



**Officials and Rules Advisory Committee (ORAC)
Report**

December 15, 2010

1. Umpire and Referee Totals (as of Nov 30, 2010)
 - a. Umpires (active): Total 388.
 - 1) Club (CU) 310 (46 qualified in 2010)
 - 2) Regional (RU) 27 (2 qualified in 2010)
 - 3) National (NU) 8 (1 RU is sitting for the NU exam at the Nationals)
 - 4) International 43 (5 qualified in 2010)
 - b. Referees (active): Total 85.
 - 1) Certified (CR) 69 (1 umpire is sitting for the CR exam at the Nationals)
 - 2) National (NR) 9 (3 CRs are sitting for NR exam at the Nationals)
 - 3) International (IR) 7
2. Wendell Dillon has updated the USATT Rules Pamphlet and all umpire exams based on the 2010 rules changes. All umpires, including IUs who have not taken an umpire or referee exam in 2010 will need to pass an umpire recertification exam to remain active.
3. Racket Control
 - a. We are using local club members for racket control at the Nationals.
 - b. We will provide voluntary and mandatory racket control using the Enez device. The committee will look in the RAE device which is what the ITTF is currently using for Racket Control.
4. ORAC Travel Budget
 - a. Proposed 2010 budget –\$11,000. The budget provides full travel for ITTF Rules Committee member Azmy Ibrahim and partial travel for deputy referees and umpires to attend foreign tournaments.
 - b. In 2010 we saved approximately \$9,500 from tournament budgets by using 28 foreign officials: 2 deputy referees (CAN) and 26 umpires. We don't pay travel expenses for visiting officials.
5. I would like to commend Michael S Meier for serving as an umpire at the Youth Olympic Games.

Roman Tinyszyn, IU/NR
Chair, ORAC