

TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS TO ALL BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: International Referees

Dear Mr. President,

We are reaching the end of the 2011 FILA Championships and we can already draw up a few conclusions regarding the referees.

It has become apparent that more and more National Federations do not train new referees and do not make their referees attend promotion courses to further advance their level. It is crucial to put more emphasis the refereeing if we want to push our sport to the next level.

It has therefore been decided that, as per next year, a bigger effort on refereeing must be made by all National Federations and FILA will make sure that more participants enter the candidate and promotion courses. Sanctions will be taken against National Federations that regularly compete in international events (tournaments and/or championships) without having any international referees.

I take this opportunity to wish you a good ending of the season and congratulate all international referees who give their best throughout the year.

Thanking you in advance for your kind collaboration, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Raphaël Martinetti FILA President