



**WOMEN'S SECTOR**

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION POLICY**

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## Introduction:

This Accreditation policy is to be adhered by all Officiating Chairs when assessing the viability for any candidate for either a new or renewal of an International Official Accreditation.

Upon application, all applicants/nominees must:

- 1)
  - a) For a new applicant:
    - i) have held their country's highest rating for at least eighteen (18) months preceding the start of the event.
  - b) For a renewal applicant:
    - i) hold a current FIL International rating.
- 2) be currently active officiating the top level competition within their home country/s or region they are residing in (this will require verification by the respective National Governing Body).
- 3) have passed both the FIL Fitness Test and FIL Rules Test within the last calendar year.
- 4) have the support of their National Governing Body in writing to attend the FIL approved and recognised rating event

Where the candidate does not meet an element of the above criteria, the Officiating Chair and Sector Director shall have the discretion to review the application and approve as necessary.

The official may apply to the Officiating Chair for a one year extension by November 1<sup>st</sup> in the final year of their International Officials Accreditation (4<sup>th</sup> year), should they be unable to renew their accreditation due to a personal or medical reason. This application will be reviewed and either approved or denied by the Officiating Chair and Sector Director.

The assessment must meet the following criteria.

The candidate must:

### Pre Assessment

- 1) pass (minimum 80%) the FIL Rules Test (closed book & supervised), within one month prior to the rating event, unless the test is to be held on site
  - a) FIL reserves the right to deploy the written test on-line.
  - b) FIL reserves the right to establish and revise the protocols used in administering the test (for example, how much time an official is allowed to complete the test).
- 2) pass the FIL Fitness Test within one month prior to the rating event, unless the test is to be held on site

### Practical Assessment

- 3)
  - a) **For new candidates:** the candidate's practical assessment will be conducted over no less than three days and a minimum three (3) matches played to FIL Rules, or the equivalent in game playing time (i.e. minimum 180 minutes for women and 240 minutes for men), using three-person mechanics.

- b) **For renewal candidates:** the candidate's practical assessment will be conducted over no less than two days and a minimum two (2) matches played to FIL Rules, or the equivalent in game playing time (i.e. minimum 120 minutes for women and 160 minutes for men), using three-person mechanics.
- 4) Applicants will be rated by a minimum of two (2) approved FIL assessors. Both the applicant and assessors will be required to complete the FIL Conflict of Interest Declaration.
- 5) The head assessor must be a resident of a country different from the National Governing Body of the candidate and must not reside in the same country as the candidate.
- 6) The assessors must not have any conflict of interest with the applicant and must be in good standing with their National Governing Body.
- 7) A candidate may only stand for a practical assessment twice with a calendar year and no less than six months apart.

For all accredited FIL International Officials in each calendar year (starting in 2018) they must:

- 1. Update their personal contact information in the FIL's CRM
- 2. Successfully complete the FIL's annual Theory test
- 3. Successfully take the FIL's Fitness test once a year under the organisation of their home country's approved testing facilities