



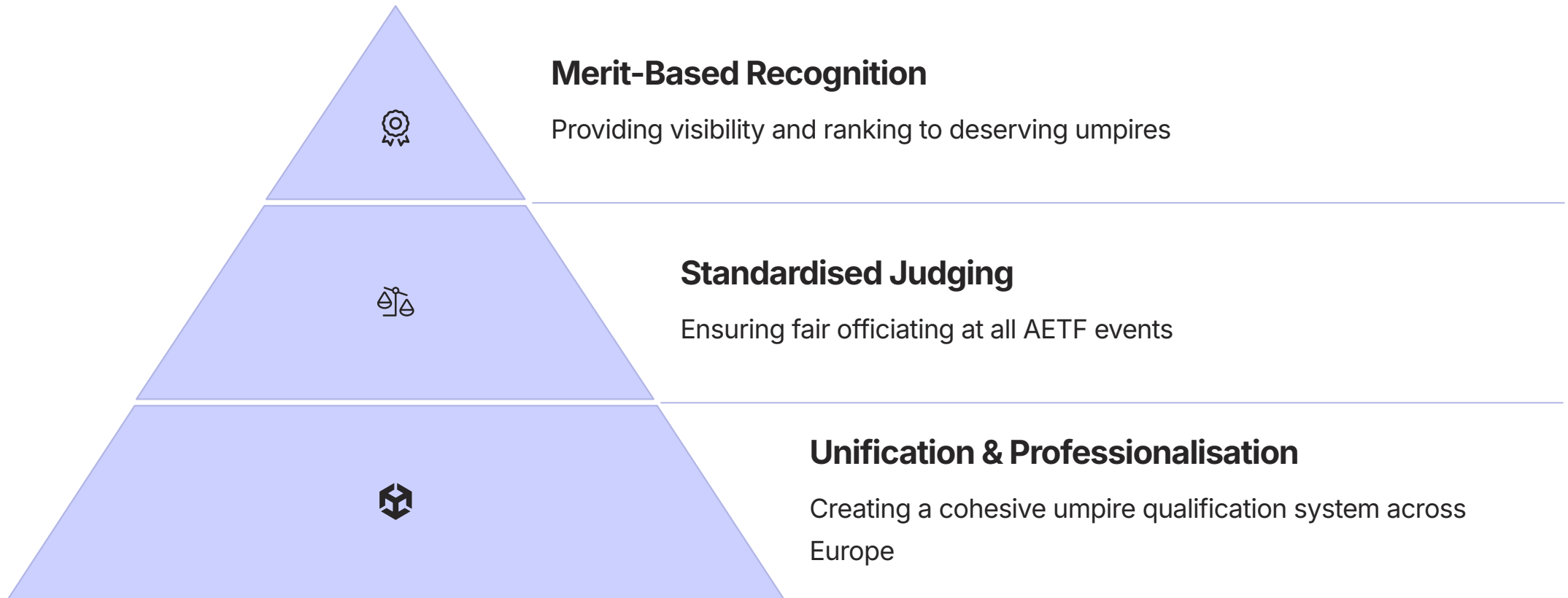
Active Umpire Program V 1.3

Welcome to this institutional presentation designed for Presidents of National Taekwon-Do Federations. This document outlines the comprehensive AETF Active Umpire Program, detailing the qualification process, ranking methodology, and participation requirements for umpires across Europe.

The following slides provide a structured overview of this important initiative, aligned with the AETF 2025-2029 modernisation and inclusion goals, aimed at standardising and elevating the quality of officiating throughout European Taekwon-Do competitions.

This system is designed to **recognise and reward umpire activity and participation in AETF events**, not to create a competitive or hierarchical ranking. It highlights commitment and engagement in support of our vision for technical excellence and unity.

Introduction & Purpose



The AETF Active Umpire Program, represents a strategic initiative to unify and professionalise umpire qualification and recognition throughout Europe. By implementing standardised criteria and processes, we aim to ensure consistent, fair judging at all official AETF events.

This system aligns perfectly with our broader AETF 2025-2029 modernisation and inclusion goals, creating a framework that benefits both individual umpires and national federations alike.

Umpire Qualification Criteria

Minimum Requirements

All candidates must hold at least a **2nd Degree (2° Dan)** rank to be considered for the AETF Umpire Registry.

Application Process

Submit the **Umpire Application Form** and share your, CV, passport photo and National Association approval letter, to Master Stephen Ryan, AETF Secretary General at info@itfeurope.org

Deadline

All applications must be received by **October 31st** 2025 to be considered for the upcoming qualification cycle.

Successful candidates who maintain active status will be published in the official **AETF Umpire Registry** available online. This registry serves as the definitive record of qualified umpires recognised by the AETF.





National Activity & Eligibility

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Active Federation Membership

Candidates must be active participants within their national federation or association.



Online Training

Participate in mandatory Zoom meetings:
led by the AETF Umpire Committee on judging standards and
the judging score computer system.



Practical Experience

Attend at least one official AETF Open Ranking Tournament
before being eligible to officiate at European Championships.



