

WSF Seminar

Interpreting the Rules and Decision-Making in Elite-Level Matches

Outline of Syllabus:

The aim of the seminar is to introduce candidates for WSF and Regional Referee appointment to advanced materials relating to decision-making at the elite level.

Duration: 1 Day

The major topics of the seminar will be as follows:

1. Refereeing Elite Players
2. Decision-Making
3. Player Tactics
4. Dealing with Poor Conduct
5. Communicating with Players
6. Stress Management

1. REFEREEING ELITE PLAYERS

Topics will include:

- A. PSA/WISPA Rules: How they differ from WSF Rules
- B. PSA/WISPA Conventions: What Referees need to know

2. DECISION-MAKING AT THE ELITE LEVEL

Topics will include:

- A. Swing Interference: Achieving consistency in applying the Rule
 - Prevented swing
 - Affected swing
 - Reasonable fear of hitting the opponent
 - Playing the ball and attempting to trap the opponent in the swing
- B. Blocking: What to look for and what to do about it
 - Making every effort to provide direct access
- C. Minimal Interference: applying a consistent standard
 - Making every effort to get to and play the ball
 - Winning shots

Video-clips of interference situations will be studied and discussed

3. PLAYER TACTICS AT THE ELITE LEVEL

Topics will include:

- A. Understanding the movement of players
- B. Creating interference
 - Taking an indirect path to the ball

Video clips of on-court situations will be studied and discussed

4. DEALING WITH POOR CONDUCT

Topics will include:

- A. Defusing situations: what to say
- B. Conduct Rule 17
- C. Conduct on Court: applying the WSF Guidelines
- D. WSF/PSA/WISPA reporting procedures
- E. Dealing with conflict
- F. Dealing with abuse

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5. COMMUNICATING WITH PLAYERS

Topics will include:

- A. Communicating effectively
- B. Barriers to effective communication
- C. Communicating decisions with confidence
- D. Listening and responding

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6. STRESS MANAGEMENT

Topics will include:

- A. Understanding the players
- B. Breathing and other techniques
- C. Focusing on the task

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