

## Summary of the Referee Regulations of Kin-Ball Austria

To ensure high quality, it is essential to lay down basic rules. The most recent tournaments have shown that Referees do have different interpretations of some rules. This makes Kin-Ball Sport vulnerable and therefore unattractive.

Kin-Ball Austria (KBA) decided to adopt the following basic requirements and quality criteria for Austrian Referees.

The following rules govern the structures of refereeing in Austria. These regulations shall adapt and complete the rules of the IKBF.

### 1. Legislative

The referee regulations will be adopted and approved by KBA.

If there are rules in conflict to the rules of the IKBF, these points have to be interpreted as coexisting.

### 2. Certification

Prerequisite for working as Kin-Ball Referee is an experience of minimum 1 year taking part in Kin-Ball as a Player or a Coach, a theoretical and practical training as well as an appropriate minimum of age. Before starting the course of each level, the provision of a sports medical fitness report is required.

- The mission as Lv. 1 and 1a Referee is possible at the age of 18.
- The mission as Lv. 2 Referee is possible at the age of 23.
- The mission as Lv. 2a and 3 Referee is possible at the age of 30.
- The mission as Supervisor is possible at the age of 35.

In special cases, KBA is allowed to give dispense from the age limits.

### 3. Education

Training, testing and recognition of external training is managed by the KBA.

KBA recognizes two intermediate levels added to the 3 levels of IKBF.

The Referee-Work covers the following levels and qualifications:

Scorekeeper:	Training for the Scorekeeper by means of a 3-hour course. All Referees are Scorekeepers as well.
Timekeeper	There are no Timekeepers in Austria. The tasks of the Timekeeper will be covered by the Scorekeeper.
Lines-Man:	There are no Lines-Men in Austria.
Level 1 Referee:	Complies with the provisions of IKBF.
Level 1a Referee:	At national tournaments and events, organized by the KBA, Referees Lv. 1a are allowed to work as an Assistant Referee. They have to pass a 2 hrs course of how to perform in a 2-Referee-System as Assistant Referee.
Level 2 Referee:	Complies with the provisions of IKBF
Level 2a Referee:	At national tournaments and events, organized by the KBA, Referees Lv. 2a are allowed to work as Head Referee. They have to pass a 4 hrs course of how to perform in a 2 Referee System as Head Referee.
Level 3 Referee:	Complies with the provisions of IKBF
Supervisor:	To become a supervisor, the Referees must have a Level 2 qualification and pass a detailed exam on the Rule Book and Rule interpretations by a Commission of KBA with participation of one representative of IKBF at least or an experienced Lv. 3 Referee.

To work as Scorekeeper requires sufficient physical and mental aptitude. There is no limit in terms of age.

To start the education for Referees of all Levels requires sufficient physical and mental aptitude.

To start the education for Referees Lv. 1 and 1a requires a minimum age of 17.

To start the education for Referees Lv. 2 requires a minimum age of 21.

To start the education for Referees Lv. 2a and 3 requires a minimum age of 28.

To start the education for Supervisors requires a minimum age of 33.

#### 4. Qualifikation

Referees of the Level 1 and 1a are allowed to work as a Single Referee at lokal competitions, school competitions, on friendlies or club or company championships. For Lv. 1a Referees is an activity allowed as Assistant Referee in the 2-Referee-System.

Referees of the Level 2 und 2a are allowed to do the same like the Lv. 1 and 1a Referees including working as Head-Referee at these competitions. They are also allowed to work as Single-Referee at all other competitions in Austria. Lv. 2a Referees are also allowed to work as Head Referee in all competitions in Austria.

Referees Level 3 are allowed to work at all competitions as Single-, Assistance- and Head-Referee.

Scorekeepers are allowed to work at all Competitions. If there is a Lv. 1 or 1a Referee required, the Referee is allowed to start the match also if there is another person directed how to do the job as Scorekeeper. In all other competitions, Referees are not allowed to start any match without Scorekeeper.

Supervisors are working for and under control of the KBA. They are recruited by KBA. They are allowed to inspect all competitions of KBA and the members of KBA. If there is a reason, they are also allowed to direct all competitions. If a Supervisor is directing a competition, he is allowed to stop the game and ask the Referees about their respective call and, if this was an irregular one, he has to ask the Referees to correct this. If the Supervisor supposed an irregular call while he isn't directing the competition, he is allowed to ask Referees after the period about their decision. If the Referees or the Game-Administrations work is improper, he is eligible to supersede these. In this case he has to nominate other Game-Administrators or Referees without being restricted by the Referees Levels.

For training or verification the KBA is allowed to use any Referee on a higher qualification level.

For special competitions the KBA has the right reserved to abrogate the Referee qualification levels.

