

HISTORY OF THE WSF INTERNATIONAL REFEREE PROGRAMME

- The concept of International Referees was first identified and approved in concept at the first International Referees' Conference held in conjunction with the Men's World Championships in Cairo, November 1985.
- The second International Referees' Conference was held in conjunction with the Men's World Open in Toulouse in November 1986 and the IR qualifications and procedures for appointment were approved. Coincidentally, this was the event where Ross Norman defeated Jahangir Khan in the World Open Final, thus ending Jahangir's incredible 5½-year undefeated streak. Was there a connection? Who knows? At that event, the first five International Referees were named: David Donnelly (Australia), Marcus Fischer (Sweden), Mike Fitchett (Scotland), Chris Foo (Malaysia) and Graham Waters (Canada).
- *Trivia Question* – who refereed that milestone match between Jahangir Khan and Ross Norman in Toulouse in 1986? Answer below.

In addition to the current World Referees and International Referees, the following have held one of those titles since that time:

Jos Aarts	(Belgium)	John Hugall	(England)
Ian Allanach	(Scotland)	Mathias Kallio	(Sweden)
Jack Allen	(Ireland)	Bruce Kettle	(England)
Paul Ansdell	(USA)	Peter Kramer	(England)
Dorothy Armstrong	(Ireland)	Meinoud Kreisler	(Netherlands)
Burkhard Bruckmann	(Germany)	Peter Lawrence	(Wales)
Neil Butler	(Australia)	Major S. Maniam	(Malaysia)
Margaret Campbell	(Australia)	Nelson Neto	(Brazil)
Ian Cherington	(Netherlands)	Tony Parker	(England)
Chris Clark	(Hong Kong)	Peter Pearson	(South Africa)
Graham Corderoy	(Australia)	Mike Picken	(England)
Graham Dixon	(England)	Gerry Poulton	(Canada)
David Donnelly	(Australia)	John Robinson	(England)
Chas Evans	(New Zealand)	Steve Rowe	(Canada)
Marcus Fischer	(Sweden)	Bernd Sartor	(Germany)
Mike Fitchett	(Scotland)	Raul Schweinitz	(Germany)
Jack Flynn	(Ireland)	David Stevenson	(England)
Chris Foo	(Malaysia)	Rod Symington	(Canada)
Jason Foster	(England)	George Tierney	(Scotland)
Brian Gurnett	(England)	Dave Tullis	(Canada)
Cor Hagers	(Netherlands)	Bill West	(France)
John Haines	(New Zealand)	Gavin Whyte	(New Zealand)
Julie Hawkes	(Hong Kong)	Jacques Wielandt	(Netherlands)
Peter Highsted	(New Zealand)	William Winter	(England)
Desmond Hill	(Singapore)	Don Wilkie	(Scotland)
Quintin Hill	(France)	Jill Wood	(England)
Graham Horrex	(England)	Lawrence Young	(Singapore)

Trivia Answer:

John Robinson, after he reclaimed his car!