

Subject: Official Launch of the AETF Active Umpire Program

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Dear AETF Members,

Following the recent online meeting with national federations, the All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation (AETF) is proud to announce the official launch of the **AETF Active Umpire Program**.

This important initiative is a key pillar of our AETF 2025–2029 modernisation strategy. It provides a clear, structured system to recognise and support qualified umpires across Europe and elevate the standard of officiating at all AETF-sanctioned events.

What is the AETF Active Umpire Program?

The program is designed to:

- **Recognise active umpires** through a transparent, points-based system
- **Support professional development** via online and in-person training
- **Standardise officiating** at AETF events with unified criteria and pathways
- **Strengthen visibility** and selection opportunities for top-performing umpires

Umpires who meet the criteria and remain active will be listed in the **official AETF Umpire Registry**, complete with ranking points, qualifications, and visibility across the AETF platform.

Umpire Points System

Points are awarded per event as follows:

- National Championships – 30 pts
- AETF Open Ranking Tournaments – 100 pts



- AETF European Cup – 200 pts
- AETF European Championships – 300 pts

Outstanding participation may be recognised with up to 50 bonus points per event from the AETF Umpire Committee.

View live umpire rankings:
[AETF Umpire Ranking Platform](#)



How to Qualify

To be included in the AETF Umpire Registry, candidates must:

- Hold a minimum of 2nd Degree Black Belt
- Submit a completed umpire application, CV, photo, and National Association approval
- Attend required **Zoom training** and the **European Qualifying Umpire Course (EQUC)**, dates to be announced soon.
- Officiate at a minimum of one AETF Open Ranking Tournament

Application Deadline: October 31st, 2025
Email: info@itfeurope.org

Attached:

You will find the full **AETF Active Umpire Program** document attached to this letter. It includes details on participation criteria, points allocation, training, and federation benefits.

This program not only recognises the vital role umpires play in our sport, but also ensures we maintain the highest level of fairness, transparency, and professionalism across European Taekwon-Do.



We invite all member federations to encourage eligible umpires to apply and become part of this new generation of recognised European officials.

Should you have any questions or require support, please contact us at info@itfeurope.org.

We thank you for your commitment to officiating excellence and look forward to building a strong and unified team of AETF umpires.

Kind regards,

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President

All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation