



IHF Global Referee Training Programme

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Opening session

IHF-GRTP Referee Course for Asian Referees

Report from Roland Bürgi – PRC Member

Introduction:

After 2011 Dubai UAE, 2012 Fukuoka JAP, 2013 Doha QAT, this was now the 4th GRTP course in a consecutive year for Asian referees. This time 10 couples from Asia were invited to this course. 9 of them were new in the GRTP programme. One couple participated already in Fukuoka and Doha. The couples came from CHN, IRI (2x), IRQ, JOR, KAZ, KOR, OMA, THA. The participants from CHN and KOR were women couples. Unfortunately the couple from BRN had to cancel the participation 2 days before the start of the course, due to private reasons.

Furthermore, 6 couples (2 men and 4 women) from IRI took the opportunity to be present as guests in this GRTP course.

This time the I.R.Iran Handball Federation in collaboration with the regional Handball Federation of Isfahan was host for this important course. Up to 40 games from Iran Championship 2nd league men and some Junior games of women and men served as praxis work for the participating referees. The team of the local organizing committee, under the direction of the president of the Isfahan Handball Association, Mr Faramarz MEYABADI, did an excellent job during the whole course – and besides the whole infrastructure for the course, they also organized a big press conference with TV and many journalists prior to it. Many important guests from politics, the Iranian Handball Federation, the National Olympic Committee and other guests of honour were present at the opening and closing ceremonies.

The referees were taught and supported by Roland BÜRGI and Dawud TAWAKOLI both PRC members with the newest teaching material of IHF. But also Mohsen KARBAS CHI (IRI) our former International Referee was present as an assistant lecturer.



Isfahan, Host-City of GRTP 2014



Press Conference prior to the GRTP course



Lecture hold by Dawud Tawakoli

Participants of this GRTP course:



Participants (including guests) and Lecturers of GRTP course Isfahan, Iran



CHN – YIN Jingyang / MEI Dan



IRI - TAVAKOLI ATAABADI Mehdi / VALADKHANIAN Saeed



IRI – DOURBAHANI Hamed / KHORASANI Afshin



IRQ – HUSSEIN Khalid / IMRAN Fadhil



JOR – ALZAYYAT Akram / SALEEM Yaser



KAZ – NARMETOV Makhsadbek / BEISETBAYEV Aidar



KOR – LEE Gaeul / LEE Eunha



OMA - AL-DHAHLI Abdallah / AL-SHAHI Omer Said



THA – SITTHICHATBURANA Thanawat / SITTHICHATBURANA Thanawit

Content of the GRTP course:

The following parts were taught or tested in our theory. In all lectures there was a big part of video training with a lot of examples from men's and women's top handball:

- **Opening**
 - Introduction of lecturers and referees – who is who
 - Testing of basic English knowledge – verbal communication (the result of this basic communication already showed, that understanding and especially explaining handball situation in a easy English for many of the participants is a real problem)
 - Idea of GRTP and criteria to get IHF level

- **Theoretical training:**
 - Interpretation of rules 8:3 – 8:10 – progressive punishments**
 - Structure 8:3-8:6 – and the criteria
 - Red with / without report
 - Last minute
 - Important things to correct: Hollywood and repeated inside defending
 - Correct blocking – but don't search for "peanuts"
 - Frontal tolerance – handball is a game with body contact
 - Give defender a chance
 - No "free throw presents"
 - Unsportsmanlike behaviour
 - Special update *Wing Situations"
 - Special update "Pivot Play"

IHF – RULE CHANGES 2010 Rules 8 and 16	
Fouls	Unsportsmanlike conduct
I 8:3 Normal progressive punishment	8:7 Normal progressive punishment
II 8:4 Direct 2-minute suspension	8:8 Direct 2-minute suspension
III 8:5 Disqualification without report	8:9 Disqualification without report
IV 8:6 Disqualification with report	8:10 Disqualification with report

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Preparation for World Championships 2013

Don't search for punishments

Direct 2 Minutes

- Counter attack
- Pushing in the air
- Long holding; pulling to the floor
- Others

RED Cards

- According 8:5 and 8:9

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- **Offensive Foul**
 - Criteria for Offensive foul
 - Wrong blocking – but don't search – effect must be visible
 - Turning into defender with shoulder
 - Pushing/holding the defender during a feint
 - Jumping with the knee against defender
 - Feint against throwing arm without enough side moving (body contact with defender)
 - Running into – jumping into, wing, gap closed or open, foul before, hollywood
 - Running into defender after passing the ball
 - Video training examples from Olympia 12

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Offensive Foul

Version: 5

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IHF Teaching Material 2012/13

More criteria for an Offensive Foul "running/jumping into":

Defender must be first at the position (can be still still in lateral moving)

Defender have not yet the position

Grey zone – closed or not ?

