



DOUBLES REFEREE ASSESSMENT FORM

Name: _____

Date: _____

Event: _____

Players: _____

Versus

#	Referee's Call	Assessor's Decision	Difficulty Of Call	Assessor's Comments on Call
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Guidance to assessor

Referees are assessed by a National Referee or a National Examiner and the intent is to determine if the assessed referee meets the requirements to become a National Referee. The matches selected for the assessment may or may not provide adequate calls to formulate a judgment on whether or not that referee can be promoted to National Level. That is not to say the person did not make the correct calls (in line with the Doubles Rules) or shows qualities of a good referee.

There are 2 main qualities that should be looked for in a National Referee candidate:

1. Knowledge of the rules (i.e. Let, No Let, Point (stroke) and warnings, etc.), and makes decisive (and consistent) calls. Also, although extreme and (hopefully) limited, the candidate must know the process for conduct violations: warnings, points, games and matches.
2. Maintains good flow of the match by keeping proper scores (as well as keeping track of serving player / side, second serve), and maintains clear communication / information (ball out of court / play, ball down, stop play, etc).

Although both qualities are taken into consideration when assessing a candidate referee, there needs to be an adequate number of calls in the 1st category (knowledge of the rules and game) for the assessor to make a judgement and proper evaluation of the referee. At a minimum, 10 correct calls are deemed necessary to count towards national referee status.

The intent is to assess the knowledge and the ability of the referee. Calling styles may vary and different words may be used to signify the same thing. In general these should not be taken into account when assessing a referee (i.e. calls such as: Left Box vs Left Side when calling a serve side, or Stroke vs Point against a player).

To upgrade to a National Level Referee, the candidate must obtain five recommendations from National Referees and National Examiners, while refereeing competitive high-quality matches (the assessors shall determine if the match qualifies as a suitable match). At least two of the five recommendations must be at the “A” (very difficult) level, and at least one of which must be given by a National Examiner. The remaining three matches can be at a “B” (difficult) recommendation level. The candidate must give a minimum of 10 correct decisions in each match, of which a sufficient number are deemed to be difficult by the assessor and demonstrate competence at this level.

DEFINITIONS

“Pass”

Means that, in the Assessor’s judgement, the referee has a good / solid knowledge of the rules of the game and has the ability to maintain control of the play / match. Regardless of the number of “Let, No Let, Point / Stroke” calls. On it’s own a “Pass” grade does not, in itself, qualify a candidate for a National Referee status, but, is good for feedback to the candidate.

“B” RECOMMENDATION

Means that, in the Assessor’s judgement, the referee has a good / solid knowledge of the rules of the game and has the ability to maintain control of the play / match. There are at least 10 let, no let, point calls but in assessor’s opinion the match was not at an “A” recommendation level. A “B” Recommendation counts as a match towards National Referee status.

“A” RECOMMENDATION

Means that, the referee “Passed” (as per the definition of “Pass”) and adequate “Let, No Let, Point / Stroke” calls were made, throughout the match (10 correct calls), for the Assessor to make an adequate judgement (based on the guidelines below) to recommend the referee to a National Referee level.

The Squash Canada Doubles Officiating Committee believes that the credibility of the entire program is dependent on the setting and maintaining of high standards. By achieving the National level in the doubles officiating program, a referee is supposed to be able to handle any match played in our National Championships.

As stated above, in order to achieve National level, a candidate must referee at least 1 (one) match that is assessed by a National Examiner and qualifies as an “A” recommendation. The decision as to whether the match qualifies as an “A” recommendation rests with the assessor, who will take into account the following factors:

- ✓ The number and difficulty of the referee’s decisions;
- ✓ The behaviour and personalities of the players;
- ✓ The crowd – its mood and reactions;
- ✓ The “importance” of the event;
- ✓ The physical surroundings;
- ✓ The competence of judges; and
- ✓ The presence of an assessor.

The Committee recognizes that any or all of these factors can contribute to a match becoming very difficult and wants the assessor to have confidence that the candidate is able to handle any or all of these pressures. This is not to say that all of these factors must be present for a match to be considered worthy of an “A” recommendation. However, the assessor must be satisfied that, based on the candidate’s performance, none of these factors would likely cause the candidate any trouble.