

Rules for International Official Umpires

(Purposes)

1. Asian Soft Tennis Federation (ASTF) shall have International Official Umpires for the purposes of international promotion of soft tennis as well as smooth operations of international soft tennis competitions where fair judgment shall be performed.

(Classes)

2. International Official Umpires shall be classified into the following classes:
 - (1) Honorary Umpire (s)
 - (2) Senior Umpire (s)
 - (3) Umpire (s)

In addition, there might be the cases where ASTF Umpire Instructors may be appointed out among the Honorary Umpires and/or Senior Umpires for the purpose of training International Official Umpires.

(Duties)

3. The duties of International Official Umpires shall be the followings:
 - (1) The Honorary Umpires shall supervise training of International Official Umpires. Honorary Umpires might be appointed to the referees for various official international competitions held under the organization of ASTF and/or similarly applied international competitions.
 - (2) The Senior Umpires could be appointed to referees and/or umpires for various official international competitions held under the organization of ASTF and/or similarly applied international competitions..
 - (3) The Umpires could be appointed to umpires for various official international competitions held under the organization of ASTF and/or similarly applied International competitions..

(Qualification)

4. Qualification for International Official Umpires shall be approved by the ASTF and under the following criteria.
 - (1) The Honorary Umpires shall be qualified out of those with over 60 years old who have experience of umpire at 2 or more than 2 international events and were acknowledged as excellent for the umpiring and also who are applied by member association/federation of ASTF with qualification fee and are qualified by ASTF. The Honorary Umpires have lifelong qualification.
 - (2) The Senior Umpires shall be qualified by the ASTF and shall be given to the Umpires who have experiences of umpiring in twice or more international competitions and are recognized as good performers applied through the member association with qualification fee to ASTF.
 - (3) The Umpires shall be qualified by the ASTF out of those who are selected out of those who have received two or more days umpire trainings which are conducted by the member national associations and which are approved by the ASTF , and those who are applied through the member national associations with qualification fee as well.

- (4) As exceptional cases, the ASTF could qualify those who are applied by the individual and who have been qualified as some international official umpires as follows;
- over 60 years old: as the Honorary Umpire(s)
 - 60 years old or less than 60 years old: as the Umpire(s)

(Qualification Term)

5. A qualification term of International Official Umpires shall be 8 years from the date when those who are qualified to be the International Official Umpire.

(Registration)

6. Those who have been qualified as International Official Umpires shall be registered in ASTF.

(Qualification Certificate)

7. ASTF Registration Certificate and ASTF Official Umpire Emblem shall be provided to those who have been qualified as International Official Umpires.

(Renewal)

8. The qualifications as International Official Umpires could be renewed by the ASTF based on the check of their performance they have done etc. in the case that application is made by the individual.

(Qualification Fee)

9. The qualification fee for an International Official Umpire shall be the following:

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| (1) The Honorary Umpire | US\$200.00 for life |
| (2) The Senior Umpire | US\$150.00 for one term (max. 8 years)
(Same amount for both new and renewed) |
| (3) The Umpire | US\$100.00 for one term (max. 8 years)
(Same amount for both new and renewed) |

(Cancellation of Qualification)

10. In the case where there would be any undue act(s) made as an International Official Umpire, ASTF Umpires could cancel the qualification of the individual umpire. In this case qualification fee already paid shall not be refunded.

(Supplementary Provisions)

1. These Rules shall be effective as of December 18, 2009.
2. These Rules could be amended by the resolution of the ASTF Council Meeting.