



Umpire Level Requirements

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There are four levels of umpires: the USATT examines and qualifies Club, Regional and National Umpires. The USATT then nominates qualified candidates to take the International Umpire exam which is normally given in the Spring of even numbered years.

All exams are updated following any changes in the laws and regulations. Upon applying to take the exam and paying the appropriate fee, the candidate will be sent all appropriate references.

Club Umpire

- a. \$10 fee.
- b. Open book test.
- c. 75% score or better on the written exam.
- d. Reference: The Laws of Table Tennis as published by the USATT.
- e. May be taken by mail or e-mail.
- f. After payment of the exam fee USATT will mail or e-mail the exam and the USATT Rules to the candidate.
- g. Reexamination after failing exam - Minimum of 3 months. Failed exams are not critiqued.

Regional Umpire

- a. \$20 fee.
- b. Timed, closed book exam under the supervision of a Regional, National or International Umpire or a responsible person not affiliated with table tennis.
- c. Must be a Club Umpire for at least one year.
- d. Must have referees validate match record indicating umpiring at 25 matches including at least 5 doubles matches in sanctioned tournaments.

No more than 6 matches may be recorded at one tournament except for the U.S. Open and Nationals, where 8 may be recorded.
- e. 75% score or better on the written exam.
- f. References: Laws of Table Tennis (ITTF), Regulations for International Competition (ITTF), and the Handbook for Match Officials (ITTF).
- g. Reexamination after failing exam - Minimum of 6 months. Failed exams are not critiqued.

National Umpire

- a. No fee.
- b. Timed, closed book exam under the supervision of a National or International Umpire (given only at the US Nationals).
- c. Oral exam following the written exam given by three International or National Umpires. During this phase the candidate can earn 1/2 credit for each question s/he missed on the written test and answers satisfactorily on the oral exam.
- d. Must be a Regional Umpire for at least one year.
- e. Must have referees validate match record indicating umpiring at 25 matches including at least 5 doubles matches in sanctioned tournaments. At least half of these matches must be:

Semi-final or finals of a Championship, men's or Women's Singles or doubles or Finals of a Junior, Senior, or rating event for men over 2000 or women over 1750 rating.

No more than 6 matches may be recorded at one tournament except for the U.S. Open or Nationals, where 8 may be recorded.
- f. Must be evaluated by the Officials and Rules Advisory Committee (ORAC) at a National level tournament and receive the recommendation of the Committee Evaluator as to practical competency.
- g. 75% score on the written exam, adjusted to 85% after the oral exam.
- h. References: Laws of Table Tennis (ITTF), Regulations for International Competition (ITTF), Handbook for Match Officials (ITTF).
- i. Reexamination after failing exam - Minimum of 1 year. Failed exams are not critiqued.

International Umpire

- a. Fee paid by USATT.
- b. Must have been a National Umpire for at least two years.
- c. Must be an active umpire and report activity to the Officials and Rules Advisory Committee (ORAC).
- d. Must be nominated by the USATT on recommendation of the ORAC.

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