



2020 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships - Rome, Italy



Referee Administration Fee 2020 – to be confirmed depending on total entries

- Full entry = 76 teams = 308 Euro per team (equivalent of 39 Euro per player = 7 Euro per competition day)
- 75% entry = 57 teams = 418 Euro per team (equivalent of 53 Euro per player = 9 Euro per competition day)
- 50% entry = 38 teams = 652 Euro per team (equivalent of 82 Euro per player = 14 Euro per competition day)

Note: **Subject to acceptance of invites** 66 teams have already qualified for 2020 - before any wildcard invites!

History of referee administration fee

Historically the rules required all teams to provide at least one referee but this often did not happen – the same countries were providing officials at championships. At the World Championships 2006 there were over 50 referees present at the finals and in 2008 there were over 40 referees present.

This number was decided to be excessive, and economically a large amount of money was being spent by federations around the world providing these officials which could be dramatically reduced, and split more evenly.



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Introduction of the referee administration fee

From basic economics and input by Team Leaders at previous championships it was clear that the rule needed to change, and it was decided that maximum total of 28 referees could, if used efficiently, officiate at a championship - the rule was introduced at the 2008 ICF Congress.

At the 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships this reduced number of officials worked well however there were a few issues with teams paying late which resulted in those referees who had travelled the furthest incurring additional expense. **While each team will now initially pay an initial administration fee, the flights of referees will be reimbursed (once all teams have paid).**

The fee will enable cost effective use of high quality officials to be used irrespective of which part of the world they originate from and after all the players train exceptionally hard and should be entitled to be referred by the best available referees.