions in those disciplines/classes of models that need assessment of models for compliance with their prototype (“NS” and “C” Classes);

conducts the construction evaluation as a member of the evaluation commission.

10.10. The evaluation commission secretary:

prepares working documentation for construction evaluation;

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enters information in static evaluation commission protocols;
processes the results of the evaluation commission work;
calculates preliminary results of the construction evaluation;
makes the protocol of the evaluation commission after the commission finishes its work;
compiles a technical report on the work of the evaluation commission;
certifies all documents related to the evaluation commission work with his/her signature.

10.11. The course referee:

oversees models passing the start line, finish line and the entire course correctly and in the required sequence;
makes sure that competitors comply with the competition rules during an attempt, heat, race;
registers the violations of the rules committed by the competitors and reports them to the senior start referee immediately.

10.12. The referee of the participants:

manages participants during the opening and closing ceremonies of competitions, manages transport issues and controls the arrival and departure of competitors and teams to the start places according to their work schedule;
informs competitors, representatives and coaches of teams about all decisions of the chief referee panel.

10.13. The timekeeper:

is appointed at competitions in all disciplines/classes of models, except for “C” Category;
controls the competitors’ time of call, their pre-start, preparatory, starting, additional and maximum scoring time;
registers the time of passing the course by a model after the senior start referee’s command.

10.14. The sound measuring referee:

is appointed at competitions in those classes that need internal combustion engines (ICE);
controls the noise level of a model while it passes the scoring distance and registers its maximum value.

10.15. The fuel referee:

is appointed at competitions in those classes that need ICE;
prepares the combustible mixture, the place of fuel delivery and all necessary equipment;
ensures the observation of the technical and fire safety measures;
checks the fuel composition in competitors’ models.

10.16. The composition of referee teams of start places.

The recommended composition of referee teams for servicing starts in each discipline/class of models is given in Tables 2 – 7:

Table 2

Category “M” referee team

Referee’s position	Classes							
	ECO	ECO TEAM	FSR-E	MONO, HYDRO	F1-E	F1-V 3,5; F1-V 15	F3-E	F3-V
Senior start referee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Start secretary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Course referee	2	2	2	2			2	2
Referee of the participants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Timekeeper	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sound measuring referee						1		1
Fuel referee						1		1

Table 3

Category “FSR” referee team

Referee’s position	Classes
	FSR-V; FSR-H; FSR-O
Senior start referee	1
Start secretary	1
Course referee	2
Referee of the participants	2
Timekeeper	3
Fuel referee	1

Table 4

Category “A/B” referee team

Referee’s position	Classes
	A, B
Senior start referee	1
Start secretary	1
Timekeeper	3
Sound measuring referee	1
Fuel referee	1

Table 5

Evaluation commission for “C” and “NS” Categories

Referee’s position	Classes that need construction check
	C1-C8; F2; F4; F-DS; F6; F7; F-NSS
Chief referee (judge) of the evaluation commission	1
Evaluation commission secretary	1
Evaluation commission referee (judge)	4 (minimum 2)

Table 6

Category “NS” referee team

Referee’s position	Classes		
	F2; F4; F-DS	F6; F7	F-NSS
Senior start referee	1	1	1
Start secretary	1	1	1
Course referee	1	1	1
Referee of the participants	1	1	1
Timekeeper	1	1	3

Table 7

Category “S” referee team

Referee’s position	Classes
	F5, RG-65
Senior start referee	1
Start secretary	1
Course referee	2
Referee of the participants	1
Timekeeper	3