

Bridge Federation of India

Technical and Development Committee recommendations on Accreditation of Directors

Bridge Federation of India is the sole body governing the game of Bridge in India. It is responsibility of the federation to ensure that the events organized in India under the auspices are conducted under the guidance, rules and regulations of the federation. BFI has to create a team of directors to conduct this game.

BFI has categorized the directors depending on the experience and knowledge and develops new directors from the root level. Considering the necessity and requirement of directors it is essential that federation need to have concrete policy in creating and also upgrading the directors.

Technical Development committee after studying the overall need and tournament environment in the country recommends as under:

BFI at present has following categories:

- 1. National Director**
- 2. Assistant National Director**
- 3. Regional Director**
- 4. Director**
- 5. Assistant Director**

Committee recommends the strength of Directors at National level events conducted by the federation in order to enhance quality of directors by providing them opportunity to work in these events:

1. Winter National Championships

Chief Tournament Director – shall be from the National Director	One	Mandatory
Joint CTD – shall be from the National Director	One	Optional
Assistant National Director	Maximum Two	Minimum One
Regional Directors	Maximum Four	Minimum Two
Director	Maximum Four	Minimum Two
Assistant Director	Maximum Four	Minimum Four

2. Summer National Championships

Chief Tournament Director – shall be from the National Director	One	Mandatory
Joint CTD – shall be from the National Director	One	Optional
Assistant National Director	Maximum Two	Minimum One
Regional Directors	Maximum Four	Minimum Two
Director	Maximum Four	Minimum Two
Assistant Director	Maximum Two	Minimum Two

3. Interstate National Championships / Junior National Championships

Chief Tournament Director – shall be from the National Director	One	Mandatory
Assistant National Director	Maximum Two	Minimum One
Regional Directors	Maximum One	Minimum One
Director/ Assistant Director	Maximum Two	Minimum One

4. National Master Championships

Chief Tournament Director – shall be from the National Director	One	Mandatory
Assistant National Director	Maximum One	Minimum One
Regional Directors	Maximum One	Minimum One
Director/Assistant Director	Maximum Two	Minimum One

Appointment of Directors and their up-gradation

1. Assistant Director

A. Appointment

The appointment of the assistant director is solely at the recommendation by the Hon. Secretary of the member State Association of which the nominated candidate belongs. Honorary Secretary of the member association shall ensure before recommending that the candidate has worked at state level event under BFI certified director and able to conduct the club level and district level events independently. The appointment will be subject to approval of the nomination by the executive committee of the federation. Hon Secretary BFI shall issue a letter of appointment after seeking the approval of the GC. There shall be admission fees of Rs.1000/- and the annual subscription shall be Rs.750 which is equivalent to one day honorarium. Once the appointment is made, it shall be responsibility of federation to include these directors in the national events to give them exposure.

B. Up-gradation of Assistant director to Director

Assistant tournament director can only upgraded to the next level i.e. Director. Assistant director can apply to Hon. General Secretary BFI for upgrading to the next level provided he satisfies the eligibility condition. Candidate has to pass through with satisfactory CPI at a written examination conducted by the federation during the Director Training Camp.

Eligibility: Candidate shall have the experience of working as Assistant director for at least four times in national events organized by the federation. He shall not exceed the Age of 50 years.

2. Director

A. Appointment

The appointment of the director is made by inviting applications from within the certified Assistant Directors of the federation. All interested candidates need to apply to Hon. General Secretary BFI on or stipulated date. All information will be made available at BFI website www.bfi.net.in.

The appointment will be subject to passing the written examination conducted during the Director training Camp organized by the federation.

Hon Secretary BFI shall issue a letter of appointment after seeking the approval of the GC. There shall be admission fees of Rs.1000/- and the annual subscription shall be Rs.2000 which is equivalent to Two day honorarium. Once the appointment is made, it shall be responsibility of federation to include these directors in the national events to give them exposure.

B. Up-gradation

Tournament director can only upgrade to the next level i.e. Regional Director. Director can apply to Hon. General Secretary BFI for upgrading to the next level provided he satisfies the eligibility condition. Candidate has to pass through with satisfactory CPI at a written examination conducted by the federation during the Director Training Camp.

Eligibility: Candidate shall have the experience of working as director for at least six times in national events organized by the federation. He shall not exceed the Age of 60 years.

He shall satisfy following conditions:

- An extensive knowledge of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge, WBF and BFI systems policy and the regulations of the BFI.
- Thorough understanding of all the laws, with particular reference to the more 'difficult' areas such as misinformation and misunderstanding, alerting regulations. The standard required will be higher than that for directors.
- Show the ability to organize a large pairs or teams movement; be able to run a barometer pairs movement and a round robin or Swiss teams movement; understanding of across the field scoring. Should be familiar with the general, systems and alerting regulations.
- Must be able to advise organizers on all tournament matters, such as tie breaking, promulgating of regulations, establishment of appeals committees, permitted systems, announcements before the event etc.
- Shall have a clear understanding of the roles of the Director and the Appeals Committee. Should have expertise in breaking of ties, scoring of fouled boards, arrow switched boards, unplayed boards, adjusted and split scores.
- Must have an understanding of the Master Point Scheme and know the requirements for reporting results for master point purposes. Must be aware that it is the Director's responsibility to ensure that the results are reported to the BFI Master Point Secretariat.

3. Regional Director

A. Appointment

The appointment of the regional director is made by inviting applications from within the certified Directors of the federation. All interested candidates need to apply to Hon. General Secretary BFI on or stipulated date. All information will be made available at BFI website www.bfi.net.in.

The appointment will be subject to passing the written examination conducted during the Director training Camp organized by the federation.

Hon Secretary BFI shall issue a letter of appointment after seeking the approval of the GC. There shall be admission fees of Rs.1000/- and the annual subscription shall be Rs.3000 which is equivalent to Two day honorarium. Once the appointment is made, it shall be responsibility of federation to include these directors in the national events to give them experience.

B. Up-gradation

Regional director can only upgrade to the next level i.e. Asst National Director or National Director. This up-gradation is by way of promotion by the Governing Council of BFI and entirely depends on the confidential reports submitted by the CTD and the tournament recorder of the federation.

Eligibility: Candidate shall have the experience of working as regional director for at least four years and Eight times in national events organized by the federation. He shall not exceed the Age of 60 years.

4. Asst National Director and National Director

A. Appointment

The appointment of the Asst National Director and National Director is by way of promotion by the governing Council of the federation. Executive committee of the federation will review the performance of various regional directors for promotions on the basis of confidential reports.

Hon Secretary BFI shall issue a letter of appointment after seeking the approval of the GC. There shall be admission fees of Rs.1000/- and the annual subscription shall be Rs.4000 which is equivalent to Two day honorarium. Once the appointment is made, it shall be responsibility of federation to include these directors in the national events to give them experience.

He shall be conversant with the methods of computer scoring and bridgemate software and should be able to handle the event single handedly with able guidance to subordinates. He shall not exceed the age limit of 70 years.