## 5. Exam

Referee Levels 1, 2 and 3 are educated and tested following the rules of the IKBF.

The theoretical examination for the Level 1a and 2a includes a test on the Rulebook and interpretation of the rules by standardized questions issued by the KBA. The pass score is 75 % of the points. Before or after the filing of the theoretical test a practical examination takes place.

## 6. Further education/Practice

Referees have to conduct at least 5 games per year according to their qualifications.

Referees have to undergo further education once every year at least.

Referees are obliged to constantly retrain and have to practice sports training to stay fit.

## 7. Dispatching

Referee may operate exclusively on request via KBA. The dispatching is done by the Referees-Committee.

A Referee shouldn't be dispatched to tournaments, where he is active as a player.

The dispatching takes place according to the performance and training of Referees.

The dispatching to lead KBA-Competitions is prior to the dispatching to games of other organizers.

## 8. Referee-List

Inclusion in the KBA Referees-Team carried out automatically and for that period at that level, which belongs to the referee, if

- a) the Referee passed the exams successfully
- b) the Referee takes part in further education
- c) the Referee conducts the minimum numbers of games required per year
- d) the Referee possesses the necessary physical fitness
- e) no exclusion criteria such as disciplinary violations have been committed
- f) the Referees-Committee expresses no reasonable and serious concerns

If the recording is temporarily suspended due to concerns of the Referees-Committee, they have to disclose their concerns to the Sporting-Director. Should there be no agreement on the inclusion, the Federation will decide.

## 9. Clothing

Referees have to wear the envisaged Clothing. During the game, the Referees have to wear Indoor-Sport-Shoes, black socks, black pants (possibly with yellow applications) and the yellow Referee-Shirt of the KBA.

Shoes and socks have to be taken by the referees themselves and are not subject to advertising restrictions. Pants and shirt are specified by the Federation.

The referees have to keep their clothing in clean and properly condition.

Referees of Level 2a and 3 have to wear the term "Head Referee Lv. x" on the chest in Velcro with black lettering on yellow background. Supervisors have to wear the term "Supervisor" on the chest as a Velcro surcharge in gold lettering on red background.

On the back of the shirt the term "Referee" is printed. On the left sleeve the name of the Referee might be printed.

From the dress code may be waived in the following cases:

- activities at World and Continental Championships.
- activities on tournaments they are hosted by KBA.
- tournaments where the rights of the organizer on special advertising outweigh the interests of KBA.
- tournaments where the same dress code of the referee outweigh the interests of KBA.

A violation of the dress code injured the interests of KBA in marketing, advertising, publicity and visibility. Therefore, it is to be punished by the Supervisors in case of repeated violations.

## 10. Merit

At competitions which are not organized by KBA, the merit includes the reimbursement of travel expenses and possibly of the lodging when the tournament takes longer than 16 hours or longer than 10.30 pm. The maximum Merit for the work for Referees Lv. 1 and 1a amounts € 40,00, for Lv. 2 and 2a amounts € 50.00 and for Lv. 3 amounts € 70,00. This has to be paid per referee and for max. 6 hours of work. Every organizer has to pay at least 50% of maximum merit and the full travel costs and possibly the lodging.

For training purposes and inspections, there will be paid no merit.

For competitions of KBA, there will be paid a flat rate of € 50 per day and referee, because on these, always a checking of the referee takes place.

## 11. Referees-Committee

The Panel in refereeing is the Referees-Committee. This is assumed under the control of the KBA.

The Referees-Committee shall be composed of all Supervisors and one representative of each Referee Lv. 1 (or 1a ), 2 ( or 2a ) and 3.

In cases of

- Nomination for the Referees-Team
- Dispatching Referees to other Countries
- Care of foreign Referees
- Review of training and continuing education
- Responsibility for the uniform application of the rules
- Development of guidelines for the recruitment and training of referees
- Developing common guidelines for the observation of referees

the Referees-Committee is self-employed.

## 12. Disciplinary rules

Disciplinary matters are allocated to the Referees-Committee at the first instance and the KBA at the last instance.

### a. Punishment

The following sanctions are imposed:

- Warnings
- Suspensions
- Deleting from the Referees-List
- Request for exclusion of KBA

The sanctions may also be imposed cumulatively.

### b. Criminality

In the case of slight negligence, the Referees-Committee can uniquely reduce a proposed penalty into a warning.

### c. Procedural Rules

There are procedural rules like used in Austria by government and accepted by the law.

## 13. Offenses and Penalties

There are offenses and penalties regulating what is prohibited and the penalties for violations. They are categorized in 5 Sections. They are:

§ 1 Violations of the rules

§ 2 Breaches of the official duties

§ 3 Violations of honor and reputation of the sport

§ 4 Violations of sportsmanship conduct

§ 5 Violations of decisions