

CFF International Referees policy

Rationale:

The CFF requires a cadre of international referees in all three weapons to support Canadian athletes and teams when travelling internationally; to support international events in Canada; and to mentor developing national and international referees in Canada.

Selection of Candidates for International referee Examinations:

Pre-Requisites:

Individuals seeking selection as a candidate for international referee examinations will be certified national 'N' referees in the Canadian system. Candidates will have notified the referee commission of their interest or have been identified as a potential candidate by the referee commission. Candidates will have been actively refereeing at Canadian domestic, selection circuit and National Championships.

Candidate Evaluation:

Individuals identified as candidates will be observed by Canadian international referees, as determined by the referee commission from time to time, whereby they will be assessed for their potential. Individual who are assessed with a high probability of successfully challenging the exam will be registered as international candidates with the FIE with approval from the individual.

Canadians living overseas:

In lieu of direct observation of potential candidates for FIE examinations at Canadian circuit events, the CFF referees committee will accept a letter of recommendation from an FIE referee nominated by the candidate and accepted by the committee, outlining their personal observations of the candidates ability and suitability for examination.

As per CFF policy, overseas candidates must be available to referee at international competitions and other CFF designated events in Canada.

Referees holding a Canadian FIE Licence:

Refereeing Commitments in Canada:

Canadian referees holding an FIE licence are expected to make themselves available for selection for refereeing at international events in Canada, and other selected CFF hosted competitions. A referee who is not available must provide a written justification to the referee selection committee.

Revoking an FIE Licence:

Failure to consistently meet the conditions for Refereeing Commitments in Canada will result in the CFF revoking the individuals right to hold an active FIE licence.

Travel:

The CFF will coordinate travel and cover expenses from within north America according to the policy “Guidelines for maintenance of Service Providers attending Designated Domestic CFF Competitions”.

Purchasing the FIE Referee Licence:

Only the CFF can purchase Licences from the FIE.

Individuals are responsible for the cost of their own FIE licence and for requesting the licence with payment using the CFF web-based form.

In exceptional circumstances, a referee may request that the CFF purchase their licence and such costs be deducted from their honorarium at the first CFF competition they attend.