Gap not closed

Gap clearly closed

Gap closed or not ?

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- **Rule Test**

30 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English

The result of the test was not good at all – 4 of 9 couples did not pass the rule test with the limit of 75 % of the max. points. 3 of the couples had very low results which was also an indication for not understanding enough the English language.



Couple from China – rule test



Couple from Oman – rule test

- **How a top referee prepares for a Top Event (Moshen Karbas Chi - IRI)**

Moshen presented out of his experience how important a good preparation is for a top event.

- **Game analyses**

All the games were analysed with the referees directly after the game. In addition the other referees got special tasks to observe, which were discussed afterwards in groups in the hall.

For methodical topics and points of general interest the lecturers had the chance to give their input in respective theory sessions in front of all referees.



Group work in sports hall



Methodical advices / game analyzes in theory room of sports hall

- **Individual talks with all the couples**

Each couple was invited to an individual talk with the 2 PRC members. Dawud underlined beside the IHF view also the consequences from the continental point of view and gave also clear statements regarding restrictions for possible continental nominations. From GRTP point of view they got information and requirements to the following points:

- Performance on the field with advices of fields for improvement

- Results on fitness, including advices for reducing weight if necessary
- Results of Rule Test and advices how to learn including restrictions for further invitations to GRTP
- Level of English with expectations and restrictions for future invitations to GRTP

Result of the course

All the referee couples had to whistle at least 3 matches, most of them even 4 games. In general we were satisfied with the performance of the referees and we saw some good talents among the new GRTP couples.

In fitness test the entire referees past the required level. Nevertheless some of the participants got the clear hint that their fitness level is not good enough for this young age and that they have to reduce also weight.

As already mentioned, the results in the rule test was not good enough in general and there were clear restrictions for further invitations (the continent must prove the level before).

The biggest deviation from the required level was the English language. Here most of the couples or individual referees got clear advices to improve it, otherwise there will be no more invitation for next GRTP. Here the PRC of the continent will have the responsibility to only propose candidates for GRTP courses who are able to follow such course and are able to describe handball situations in English language in an appropriate way.

Finally the only participating couple, who already has participated in their 3rd GRTP course passed all the tests successfully and improved quit well from match to match. Therefore we were able to award to the couple from IRQ the IHF-badge.



IRQ – HUSSEIN Khalid / IMRAN Fadhil - new IHF referees



Continental badge for the guest couple in GRTP
IRI - GHEYSARIAN Ahmad / GHEYSARIAN Amir

Congratulation to both couples!

To our new IHF referees for one first step in a long-lasting learning process within IHF. We wish you all the best for your referee future.

Social events

- There was organized a guided tour for all participants: After a nice lunch in a typical Iranian restaurant offered by Dawud Tawakoli, we were shown by our colleagues from Isfahan Handball Federation the Meidān-e Emām (place of the Imam) with the Mosque Imam and the Tschehel Sotun. After this, all had the chance to see also the big bazaar located in the buildings of the place of the Imam.

- On Saturday after the course the lecturers were offered the chance to see the country side in the mountains together with most of the colleagues from Iran handball, which had supported us during the week.



Invitation to lunch in IRI restaurant



Visit of Imam Mosque



Lecturers invitation to country side

Many thanks to my lecturer colleague Dawud TAWAKOLI who managed it together with his colleagues from I.R.Iran Handball Federation to organize an excellent platform for our GRTP course, to Famarz MEYABADI, president of Isfahan Handball Federation and most responsible person for local organization, to our International Referees KOLAHDOUZAN Majid and MOUSAVIYAN Alireza who were always present with big help during the whole stay in Iran and to all who have supported this successful course.

Finally it's worth mentioning that it was a great team – we promised at the beginning, that we would like to have a hard and serious work – but also a lot of fun. We did !

In the name of the lecturers:
Dawud Tawakoli and Roland Bürgi



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