WSF Seminar

Interpreting the Rules and Decision-Making in Elite-Level Matches

Outline of Syllabus:

The aim of the seminar is to introduce candidates for WSF and Regional Referee appointment to advanced materials relating to decision-making at the elite level.

Duration: 1 Day

The major topics of the seminar will be as follows:

1. Refereeing Elite Players
2. Decision-Making
3. Player Tactics
4. Dealing with Poor Conduct
5. Communicating with Players
6. Stress Management

1. Refereeing Elite Players

Topics will include:

A. PSA/WISPA Rules: How they differ from WSF Rules
B. PSA/WISPA Conventions: What Referees need to know

2. Decision-Making at the Elite Level

Topics will include:

A. Swing Interference: Achieving consistency in applying the Rule
   - Prevented swing
   - Affected swing
   - Reasonable fear of hitting the opponent
   - Playing the ball and attempting to trap the opponent in the swing

B. Blocking: What to look for and what to do about it
   - Making every effort to provide direct access

C. Minimal Interference: applying a consistent standard
   - Making every effort to get to and play the ball
   - Winning shots

Video-clips of interference situations will be studied and discussed
3. PLAYER TACTICS AT THE ELITE LEVEL

Topics will include:

A. Understanding the movement of players
B. Creating interference
   - Taking an indirect path to the ball

Video clips of on-court situations will be studied and discussed

4. DEALING WITH POOR CONDUCT

Topics will include:

A. Defusing situations: what to say
B. Conduct Rule 17
C. Conduct on Court: applying the WSF Guidelines
D. WSF/PSA/WISPA reporting procedures
E. Dealing with conflict
F. Dealing with abuse

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5. COMMUNICATING WITH PLAYERS

Topics will include:

A. Communicating effectively
B. Barriers to effective communication
C. Communicating decisions with confidence
D. Listening and responding

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6. STRESS MANAGEMENT

Topics will include:

A. Understanding the players
B. Breathing and other techniques
C. Focusing on the task

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