



SKIEF Referee Committee: Information for Referees at the European Championships 2017

Dear SKIEF members,

As informed and decided at the last SKIEF meeting in Portugal 2016, the newly formed SKIEF referee committee has established SKIEF competition rules, applicable to all SKIEF tournaments. The corresponding document can be found on the SKIEF homepage. In addition, we are enclosing the file for your reference.

Since the SKIEF competition rules will already be applied at the upcoming SKIEF European Championships 2017 in May in the Czech Republic, we kindly ask you to pass on the file and the following information to the referees, judges and coaches of your federation.

Information for SKIEF referees, judges and coaches

1. Please note that while many rules remain the same, there are some changes in the new SKIEF competition rules. You are therefore kindly requested to study the new rule book carefully.
2. During the general meeting at the SKIF World Championships 2016 all countries were informed that only white or transparent gum shields are allowed at SKIF tournaments. This rule will be strictly applied at the SKIEF European Championships 2017 (no exceptions). Kindly remind your athletes!

Referee training at the SKIEF European Championships 2017

The attendance in all sessions of the referee training is mandatory for all referees and judges who wish to referee at the tournament. The dress code during the training is the referee uniform as described in the rule book for referees and judges, and for coaches the track suit of their respective country. Following the program of the training:

Date / Time	Subject	Attendance mandatory for
Wednesday, May 17 15.30 - 16.00 hrs 16.00 - 18.00 hrs 18.00 - 18.15 hrs 18.15 - 20.00 hrs 20.00 - 20.30 hrs	Registration for referee training Technical part Break Gestures and expressions Written part of referee exam	Referees, judges Referees, judges Referees, judges Referees, judges
Thursday, May 18 16.30 - 17.00 hrs 17.00 - 19.00 hrs 19.00 - 20.00 hrs	Sign-in Practical part / practical exam Information session	Referees, judges Referees, judges Referees, judges, coaches



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The training will take place in the venue indicated by the organizers of the tournament.

Referee registration and exam

One part of the competition rules is completely new: the chapters on the referee license system. To ensure a high standard of refereeing, it was decided to introduce a licensing system that is not based on the dan grade of a referee or judge, but rather on the competency level and experience of that person. All applicants have to pass a written and practical exam to obtain level A (Koto-Cho), B (Shushin) or C (Fukushin) respectively. The exam will be presided over by the members of the SKIEF referee committee. SKIF GHQ has agreed to recognize the SKIEF referee licenses. We suggest you read the corresponding chapters of the competition rules carefully.

For the referees / judges wishing to referee at the upcoming SKIEF European Championship this means:

- participating in the referee training is mandatory (both days)
- the exam will be held on Wednesday (written) and Thursday (practical)
- the decision of the referee committee will be given on Friday morning
- all referees who passed will receive a provisional license on Friday before the tournament
- **only referees with a license will be invited to referee at the tournament**

In order for us to better plan the training, we kindly ask you to

- ➔ fill out the enclosed registration form for each one of your referees and judges scheduled to referee at the SKIEF European Championships and send it to the secretary of the SKIEF referee committee (gitte.bjoern@skisf.ch) by April 9, 2017
- ➔ bring a copy of the form, EUR 70 and a passport picture to the referee training

We look forward to seeing all of you in Hradec Kralové and thank you in advance for your very valuable work.

Should you have any questions and / or need further information with regard to refereeing, the rules, exams, etc. that need answering prior to the tournament, please contact the secretary of the SKIEF referee committee (gitte.bjoern@skisf.ch).

With best regards and see you all soon!

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