

PL 19.02 – 01. Policy application

- a. The below referee policy will apply to all teams participating in the national championships 2019 – 2020.

PL 19.02 – 02. Referee requirements

- a. Each team will need to provide two referees for each leg in line with the progressive requirements below. Referees are to be nominated at least 2 weeks in advance of any leg.
 - i. Clubs that have been established for 4 seasons or over : Level 2 referee
 - ii. Clubs that have been established for between 2 and 4 seasons : Aspiring Level 2
 - iii. Clubs that have been established for under 2 seasons : Level 1 referee
 - iv. Clubs that have been established for under 1 season : Level 0 referee
- b. Referees are being ranked according to the following categories:
 - i. Level 2 referee (passed Level 2 practical and theory)
 - ii. Aspiring Level 2 (passed Level 1 practical and Level 2 theory)
 - iii. Level 1 referee (passed Level 1 practical and theory)
 - iv. Level 0 (identified and working towards Level 1 qualification)
- c. See Annex 1 for the dates of establishment for each current member club.
- d. The two referees that are put forward could be required to referee two games each per leg.
- e. In cases where more than two referees are required, only two of the referees will be asked to meet the referee requirements under PL 19.02 – 02.a. The third referee should be of the next highest level possible.

PL 19.02 – 03. Referee eligibility

- a. Newly qualified referees can be put forward by their club at any point in the season, if they fulfil the above requirements in PL 19.02 – 02.
- b. Only eligible referees that referee during the required scheduled matches will count towards the above requirements under PL 19.02 – 02.a.
- c. Exceptional circumstances can be considered:
 - i. in case of injury incurred during the tournament
 - ii. where referees may already have signed up to a different tournament for a development opportunity prior to the confirmation of national championship dates. In such cases, club reps should provide advance notice to Touch Belgium.
- d. Teams are allowed to provide substitute referees on the day, provided they meet the above requirements.
- e. Independent referees that are not associated to any club, and that are registered independently with Touch Belgium may not be used to fill a club quota.

PL 19.02 – 04. Date of establishment for new clubs

- a. From September 2019 onwards:



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- i. any club that registers with Touch Belgium between 01 September and 31 December will be considered as under 1 season until August 31st of the following year. As of September of the following year, the club will be considered as being established for under 2 seasons.
- ii. any club that registers with Touch Belgium between 01 January and 31 August will be considered as under 1 season until 31 August of the following year.

PL 19.02 – 05. Application of the policy in case of cessation of membership

- a. Should a club cease to be a member of Touch Belgium for between 1 and 3 years, and then re-register as a member between 01 September and 31 December:
 - i. the length of establishment of that club as defined under PL 19.02 – 02.a will be reduced by one season in the above categorization until 31 August of the following year.
- b. Should a club cease to be a member of Touch Belgium for between 1 and 3 years, and then re-register as a member between 01 January and 31 August:
 - i. the length of establishment of that club as defined under PL 19.02 – 02.a will be reduced by one season in the above categorization until 31 August of the following year.
- c. Should a club cease to be a member of Touch Belgium for more than 3 years, then the system will be applied as under PL 19.02 – 04.a.
- d. The date of cessation of membership will be started on the date that written or electronic notification is sent to the Touch Belgium Committee (President, Secretary and Treasurer).

PL 19.02 – 06. Measures for non-compliance

- a. Where clubs do not meet the referee requirements under PL 19.02 – 02.:
 - i. 1 point will be deducted per game, per team for each referee that is not of the appropriate level.
 - ii. for each referee per team that is absent from the required game (with no adequate replacement provided), a total of 2 points will be deducted per game, per team.
 - iii. If a referee is injured before the tournament, another referee of the same level or above should be provided, to avoid points being deducted.
 - iv. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration by Touch Belgium.



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Annex 1

As of September 2019, the date of establishment of each club is as outlined below:

- a. Boitsfort – over 4 years (established in 2013)
- b. BBRFC Celtics – over 4 years (established in 2005)
- c. Brussels Citizens – under 2 years (established in 2018)
- d. BUC – under 1 year (established in 2019)
- e. Gent – over 4 years (established in 2014)
- f. Hamme – under 2 years (established in 2018)
- g. Kituro – over 4 years (established in 2011)
- h. Oudenaarde – under 2 years (established in 2018)