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1	PURPOSE
1.1	The purpose of the IJF Umpires Committee (IJFUC) is to worship the interests of the International Umpires and to forward recommendations to the IJF Executive Management for attention at the highest level.
	a) Critical matters affecting the umpires and rule amendments should be discussed on this forum.
2	SCOPE OF THE IJF UMPIRES
2.1	IJFUC is a fully-fledged subcommittee under the portfolio Umpires of IJF Executive Management and is subject to the IJF's Constitution.
3	MEMBERSHIP
3.1	Full member countries appoint one member on the IJFUC. Refer to Clause 5.1.3.
4	FUNCTIONS
4.1	IJFUC will fulfil the following functions in the Structure of IJF Jukskei as a sport:
4.1.1	Handle all critical matters that affect the rules of the game.
4.1.2	Participate in the appointment of umpires for tests.
4.1.3	Handle all rule changes or new rules.
4.1.4	Arrange for the evaluation of umpires for admission to the IJF Umpires Panel in collaboration with the International Jukskei Academy.
4.1.5	Arrange for the re-evaluation of current IJF Umpires after a term of three years in collaboration with the International Jukskei Academy.
4.1.6	Report annually to the IJF Executive Management and at the General Meeting of the International Jukskei Federation.
5	UMPIRES COMMITTEE
5.1	Positions
	The Management of the IJFUC consists of the following positions and the complete Management serves for a term of three years after which all Members of Management will be elected again.
	a) All persons who make themselves available must be IJF-qualified and country-registered umpires.
5.1.1	Chairperson: (Director Umpires):
	a) Elected by the IJF AGM
	b) This person should have management skills to represent the Committee as well as the members.
5.1.2	Secretary:
	a) The Chief Operations Officer (COO) shall serve as the secretary of the UC.
5.1.3	Members:
	a) Each member country appoints one member who complies with the requirements to serve on the committee.
	b) The member should have the ability to serve the Committee with an open mind.
5.2	The membership of any member of the Committee who is not participating in the requests/assignments from the Chairperson by repeatedly failing to reach target dates, without valid reasons, may expire after consultation with the IJF Executive.

5.3	Any member who does not follow the IJF's Code of Conduct's terms/services will be suspended.
6 RESPONSIBILITIES	
6.1	Chairperson:
	The primary purpose of the Chairperson is to:
6.1.1	To be the directional centre point of the group.
6.1.2	To execute any instructions from the IJF Executive to the best of his ability.
6.1.3	Represents all members (IJF Umpires) at the General Meeting of the IJF.
6.2	Secretary:
6.2.1	The Secretary is the administrative centre of the committee.
6.2.2	All correspondence to and from the Committee is handled by the Secretary.
6.3	Members:
6.3.1	The members represent the member countries on the committee
6.3.2	The members are also responsible for looking after the interests of the IJF regarding the standards of the rules and their amendments, if necessary.
7 MEETINGS	
7.1	All meetings of the Committee will be held electronically.
	a) The Secretary remains the nodal point.
8 EVALUATION OF UMPIRES	
8.1	Application procedures
8.1.1	Any member wishing to apply for upgrading to the International level must do so via his Umpires Committee.
8.1.2	The member's application must be accompanied by a CV that lists his history as an umpire.
8.1.3	The member should have handled at least two more day tournaments, one of which had to be a senior tournament.
8.2	Evaluation process
8.2.1	The evaluation of the members takes place under the auspices of the IJF Academy.
8.2.2	The evaluation consists of two phases namely:
8.2.2.1	Theory
	Scenario sketches are sent to the member/members to be answered within a certain time.
	a) It's an open book, but an in-depth theory.
	b) A mark out of 5 is awarded per scenario sketch.
8.2.2.2	Practical
	For the practical part of the test, the member is evaluated by various members, as appointed by the Academy.
	a) The member must be available to perform during one of the multi-day tournaments/championships.
	b) The evaluation takes place during the member's performances.
	c) No special sandpits are set up.
8.3	Duration of Appointments
8.3.1	When a member passes his admission to the International level, he retains it for a period of three years.
8.3.2	The member himself is responsible for arranging via his country, for re-evaluation and on what occasion he would be available.

8.4	Re-evaluation
8.4.1	The process of re-evaluation is as follows:
8.4.1.1	Each year before the 1st of October the member's country must send a letter of consent to the IJF containing the following that the member is a fully registered member of his country.
8.4.1.2	Without the consent letter, the member cannot come into consideration for an appointment.
8.4.1.3	Upon receipt of the letter, a few scenario sketches will be sent to the member to test his knowledge of the latest rules.
8.4.1.4	To come into consideration, to be appointed for a test series, the member must have acted at a more day tournament/championship during the past three years.
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APPOINTMENT OF TEST UMPIRES	
9.1	Process
	a) Send a request to member countries' applications
	b) Applicants apply through the country Umpire Committee
	c) The IJF Director Umpires consolidate requests and make recommendations to EXCO on the following basis:
	i. Rotational basis depending on the applications
	ii. At least one of the members must be available to perform during the tournament/championship.
	iii. Preferably two umpires per test series.
	iv. The umpire performing during the tournament/ championship will be appointed as Umpire-in-charge for the test matches.
	d) EXCO approve
	e) Inform countries of appointments
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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS	
	Each member country has its own travel and accommodation costs. These are guidelines for a member who would like to participate and has not had the opportunity to do so in his own country:
10.1	Accommodation arrangements/costs are made as applied by the host country.
10.2	travel costs are between member and host country or a guideline that at least a similar amount is paid that would be the worst scenario in the country.
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IJF RULES AMENDMENTS	
11.1	Member countries shall submit proposals for rule amendments to the Chief Operational Officer (COO) by 10 May each year.
11.2	The COO consolidates all the amendments and returns to all member countries, by 31 May , for discussion at their respective AGMs.
11.3	Feedback from the member countries no later than 31 July , whether all was accepted or not.
11.4	The final consolidation took place after the AGM of the IJF.
11.4.1	Should there be conflicting reasons, on some of the rules, then it will be addressed in the committee.

11.4.2	Final distribution of the rules must be done no later than two weeks after the AGM of the IJF.
<i>This Regulation was accepted at the virtual Annual General Meeting of the IJF held on 25 August 2023.</i>	

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