



1st Intercontinental Challenge Trophy in Jaipur



Group photo of the course's participants.

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Introduction

The first ever held Intercontinental Challenge Trophy took place in Jaipur (India) between the 28th of June and the 4th of July. From each continent the best teams of the continental Challenge Trophy competitions were qualified for this tournament. The IHF nominated for this tournament five referee couples:

Uzbekistan:

- ABDULLAEV, Alisher
- IKRAMOV, Ulugbek

Benin:

- ALLADE, Jonas
- DAGBA, Armand

Paraguay:

- BENITEZ, Juan
- VAZQUEZ, Magdalena

India:

- KUMAR, Sunil
- SINGH, Narender

Switzerland:

- BRUNNER, Arthur
- SALAH, Morad



Sightseeing in the "Pink City" - Jaipur.

The referees were taught and supported by Mr Terje ANTHONSEN from Norway as lecturer and Mr Hristo BOSKOSKI from the IHF office. In addition the Vice-President of the IHF Mr Miguel ROCA MAS honoured the organizer, the teams and the referees with his attendance.

The theory lectures took place in the conferencing room of the Hotel Clarks Amer and in the Sawai Mangh Singh Indoor Stadium, where we also had the practical work during the games of the 1st Intercontinental Challenge Trophy, an international junior tournament on a good level with the national teams from IND, BEN, VEN, AUS and FIN.

Content of the course:

The following parts were taught or tested in our theory.

28th of June

Technical Meeting

- Opening speech by Mr Terje Anthonen
- Officials and team officials check and agree on technical details, such as the clothing and the team lists
- Officials control the team lists with the appropriate passports
- Training and Match schedules
- Transport times
- Arena details
- Balls (only “select”)
- Procedures before the match

29th of June

Opening:

- Introduction of lecturer and referees
- Programme and organizational “rules”
- Testing of basic English knowledge
 - ❖ Give never advantage, when someone is against rules / regulations
 - ❖ Referee SKILL: good at often situations, know how to handle rare situations

Communication:

- The importance of communication
- Guidance
 - Moving
 - Use of signs
 - Facial expression
 - Personality
 - Whistling
 - Eye contact
- Warnings
 - Yellow card
 - The way you give a yellow card
- Punishments
 - 2' suspension
 - 2' + 2' suspension
 - Red card without report
 - Red card with report



Indian dancers during the opening ceremony.

- ❖ The way you move gives CLEAR SIGNALS
- ❖ Use of signs gives CLEAR SIGNALS
- ❖ Your facial expression gives CLEAR SIGNALS
- ❖ Personality gives CLEAR SIGNALS

Rule Test:

- 5 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English to be solved in couple.

Nominations for the next day

Opening ceremony

30th of June

At the beginning of the second meeting, the Vice-President of the IHF Mr Miguel ROCA MAS honoured us with his attendance.

What`s important to be a good referee?

- Sportsmanlike body shape
- Physical fitness
- Running pathway
- Clear hand signals
- Clear whistle signals
- Neutrality
- Know the rules of the game
- Able to use the rules in complex situations

Necessary personality:

- Gentle on and outside of the court
- Be able to communicate
- Self-confidence
- Self-control and respect, also in stressful situations

To become a top referee:

- Team spirit - referee couple system, not two referee system
- Constant high performance
- Acceptation from players and officials - good refereeing
- Problem solving capacity (not only rules situations)
- Able to take decisions
- Able to bear criticism (listen and learn)
- Understanding the importance of continues development
- Know the tactics of handball and understanding the game
- Be able to handle the behaviour of officials
- Know the regulation for the task
- Know ENGLISH (!)
 - ❖ Rules knowledge is the basic
 - ❖ Rules understanding is a must
 - ❖ The right use of the rules makes the difference

Rule Test:

- 5 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English to be solved individually.

Discussion about the performances of the two matches the day before:

- Progressive Punishment
- Steps
- Behaviour in difference situations
- Acting and moving
- How to handle a throw in the last seconds of the game
- Standing goals
- Contact with the table

Nominations for the next day

1st of July

Moving Path:

- More than 60 attacks for each team, i.e. playing time per attack ~ 30 seconds
- Never turn 180°
- Never loose eye contact
- Running along the side line/outside the court
- Never run backwards
- Out of the way as soon as possible
- Fast breaks: more important to overlook, than to run quickly
- Position if there is a quick throw-off:
 - good overview of the whole line
 - no wing player behind you

- **Videos and pictures of good/bad examples regarding the moving paths**

Rule Test:

- 5 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English to be solved individually.

Discussion about the performances of the two matches the day before:

- Progressive line
- Steps
- Advantage
- 7m decisions
- How to handle complex situations
- Psychology
- Moving paths during the game
- Change positions

Nominations for the next day



Our colleagues from Paraguay during the match IND - VEN.

2nd of July

Rule Test:

- 5 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English

Discussion about the performances of the two matches the day before:

- Progressive line
- Advantage - let the play go on, let the player decide, what they want
- 7m decisions
- Smile vs. evil eye
- Complex or unclear situations
- Communication
- Controlling time/result
- How to handle the game
- Goal referee takes decision on 6m line
- Passive play - don't make a gift to the offence player when the forewarning signal is shown and his only goal is, to get another free-throw in a better position
❖ BE CLEVER!

Nominations for the next day



*Cricket is the most popular game in India.
Indian Children teach Mr Terje ANTHONSEN and
Mr Hristo BOSKOSKI how to hit the ball
with the cricket racket.*

3rd of July

Discussion about the performances of the two matches the day before:

- Progressive line
- 7m decisions
- Complex or unclear situations
- Communication
- How to handle the game

The last meeting, each couple had to present two main remarks and improvements from this tournament.

All the referee couples and the lecturer came with different experiences and different goals. We learned from each other both on the court as a referee and outside the court as a person. During the week we had an excellent time together and also good improvements. I think, that none of us will forget this tournament.

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Morad Salah & Arthur Brunner



The Swiss referees Morad SALAH (left) and Arthur BRUNNER (right) with the Vice-President of the IHF Mr Miguel ROCA MAS.