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## **Regional Umpire and Certified Referee Qualification**

There are now two ways for a Club Umpire to advance.

Umpires can qualify for Regional Umpire, then National Umpire and International Umpire. The International Umpire exam is given by the ITTF. We need more umpires at all tournaments and higher qualified umpires at our major tournaments.

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## **Qualifications for Certified and Regional Referee ranks:**

### **Certified Referee Qualification**

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Qualifications:

**Certified Referee:** A USATT umpire of any level can take the Certified Referee exam. The fee of \$25 is paid to USATT. USATT will provide the candidate the current USATT Tournament Guide, which is a reference for the exam. The USATT Exam Coordinator will email the candidate the material containing a series of PowerPoint lessons on the duties of the Referee. The material also contains other useful references including portions of the current ITTF Handbook.

The candidate will nominate a proctor (monitor) to administer the closed book exam.

The USATT Exam Coordinator will mail the exam to the proctor, who will administer the exam and return the completed exam to the USATT Exam Coordinator 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 within two days 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, the USATT Exam Coordinator will send a critique to the successful candidate. We do not critique failed exams. A failed exam may be retaken after six months. After a second failure the exam may not be retaken without special permission from USATT URC.

**Regional Umpire Qualification:** Club umpire with at least one year's experience who has completed the required matches. The required matches are 30 matches including at least 6 doubles matches. The matches must be certified and evaluated by the referee. Fee \$25 paid to USATT. The USATT Exam Coordinator will email the candidate the ITTF Handbook or Rules Manual along with other study material, which is the reference for the exam.

The candidate will nominate a proctor to administer the closed book exam. The USATT Exam Coordinator will mail the exam to the proctor, who will administer the exam and return the completed exam to the USATT Exam Coordinator for grading. After grading the exam, the USATT Exam Coordinator will send a critique to the successful candidate. We do not critique failed exams.

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