



IHF Global Referee Training Programme

09. – 14. December 2014 St. Gallen, Switzerland



Participants GRTP and ARTP, lecturers and organizer

IHF-GRTP Referee Course with referees from Europe and Africa (also ARTP)

Report from Roland Bürgi – PRC Member

Introduction:

After having already GRTP courses in St. Gallen, Switzerland in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2012 this was the 5th GRTP course in St. Gallen, Switzerland. The course lasted from 8. to 14. December 2014.

This time 7 couples from Europe and one couple from Africa were invited to this course. 4 of them were new in the GRTP program. The couples came from CRO, EGY, FIN, GER, MNE, ROU, RUS and SWE. The couples from GER and ROU are women couples:

CRO - LONCAR Davor / LONCAR Zoran
EGY - EMAM Alaa / HEDAIA Hossam
FIN - LAITINEN Jonas / KORJA Miro
GER - SCHILHA Maike / SCHILHA Tanja
MNE - MITROVIC Novica / VESOVIC Miljan
ROU - NASTASE Cristina - STANCU Simona
RUS - KIYASHKO Alexey / KISELEV Dmitry
SWE - KURTAGIC Mirza / WETTERWIK Mattias

Furthermore, the 2 couples participating in ARTP from 7. November till 7. December 2014 in Switzerland were also invited to this course participating for training purposes as they were already present in the country:

EGY - RASHED Mohamed / EL SAYED Tamer
TUN - BOUALLOUCHA Ismail / KHENISSI Ramzi

Again this time the Referee Organisation of Swiss Handball was host and organizer for this important course. 16 games of the International Women Tournament "Stadtwerke-Cup" organized by the women top club LC Brühl with strong teams from RUS, SLO, GER, SLO, NED and SUI were available for our praxis work in this GRTP course. In addition we had 15 official championship games of Swiss Handball Federation (10 in SHL-highest 2 men league and 5 in Swiss Premium League SPL1 and SPL2).

The team of the local organizing committee, under the leadership of Eddy Theiler, former Chief Referee of Swiss Handball Federation, did an excellent job during the whole course – Thanks also to Urs Maibach, Current Chief Referee and to Stephan Vitzthum, former IHF-Referee and EHF-Delegate who also were supporting this course with their expertises.



Monastery St.Gallen



St.Gallen, Host-City of GRTP 2014



Host Federation for IHF- GRTP and IHF-ARTP



First league women club, organiser of International women tournament



Women and Men's top leagues allowed integration of practical IHF-course work in their regular championship

Participants of this GRTP course:



CRO – LONCAR Zoran / LONCAR Davor



EGY - HEDAIA Hossam / EMAM Alaa



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Lecturers of this GRTP course:

The referees were taught and supported by Roland Bürgi, PRC Member, Felix Rätz, IHF PRC Lecturer and Hanspeter Knabenhans IHF Rule Expert with the newest teaching material of IHF. But also our ARTP couples were invited well in advance of the course to hold a short lecture in front of their younger referee colleagues.



Lecturers in action

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
 - Idea of GRTP and criteria to get IHF level
- **Expectations of PRC to an IHF Referee** (Roland Bürgi)
 - Personal Skills
 - Social Environment
 - Expertise as a referee
 - Expertise regarding fitness and appearance
 - How to control a match
 - Further tips

GRTP - Course

Expectation of PRC to a IHF-Referee

prepared by
IHF-PRC-Member
Roland Bürgi
partly copied out of lectures from
Manfred Prause, PRC-Chairman

Roland Bürgi, IHF-PRC Member
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Chart 1

GRTP - Course

How to control a match ?

Expertise as Referee (How to control match ?):

- Few mistakes
- Balanced (Never miss a chance to balance)
- Neutrality
- Selling Decisions
- Clear signals, enough information
- Communicate appropriate
- Use body language
- Control yourself – only steered emotions
- Feel Good – Be accepted

Roland Bürgi, IHF-PRC Member
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- **Interpretation of rules 8:3 – 8:10 – progressive punishments (Felix Rätz)**
 - Structure 8:3-8:6 – and the criteria
 - Red with / without report
 - Important things to correct: Hollywood and repeated inside defending
 - 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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Chart 16

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

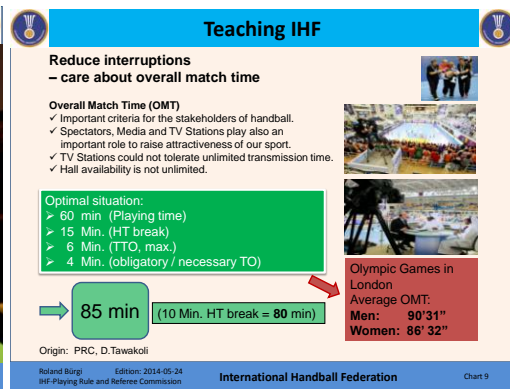
- According 8:5 and 8:9

Roland Bürgi, Edition: 2011-07-03
IHF-Playing Rule and Referee Commission
International Handball Federation
Chart 8