Continuous Development

Engage in both online and in-person courses to maintain and
enhance officiating skills.

EQUC

European Qualifying Umpire Course



Friday

Arrival before 13:00, course runs 14:00–19:00 with coffee break and photo.
Practical judging in dobok led by AETF Technical Committee.



Saturday

09:00–12:00 & 14:00–18:00 – Intensive judging practice focusing on Patterns & Sparring disciplines.



Sunday

10:00–13:00 – Specialised judging practice in Power & Special Technique events.

This mandatory course is essential for all AETF Umpire Candidates. Organisers must provide competitors for all disciplines to ensure practical experience. Location and dates will be announced seasonally.

AETF Umpire Points System


| Event | Umpire Points |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| National Championship | 30 pts |
| AETF Open Ranking | 100 pts |
| AETF European Cup | 200 pts |
| AETF European Championship | 300 pts |


Umpires might receive up to **extra 50 points** during the ranking tournanents given by the umpire committee for **outstanding participation**

Point Decay for umpires

- ☐ **After 1 year**
 - National Championship - 100%(0 points)
 - Open Tournament - 100% (0 points)
 - European Cup - 100% (0 points)
 - European Championship- 75%
- ☐ **After 2 year**
 - European Championship - 100% (0 points)

All umpires participating in Ranking Events are listed on the **AETF Active Umpire Platform**, which includes their photo, CV, and current ranking position. This system serves two critical purposes:

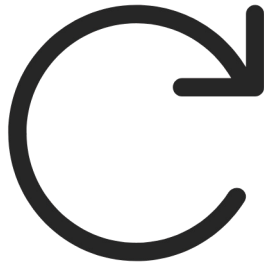
-  **Merit-Based Recognition**

Provides transparent acknowledgment of umpire experience and dedication
-  **Selection Priority**

Higher-ranked umpires receive priority consideration for major events

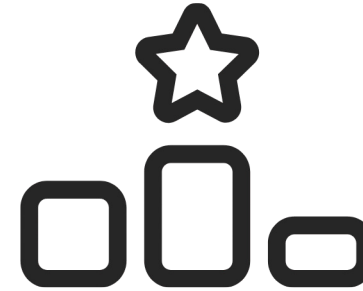


Umpire Participation at AETF Events



Open Ranking Tournaments

Umpires join these events at their own initiative and expense, gaining valuable ranking points and visibility within the European Taekwon-Do community.



European Championships

For these prestigious events, organizers must cover accommodation and meals for up to 70 selected umpires, typically in double/twin rooms.

Single room accommodations are available at the umpire's personal expense. The AETF directly covers umpire compensation for European Championships.



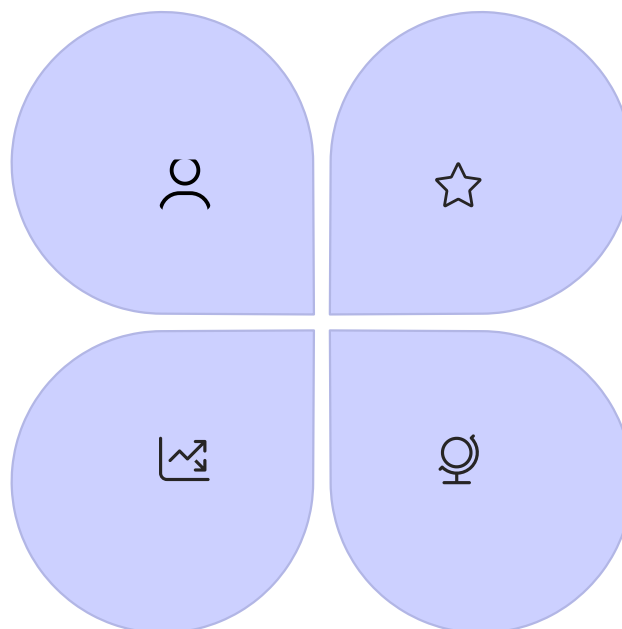
Benefits for National Federations

Clear Development Path

Establishes an accessible pathway for umpire development within your federation

Elite Umpire Development

Opportunity to recommend and nurture top-tier officiating talent



Enhanced Credibility

Improves the technical quality and credibility of national officiating

Continental Representation

Provides greater visibility for your federation at the European level

By participating in the AETF Active Umpire Program, national federations can significantly enhance their technical capacity while promoting greater engagement with continental events. This system creates a framework that benefits both individual umpires and the federation as a whole.

Action Steps & Timeline

1

Application Submission

Submit the Umpire Form, National Association approval letter, Curriculum Vitae, and passport-size photo by **October 31st, 2025.**

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Zoom Training Sessions

Participate in scheduled online sessions following candidate confirmation.

