



**PAHF Competitions Committee  
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION & RANKING OF  
TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

1. The PAHF Competitions Committee (PAHF CC) is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Listing of Registered Technical Officials.
2. Technical Officials include Tournament Directors/Technical Delegates (where applicable) (TD's), Technical Officials (TO's), Judges (J) and also Course Facilitators (TCF's) and Mentors (TCM's).
3. All National Association Members of PAHF are encouraged to register individuals for development as Technical Officials. They will be trained and used at regional events and may be eligible for selection at World Level events based on the International Hockey Federation's (FIH's) criteria.
4. The PAHF CC will not appoint or support the appointment of a technical officials from a member NA to events that are not under their control unless they are first registered with the PAHF.
5. NA's shall use the TO Nomination Form (Appendix 1) which is available on the PAHF website and must certify same before submission by an authorized official of the NA. Where possible, always apply their seal, stamp or logo next to the authorized signature.
6. The TO Form may also be used by the NA to provide updated personal information on their registered technical official on a periodic basis.
7. The PAHF CC's List of Registered Technical Officials will comprise of the following levels of officials for both Men & Women:
  - 7.2 Continental Elite
  - 7.3 Continental Elite Development
  - 7.4 Continental Level
  - 7.5 Continental Promising, and
  - 7.6 Continental Trainees
8. A separate or sub-listing of Course Facilitators (TCF's) and Mentors (TCM's) will also be maintained.
9. Continental Elite officials are those who are considered PAHF's highest ranked officials and who are capable of managing their Top Tier events. These include the Pan Am Cup, Indoor Pan Am Cup, Pan American Games, and Junior Pan Am Championships hockey events. These will include, but are not restricted to present and former FIH List Category 1 & 2 Technical Officials and may include FIH Category 3's.
10. Continental Elite Development officials are those who are capable of or have the potential to manage the PAHF top tier events as TD's and who are also capable in their own ability to manage as a TD at qualifying events for same (second tier) including PAHF Challenge, Youth Pan Am Championships, C.A.C. Games and ODESUR South American Championships.



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11. Continental Level officials are those who are competent as a Technical Officer or Judge at an event, but not currently identified as development prospects, and who have not yet clearly exhibited a level of management skills and/or leadership qualities to handle top tier events.

These officials may be used as TD's for second tier continental events, inter-nation events and test matches which will provide them with some opportunities to display growth in these areas. Should they subsequently display that they are capable of managing at the first tier level they will have the opportunity to be upgraded.

12. Continental Promising officials are those who have limited experience, exposure and good technical ability but need development work and opportunities to assess further their future potential.
13. Continental Trainees are officials who are new, lack knowledge and/or training as well as limited experience. These officials will be exposed to regional seminars and workshops prior to and during their development phase.

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*Approved by PAHF Board of Directors.*

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