

REGULATIONS ON THE AWARDING OF ARBITERS' TITLES

1. General Provisions

1.1. The International Backgammon Federation hereby establishes and recognizes the following arbiter titles: "National Arbiter" and "International Arbiter" (hereinafter referred to as "the Titles").

1.2. The Titles are awarded from the moment of their approval by the IBF Presidium and are granted for life.

1.3. The body responsible for registering and reviewing submissions from national federations for the award of the Titles is the IBF Arbiters Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

1.4. The ARB submits a proposal for the award of the Titles to the IBF Presidium. The IBF Presidium approves the award of the Titles by its decision.

2. Requirements for the Award of the "National Arbiter" Title

2.1. A candidate for the title must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 21 years old on the day the submission is considered by the IBF Presidium;
- Hold a national arbiter category;
- Have at least 1 year of experience in officiating at national competitions.

2.2. To be awarded the title, a candidate must obtain a certificate based on his performance as an arbiter at a competition. This document is called an "Arbiter's Norm Report" (Appendix 1).

2.3. The application for the title must include 1 norm.

2.4. The norm may be achieved at national competitions. Types of events acceptable for norms are:

2.4.1. National Longgammon Championship, Longgammon Blitz (Men/Women);

2.4.2. National Backgammon Championship, Backgammon Blitz, Backgammon Doubles, Sprintgammon (Men/Women);

2.4.3. National Longgammon Cup Finals, Longgammon Blitz (Men/Women);

2.4.4. National Backgammon Cup Finals, Backgammon Blitz, Backgammon Doubles, Sprintgammon (Men/Women);

2.5. To fulfill the norm, arbiters must officiate at national championships and Cup finals as the Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter. A positive evaluation must be given based on the officiating performance.

2.6. All norms must be signed by the Chief Arbiter. Norms for the Chief Arbiter must be signed by the tournament organizer or an authorized representative of the backgammon national federation.

3. Requirements for the Award of the "International Arbiter" Title

3.1. A candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Hold the title of "National Arbiter";
- Have at least 2 years of experience in officiating at competitions.

3.2. The title requirement includes completing an international seminar and obtaining a certificate for officiating at a competition included in the IBF calendar. This document is called an "Arbiter's Norm Report".

3.3. The application for the title must include 2 (two) norms and seminar.

3.4. The norm may be fulfilled at the following competitions:

3.4.5. International IBF tournaments:

3.4.5.1. Grand Prix (stages and final), in Longgammon Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon, Backgammon Blitz, Backgammon Doubles, and Sprintgammon.

3.4.5.2. World Championship in Longgammon and Longgammon Blitz.

3.5.2. World Youth Championship in Longgammon, Longgammon Blitz, Backgammon, Backgammon Blitz, and Sprintgammon.

3.5. To fulfill the norm, arbiters must officiate at international IBF championships as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter. A positive evaluation must be given based on the officiating performance.

3.6. The required norms must be completed at separate competitions.

3.7. All norms must be signed by the Chief Arbiter. Norms for the Chief Arbiter must be signed by the tournament organizer or an authorized representative of the national federation.

3.8. In exceptional cases, the IBF Presidium may award the title of International Arbiter upon the proposal of the IBF President.

4. Procedure for Awarding Titles

4.1. Submission of Application to the Commission:

4.1.1. The candidate's National Federation shall submit the following to the IBF Arbiters Commission:

- An official application using the prescribed form (Appendix 2 or 3);
- Arbiter's Norm Report (Appendix 1)
- Copies of tournament final protocols where the candidate served as Arbiter.

4.2. Submission Deadline: No later than 1 year from the date of the relevant competition.

4.3. The form must be completed in English or Russian.

4.4. Review Process:

4.4.1. The Commission shall review the materials within 30 business days and has the right to request additional information from the applicant federation.

4.5. In case of a positive decision – approval by the IBF Presidium. In case of rejection – a written justification with recommendations for addressing the deficiencies shall be provided.

4.6. The title may be annulled by a decision of the IBF Presidium in cases of gross violation of professional ethics by the arbiter.