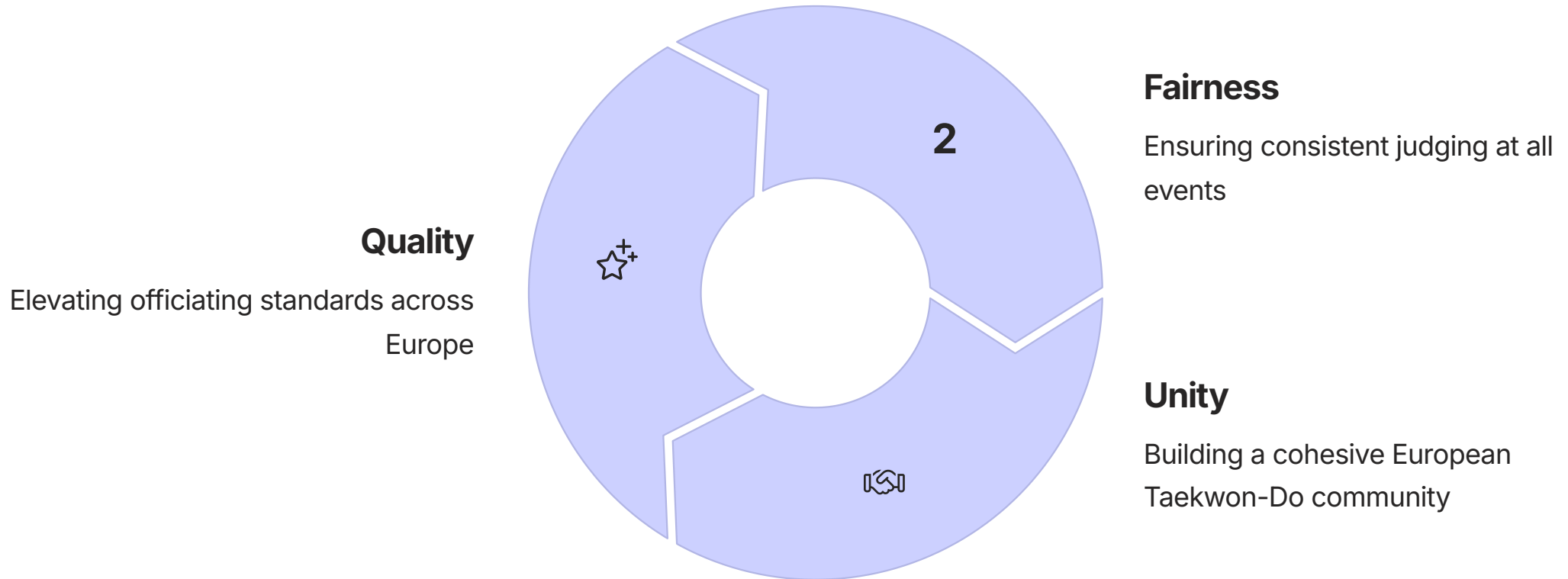
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EQUC Course Attendance

Complete the European Qualifying Umpire Course conducted prior to the AETF Euro Championships season.

Following these steps in sequence ensures a smooth qualification process. The AETF Umpire Committee will provide detailed guidance throughout each stage, supporting candidates as they progress through the system.

Closing & Contact



"By investing in qualified, recognized umpires, we elevate the quality, fairness, and unity of Taekwon-Do ITF across Europe."

Join the Official AETF Umpire Program

For questions or submissions:  info@itfeurope.org  www.itfeurope.org

Umpire Registry Visibility



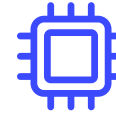
Online Profile

Each qualified umpire receives a professional profile on the AETF Umpire Registry, showcasing their credentials, experience, and current ranking.



Official Recognition

Qualified umpires receive formal recognition from the AETF, enhancing their standing within both national and international Taekwon-Do communities.



Technical Integration

The registry integrates with competition management systems, streamlining umpire selection and assignment processes for all official AETF events.

The AETF Umpire Registry provides unprecedented visibility for qualified officials, creating a transparent system that recognises dedication and expertise while facilitating efficient event management.

Modernisation & Technical Standards



Digital Integration

Modern scoring systems and digital platforms



Unified Standards

Consistent judging criteria across all events



Continuous Education

Ongoing training and professional development

The AETF Umpire System represents a significant step forward in the modernisation of European Taekwon-Do. By implementing standardised technical requirements and embracing digital solutions, we ensure that officiating keeps pace with the evolution of the sport.

This approach aligns perfectly with the AETF 2025-2029 vision, creating a framework for technical excellence that benefits competitors, spectators, and the broader Taekwon-Do community.

International Recognition & Opportunities

The AETF Active Umpire Program creates pathways to international recognition and opportunities. Qualified umpires gain access to prestigious events across Europe and potential selection for international championships.



This continental standardisation aligns with international Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF), ensuring that European umpires meet global standards. By participating in this system, umpires not only enhance their national standing but also open doors to international officiating opportunities.

AETF Ranking site

The AETF has been working hard to develop the Ranking System for athletes alongside the Active Umpire Program; both systems will be automatically updated when an officially sanctioned event is finished. Umpire activity profiles and event points are visible on the **ITF Europe Sportdata platform**

Athletes



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Umpires



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