



Seminar

For Candidates for

WSF International Level Referee

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FOR CANDIDATES FOR WSF INTERNATIONAL LEVEL REFEREE**

Outline of Syllabus

The aim of the seminar is to introduce candidates for the International Referee accreditation to advanced materials relating to decision-making at the international level.

Duration: 3 hours

The major topics of the seminar will be as follows:

- 1. Decision-Making at the Elite Level**
- 2. Player Tactics at the Elite Level**
- 3. Interpreting the Behaviour of Elite Players**
- 4. Dealing with Poor Conduct**
- 5. Stress Management**
- 6. Communicating with Players**

1. DECISION-MAKING AT THE ELITE LEVEL

Topics will include:

1. Swing Interference: Achieving consistency in applying the Rule
 - Prevented swing
 - Affected swing
 - Reasonable fear of hitting the opponent
 - Playing the ball and attempting to trap the opponent in the swing
2. Blocking: What to look for and what to do about it
 - Making every effort to provide direct access
 - Making every effort to get to and play the ball
 - Winning shots
3. Minimal Interference: applying a consistent standard

Delivery will be by discussion and study of video clips of interference situations

2. PLAYER TACTICS AT THE ELITE LEVEL

Topics will include:

1. Creating interference
 - Taking an indirect path to the ball
2. Understanding the movement of players

Delivery will be by discussion and study of video clips of on-court situations

3. INTERPRETING THE BEHAVIOUR OF ELITE PLAYERS

Topics will include:

1. PSA/WISPA Rules: How they differ from WSF Rules, including the 3 Referee system
2. PSA/WISPA Conventions: What Referees need to know

Delivery will be by discussion

3. DEALING WITH POOR CONDUCT

Topics will include:

1. Excessive physical contact: the Referee's responsibilities
2. The Conduct Rule
3. Conduct on Court: applying the WSF Guidelines
4. WSF/PSA/WISPA reporting procedures
5. Dealing with conflict
6. Dealing with abuse

Delivery will be by discussion

7. STRESS MANAGEMENT

Topics will include:

1. Understanding the players
2. Breathing techniques
3. Focusing on the task

Delivery will be by discussion

8. COMMUNICATING WITH PLAYERS

Topics will include:

1. Communicating effectively
2. Barriers to effective communication
3. Communicating decisions with confidence
4. Listening and responding

Delivery will be by discussion