



ASIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)

Referee work in the continent of Asia:

ANCIENT CONTINENT, CROSSROAD OF HANDBALL CULTURES

The future has started:

- Final of 2010 Women's Youth World Championship (in Dominican Republic)
- Final of President's Cup of 2009 Women's World Championship (in China)
- Semi-final of 2010 Women's Junior World Championship (in Korea)
- Final round of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (in China)



The march of the Asian Handball Federation had begun when the Martyr Sheikh Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, head of the Kuwaiti delegation at the seventh Asian Games in Tehran, Iran, in 1974, presented a motion to the Executive Committee of the Asian Games, requesting recognition of the handball game and also the formation of the Asian Handball Federation.

Since its establishment in 1976, 37 countries have become official AHF member federations. 44 Asian countries are members of IOC, so the AHF will face a lot of work to promote the development of handball in the ancient continent.

AHF/PRC is one of the 8 commissions within the general body of AHF and it consists of the President and 7 members. The AHF/PRC President is also member of the AHF Council, the second decision making body of the continental federation after the Congress.

In 2002 during the 14th AHF Ordinary Congress in Busan (KOR), the new Bylaws and Regulations of AHF/PRC were unanimously adopted. Dawud Tawakoli who acted as AHF Executive Assistant at the AHF Headquarters worked on the Bylaws at that time. In 2010 some parts of the Bylaws were updated according to the current Bylaws of IHF/PRC.

In this way the work of AHF/PRC was better defined in order to increase the area of responsibility of the Commission to speed up the development of refereeing within the events of AHF.

The Iranian **Dawud Tawakoli** has been President of AHF/PRC since 2004; he is also member of IHF/PRC. At the 17th AHF Ordinary Congress in March 2009 he was re-elected to his position. Since then the AHF/PRC has consisted of the following members:

1. Li ZHIWEN (CHN)
2. Khalaf AL-ENEZI (KUW)
3. Zouher SAMHA (SYR)
4. Minoru NAKADA (JPN)
5. Yousef AL-HAIL (QAT)
6. Saleh M. BIN ASHOUR (UAE)
7. Mohammed Bin Fahd AL-AJLAN (KSA)





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6 key points of the work of AHF/PRC:

1. Courses for:

- Continental candidate referees, selected from young referee projects of each nation
- Continental referees who are entitled to take part in the IHF Global Referee Training Programme
- Assisting the national federations with their national championships and symposia.
- Technical delegates divided into zonal regions in Asia

2. Active collaboration and access to the AHF Headquarters in Kuwait

- Long years of collaboration with AHF Executive Committee and Executive Director
- Annual registration of the international, continental and continental candidate referees
- Modernization of AHF/PRC Bylaws and Regulations
- Meetings of the Commission

3. Asian Championships, Qualifications for WChs and OG, Asian Games

- Nominations of referees for each championship
- Nomination of referees during the championships
- Observation, training and evaluation of the work of referees during the championships

4. Beach Handball

- Continental courses for referees
- Formation of continental Beach Handball referees
- Nomination of referees for the Asian Beach Championships and Asian Beach Games
- Cooperation with IHF Beach Handball Working Group

5. Intercontinental exchanges

- Assisting the member federations to nominate referees from other continents under the supervision of IHF/PRC

6. Teaching materials

- Production of teaching material and multimedia for training of the referees
- Referee's Corner at AHF Magazine (periodical)
- Assisting the chief referees of the member federations (DVDs, clarifications, lecturing material)

Results of active involvement in the above responsibilities:

- Top performance of Asian referees at world class events
- The average age of Asian international referees is now 33.2 years (41.7 in 2004)
- Clear progress in preparedness of the referees along the year
- Consistent way of refereeing at Asian Championships
- New challenges and successful generation changes of the Asian referees



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AHF/PRC Report 2009 – 2010

1. AHF / PRC Meetings:

- 1.1 Meetings of AHF/PRC on annual basis:
2009 in Dubai (UAE), 2010 in Guangzhou (CHN)



- 1.2 During each Asian Championship a meeting was held attended by the corresponding PRC members.
- 1.3 Electronic mails to manage daily work within the AHF/PRC and with member federations.

