



YRP in European Handball Federation (YRP=Young Referee Program)

It started in the 90'ties when Jean Brihault, Vice President of European Handball Federation and Jan Tuik, President of the CC Commission together with a lot of other competent people began to work with the young referees in Europe. The basic Motto was: **“more practical work and less theoretical work”**.

Many of the newly nominated referees for Men's World Championship in Sweden which takes place in January 2011 have started their international career in the EHF-YRP and went through the education steps in EHF and IHF (GRTP). So did the referees from CZE, ESP, FRA, GER, ROU, SRB and SWE.

Sandor Andorka (HUN), Member of CC commission (Chief of Referees) in European Handball Federation and member of PRC in International Handball Federation together with the newly appointed YRP Manager Henrik la Cour (DEN) created in the current season a new strategy and new structure in YRP.



Henrik la Cour (DEN)

Structure:

To get always the best talents out of the YRP for future continental level or even for the IHF Global Referee Training Program GRTP, which is a logical further step for the big talents, it was established by Sandor and Henrik an overview on all the nominations and performances of the YRP referees in the last 3 years. Out of these results internal rankings per country and over the whole program were established and will be updated continuously.

It's obvious that even for the near future IHF does not need anymore a lot of new referee couples, that this YRP in Europe will assure that only the strongest talents with a modern and good education in refereeing, with good fitness levels will be selected for the future top referees in the continent and for the IHF-GRTP.

EHF-YRP contributes a lot to the successful IHF GRTP program as a preliminary step and brings the best young talents from Europe into the IHF selection process. With the common line in teaching and with this selection in two steps we will improve in refereeing step by step. With this model of collaboration between refereeing activities in Europe and in IHF both organizations will profit out of it and will focus for sure on the same high potential couples.

In the European YRP there was build up an excellent group of former top referees such as Hansson and Olsson from Sweden, Posavic from Croatia, Permuy from Spain, Hognes and Oie from Norway, Goulao from Portugal and Rätz from Switzerland among others who yearly are nominated as lecturers/mentors several times in different tournaments all around Europe to guide these young talents. Some of these colleagues are also regularly involved in IHF GRTP or other IHF events for referee guiding.

Currently we use the Challenge Trophies, the European Open in Sweden, tournaments like Prague Cup and Cell Cup in Veszprem and ISF World Championship. That means in total over 300 games per year lecturers teach the young referees and evaluate the performances in a newly developed evaluation sheet especially for the YRP.



Young referees from France:
MEYER Cedric / OUDIN Jean Loup

Strategy of YRP:

Level 1:

As EHF wants to increase number of female referees, EHF changed the rules for nominating couples in the program: Nations are only allowed to have max one male couple on the list. They can only increase the number of couples if the next is a female couple. If a nation has one male couple who got the badge “EHF referee for the future” an additional male couple can be added to the list (the same for female couples) – Maximum time limit in this category is 3 years – It was decided as well, that no referee couple will get the badge in their first tournament. Rule and shuttle run test are obligatory but without any consequences in the first participating tournament.

Level 2:

All couples who have passed all exams and tests and have the necessary skills in refereeing will move on to level 2. During each event there will be an obligatory shuttle run and rule tests (with consequences).

The written reports from the lecturers and the ranking system secures that the best referees who are close to Continental status, will be nominated for more tournaments and

more difficult games and hopefully some referees will move to next stage. Maximum time limit for level 2 is also 3 years

Level 3:

The couples who have passed all exams and tests can be nominated for a Continental Course held by EHF. If they pass level 3 the referees are ready to be nominated for European Cup games.

For highly talented couples in the program, EHF has established a “FAST TRACK” to move these couples FASTER through the different levels.



Young female referees from Poland
GUTOWSKA Malgorzata / GUTOWSKA Urszula

EHF believes, that with the common work with young talented referees by both federations (IHF and EHF) the future in refereeing will secure strong performances on the court in many big tournaments all over the world.

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