



Officials and Rules Advisory Committee (ORAC) Report

December 19, 2012

1. Umpire and Referee Totals (as of Dec 5, 2012)
 - a. Umpires (active): Total 335.
 - 1) Club (CU) 258 including 60 new in 2012
 - 2) Regional (RU) 28 including 3 new in 2012 (1 CU sitting for RU exam at Nationals)
 - 3) National (NU) 4 (4 RU are sitting for the NU exam at the Nationals)
 - 4) International 45. Six new IU's this year
 - b. Referees (active): Total 80.
 - 1) Certified (CR) 73 including 10 new in 2012. There are currently 14 inactive.
 - 2) National (NR) 9, 2 inactive. One CR sitting for NR exam at the Nationals.
 - 3) International (IR) 7, 3 are inactive but active locally.
2. Umpire/Referee and Classification Activity
 - a) We had 10 different officials participate in a total of 9 international events. We received a total of 21 invitations.
 - b) At the current US Nationals, we have the following umpires taking exams: 1 umpire taking National Referee exam, 4 taking National Umpire exam and 1 taking the Regional Umpire exam. Joseph Yick is currently taking the International Referee exam and we are waiting for the results from the ITTF. Wendell Dillon is conducting a Referee Conference in order to prepare our US and Canadian National Referees for taking the International Referee (IR) seminar and exam in 2013. We are hoping to hold the IR Seminar and exam before the 2013 US Open. We will be able to nominate 3 candidates to attend.
 - c) We have formed a Classification Sub-committee headed by Sharon Frant Brooks. There was a Classification Seminar held at the Mike Dempsey Memorial Table Tennis Tournament in San Diego. All who attended the seminar from the United States passed. Please see additional report from Sharon Frant Brooks.
3. ORAC Travel Budget
 - a. Proposed 2013 budget -\$9,500. The budget provides partial travel for deputy referees and umpires to attend foreign tournaments.
4. In 2012 we saved approximately \$15,000 from tournament budgets by using 50 foreign officials: 3 deputy referees and 47 umpires. We do not pay travel expenses for visiting officials. This will change in 2013 as we will now be required to reimburse the visiting Deputy Referee their airfare.

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Chair, ORAC