2. Modern Teaching Material

- 2.1 New IHF DVD on changes to the Rules of the Game in July 2010
- 2.2 DVDs of teaching clips from World Championships
- 2.3 Use of IHF/PRC guidelines for observation of referees
- 2.4 Permanent physical tests of Asian referees

3. Nomination of Asian IHF referees for the World Championships

In July 2010 Asian referees (Alireza Mousavian / Hamid Taghavi from Iran) whistled the final match of the Women's Youth World Championship for the first time in the 40-year history of IHF. At the 2011 Men's World Championship in SWE the audience will witness the first attendance of two Asian referee couples: thanks to outstanding preparations of Mohsen Karbas Chi, Majid Kolahdouzan (IRI) and Omar Al-Marzouqi / Mohammad Al-Nuaimi (UAE) the handball world will observe the development of two of the best Asian IHF referees at an A World Championship.

- 3.1 Four Asian IHF referee couples whistled at the final round of the Olympic Games or World Championships from 2008 to 2010.
- 3.2 Record number of Asian referees at World Championships (8 referee couples in 2010 World Championships), thanks to active cooperation with IHF/PRC.
- 3.3 Active cooperation inside the IHF/PRC in order to raise the image of Asian referees in the handball world, also during the qualifications for WChs.

4. IHF GRTP (Global Referee Training Programme)

- 4.1 The best talented young continental and continental candidate referees receive the chance to take part in IHF GRTP. The member federations are asked to promote their talented referees with ambitions to take part in continental referee courses to AHF for further GRTP nominations.



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4.2 Hosting of GRTP course in QAT in 2009. Further courses are planned for 2011 and 2012; IHF and AHF welcome bids from Asian member federations for hosting GRTP courses (contact: office@asianhandball.com).

5. Teaching Measures

5.1 Modern testing for preparation of referees at Asian Championships

5.2 New courses for young and talented referees, e.g. during international tournaments

6. Intercontinental exchange of referees

6.1 Under the supervision of IHF/PRC, active support of Asian nations to nominate strong referees from the IHF list either from Asia or from other continents for their national leagues.

6.2 AHF/PRC is engaged in promoting global bilateral exchanges with the support of national chief referees within their field of activities.

7. Cooperation with national chief referees, symposium and zonal meetings

7.1 Chief referees are the official contact persons who build a gateway between AHF/PRC and referees of the ancient continent. Not only the technical offers of the PRC are available for chief referees on a regular basis, but also every possible dialogue and support are offered throughout the sport season.

7.2 Zonal meetings with chief referees and technical delegates were held by AHF/PRC in 2009-2010, for instance in CHN, IRI, KSA, QAT, SYR, TPE and UAE. The future-oriented agendas included the promotion of talented referees and new interpretations of the Rules of the Game. The meetings were also attended by the AHF/PRC President and its members.

7.3 Chief referees, technical observers and referees' lecturers of the member federations will come together at the next continental symposium in 2011. Interested host countries are invited to offer their bid to AHF (contact: office@asianhandball.com).

8. International and continental referees of Asia

8.1 12 international referee couples from BRN (2), CHN (2), IRI (2), JPN (2), KOR (1), KUW (1), QAT (1), UAE (1) are on the IHF referee list for 2010-2011.

8.2 36 continental referee couples from BRN (1), CHN (4), HKG (3), IRI (2), IRQ (2), JOR (3), JPN (2), KAZ (1), KOR (1), KSA (2), KUW (1), LIB (2), OMA (2), QAT (1), PRK (1), SYR (3), THA (1), TPE (2), and UAE (2) are on the AHF referee list for 2010-2011.



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2009 IHF-GRTP in Doha (QAT)



**Technical Officials and Referees at 16th Guangzhou Asian Games, November 2010
(CHN)**