IBSA Ninepin Bowling
Referee's Rulebook

2014 - 2017
REFeree’s Rules

IBSA Referee Rulebook is an additional document to the IBSA Ninepin Bowling Rules 2014 - 2017 and determines all subjects related to the referee’s work:

- Qualification of the referees
- Nomination for the referee
- Referees clothes
- Duties of the head referee
- Duties of the deputy referee
- Assistants on the tracks

All competitions organised by IBSA members must be run according to these rules.

These rules are valid for the period from 2014 until 2017.

1 Qualification of the Referees

1.1 The head referee for all IBSA competitions must own an international FIQ/WNBA/NBC referee’s license. Referee’s license can be checked by the IBSA Technical delegate at any time during the competition.

1.2 The deputy referee must own the National Referees license.

2 Nomination for the Referee

2.1 Head referee
The head referee is nominated from the Organizer of the competition and has to be confirmed by the IBSA Technical Delegate of the competition. The head referee has to be nominated at least 30 days before the competition. All costs (accommodation, travel costs, daily payment) for the head referee must be paid by the organizer.

2.2 Deputy referee
The deputy referee is nominated by the Organizer of the competition and has to be confirmed by the IBSA Technical Delegate of the competition. Deputy referee has to be nominated at least 30 days before the competition.

3 Referee’s Clothes

Referees must wear official shirt - red color - with IBSA or FIQ/WNBA/NBC sign, long dark trousers, sports shoes and referees license.

4 Duties of the Head Referee

4.1 The head referee must be acquainted with all regulations specific to the competition and match to which he has been assigned.
4.2 The head referee must check the ninepin bowling alley at least one day before the competition, give the positive opinion and permission for the competition.

The things that must be checked:
- condition of the tracks, the ASSE and all other equipment,
- time settings for the ASSE must be set to four seconds,
- signalization of the overstep on all tracks,
- the temperature in the bowling alley (it must not fall below +12°C. Lower temperatures are considered as a technical fault of the bowling hall. If the competition or match cannot take part because of insufficient heating, the Competition Committee must decide about the results of the match as well as the penalty for the organizer of the competition).

4.3 The referee must arrive in the ninepin bowling hall at least 45 minutes before the competition starts.

4.4 The referee must check the athletes 30 minutes before the game. The players are obligated to come to the referee’s desk/table at least 30 minutes before the game starts (see the section 8.2 of the Technical rulebook).

The referee must check the starting number and the sports clothes and has to give the eye pads to the B1 athlete.

4.5 The referee must ask the organizers to correct all the defects which are discovered, and inform the team leaders about the state of the tracks and equipment.

4.6 The referee must conduct the match according to these rules (IBSA Referee Rulebook 2014-2017), IBSA Ninepin Bowling Rulebook 2014-2017, the regulations of the competition and the directions of the organizing committee.

4.7 The referee is in charge of the record keepers and must check on their results throughout the competition.

4.8 The referee is allowed, at any point, postpone or call off the match due to valid technical problems.

4.9 The referee will not allow any athlete to play without full uniform and the correct shoes, as outlined in Technical Rulebook Section 8.1.

4.10 Any athlete who seriously violates the sports rules and regulations is not allowed to start or continue the competition.

4.11 The referee must verify the total point scores in the records and the all final results.

4.12 The results on the special forms must be signed from the referee on the track (last one) and checked by the head referee.

The referee and the Technical delegate of the competition, the IBSA Chairperson or Director of the competition must sign all the final forms and all results. The final forms and all results have to be handed over to the team leaders or coaches as a final Bulletin of the Competition.
4.13 The referee has to check that all B1 athletes are taped with eyepads before they start the game. In case the eyepads are not taped correct, must be corrected immediately. Also he/she has to check the opaque eyeshades. In case the eyeshades are not opaque, the eyeshades must be removed and other eyeshades must be worn. The referee is allowed to check the eyepads at any time during the competition.

4.14 The head referee and the deputy referee must own the yellow and the red card and all have to be kept in a good condition. All cards are used in the cases written in the Technical Rulebook:
- Yellow Card - see Section 9.8
- Yellow/Red Card - see Section 9.8 and 9.11
- Red Card - see Section 9.12

5 DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY REFEREE

5.1 The deputy referee has to assist to the head referee at all duties written in Section 4.

5.2 The deputy referee is the connect person between the head referee and the assistants on the tracks.

5.3 If during the course of the competition the head referee realizes that he cannot continue to administrate the competition, the deputy referee takes over the competition.

6 ASSISTANTS ON THE TRACKS

6.1 Assistants on the tracks are responsible for two neighboring tracks.

6.2 They have to control the game and write down the results of every 30 throws and the final result as well. They have to write down nulls and the nines for each player.

6.3 They provide help to the head referee and to the deputy referee in the case of problems on the tracks. They have to give a signal to the head referee or the deputy referee with rising one hand.