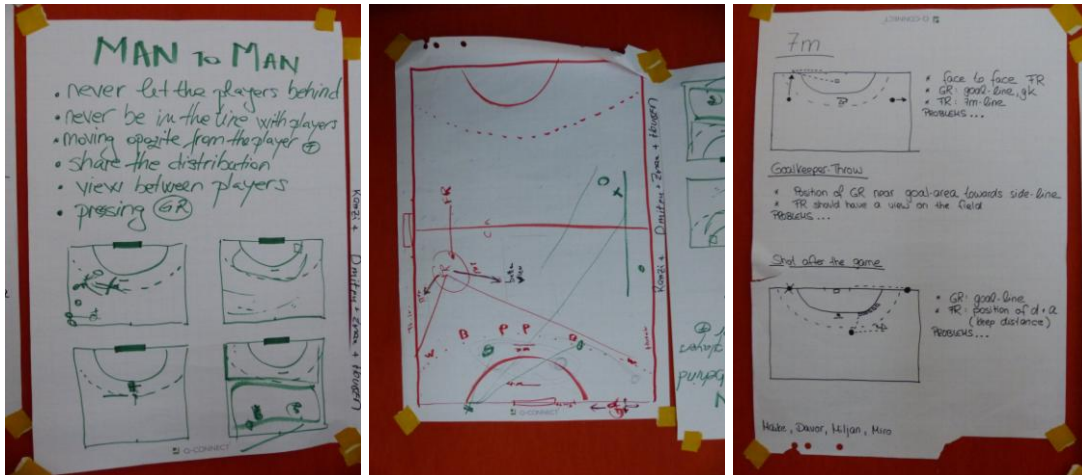
- **Offensive Foul (Roland Bürgi)**
 - Criteria for Offensive foul
 - Wrong blocking – but don't search – effect must be visible
 - Turning into defender with shoulder
 - Pushing/holding the defender during a feint
 - Jumping with the knee against defender
 - Feint against throwing arm without enough 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



- **Mixed Teaching Advices (Hanspeter Knabenhans)**
 - Signal of referees
 - Reduce interruptions – care about overall playing time
 - 7m Decision – and Time Out
 - Laser
 - Passive Play – Warning signal
 - Last Minute
 - Concentration until the very end / execution of throws
 - Special “progressive”
 - Foot defence
 - Balance
 - Inside running



- **Moving Paths, Positioning (Group work – moderator Felix Rätz)**
The guidelines of IHF-PRC regarding moving paths and positioning were this time taught in a group work. It was nice to recognize, that in the younger referee generation the advices from PRC are already quit well implemented.



Examples of the group work

• **Rule Test**

30 questions originally from rule catalogue IHF in English were used as the official test. As we used this time the same rule test as in the previous GRTP course in Isfahan, it was nice to compare the results between this 2 courses. These time all the participants past the limit of 75 % clearly. Five out of 8 couples past the test with the maximum possible points.



Couples from ROU/FIN – rule test

• **Fitness test**

As usual in GRTP courses the shuttle run (multistage fitness test) without measuring of lactate was used to check the fitness of the referees. None of the referees had problems to pass the required limits of 9.5 men and 8.5 women.



Preparation for shuttle run



Shuttle run

- **How a referee prepares for a Top Event**

(EGY - RASHED Mohamed / EL SAYED Tamer)

Mohamed and Tamer presented out of their experience how important a good preparation is for a top event and what referees should do regarding

- Practical preparation
- Mental preparation
- Physical preparation
- Theoretical preparation



Mohamed RASHED as presenter

- **Steps (especially Asian and African movements)**

(TUN - BOUALLOUCHA Ismail / KHENISSI Ramzi)

After a short rule introduction on the first step, Ismail and Ramzi showed to their colleagues how difficult it is to observe steps from teams from East Asia and Africa. Not all movements which look unusual are step mistakes. Often the ball has already left the hand of the players for bouncing; before the 4th step is done.

A good video training under the motto: Unclear step situation – Analyze it with Slow-motion (or better picture by picture) in video – memorize the result in video full speed several times is essential.



Ramzi KHENISSI as presenter



Ismail BOUALLOUCHA as presenter

- **Game analyses**

Nearly all the games were analysed with the referees directly after the game by one of the lecturers. In addition the other referees got special tasks to observe. The findings were presented and discussed the day after in the theory room.

Furthermore the lecturers explained methodical topics and points of general interest in the respective theory sessions in front of all referees.



Methodical advices / game analyzes in theory room

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 quit satisfied with the performance of the referees and we saw some good talents among the new GRTP couples. The referees were informed in the plenum about their performance in general and especially about their fields of improvement. The most important field of improvement in general was the line in progressive punishments and the step interpretation.

In fitness test (shuttle run) the entire referees past the required level without any problems. Nevertheless some of the participants got the clear hint that they have to care about their weight now, as it will be not easier when getting older.

As already mentioned, the results in the rule test was excellent, also English knowledge of the participants were with a few exceptions really good.

After having finalized successfully their 2nd GRTP course with good results, IHF-PRC member Roland Bürgi was able to award IHF-referee diplomas and badges to the following couples:

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Congratulations!!! – a continuous process of learning within IHF has just started!

All the best for your referee career!



New IHF-Referees and lecturers after GRTP St. Gallen 14

Social event

There was organized an evening event outside the town on Friday evening, where also Vice president of Swiss Handball Federation, Peter Leutwyler was present. He expressed his sincere thanks to our ARTP referees for refereeing many matches in Switzerland during the last four weeks and wished the best to the GRTP candidates for their future.

All participants were presenting something out of their country. As it is already normal in GRTP courses in St.Gallen some nice local songs were presented too.



Peter Leutwyler (right)



GER couple presenting X-max



Scandinavian (SWE/FIN) song collaboration

Many thanks to my lecturer colleagues Felix RÄTZ and Hanspeter KNABENHANS for the interesting lectures and the big support – a special thank also to Eddy Theiler and his team for an excellent organization from the side of Swiss Handball Federation.

Finally it's worth mentioning that it was a great team – engaged and active referees in the lectures and group works, with good ideas in feedback and as we promised at the beginning, that we would like to have a hard and serious work – but also a lot of fun. We did!

Wald, 20.12.2014/ Roland Bürgi