



2026 DIBF World Referee 3x3 and 5x5 Clinics Information Package

7–12 April 2026

Washington, DC, United States of America

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Dear Elite Deaf Basketball Referees,

On behalf of the Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF), in collaboration with FIBA, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the **2026 DIBF World Referee Clinics**, to be held in **Washington, DC, USA, from 7–12 April 2026**.

The clinics will take place at **Gallaudet University**, an internationally recognized institution with outstanding facilities ideally suited for advanced training and evaluation of experienced, elite World Deaf referees.

Participants may register for one of the following clinic options:

- **3x3 Basketball**
- **5x5 Basketball**
- **Combined 3x3 & 5x5 Basketball**

All clinics will be delivered by qualified **DIBF and FIBA instructors**, ensuring instruction that meets the highest international officiating standards.

At the conclusion of the clinics, a select number of participants will be appointed based on training results, assessments, and performance evaluations. Successful referees will be awarded the **DIBF International Referee License**, qualifying them to officiate at official international deaf basketball competitions, including **Regional and World Deaf Basketball Championships, the Deaflympics, and DIBF 3x3 World Cups**. Participants will also gain valuable experience working alongside active FIBA International Referees.

Current **DIBF International Deaf Referees** will undergo license renewal and reassessment to maintain consistency and excellence in international officiating.

Please review the attached information for program details, registration instructions, and contact information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, DC, in April 2026.

Kind regards,

James DeStefano
Secretary General
Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF)



Eligibility of Elite Deaf Referees:

The World Deaf Referee Clinic is designed for highly experienced, knowledgeable, and physically fit referees. Participants must already demonstrate the ability to manage high-pressure games—such as grand finals—with smooth, professional control. Referees are expected to maintain impartiality, punctuality, and professionalism at all times.

To be evaluated by senior DIBF and FIBA instructors for the DIBF International Deaf Referee License, candidates must show:

- Several years of officiating experience at the high school level or higher, whether at local, regional, national, or professional levels.
- Experience using FIBA rules, including 3-person mechanics.
- Current status as an active referee holding a license, certificate, or permit from their referee association.

The DIBF recognizes that ranking systems differ by country; however, referees with upper-level grades (A or B level or equivalent) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Transportation – Airport:

DIBF will provide transportation to and from the following airports:

- Reagan National Airport (DCA)
- Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI)
- Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Participants must complete the DIBF Flight Information Form to arrange pickup and drop-off. All participants are responsible for booking their own flights and securing any required travel visas. We encourage referees to request financial assistance from their national deaf sports federation, referee organization, or government to support their participation in the Clinic.



Accommodation and Meals:

All participants will stay at the Gallaudet Kellogg Conference Hotel on the Gallaudet University campus.



Meals provided include:

- Breakfast buffet
- Lunch buffet
- Dinner buffet



Checklist:

Participants should bring:

Whistle	Black Pants	Black referee shoes
Black socks	Referee shirts	Local referee license



Language, Communication, and Interpreters:

The clinic will provide interpreters for International Sign Language to translate spoken lectures. Deaf instructors will communicate directly using International Sign. All documentation and materials will be provided in English.

Registration:

DIBF has allocated funds to significantly reduce the registration fee for all Deaf referees. Participants may select one of the following plans:

Plan A: 3x3 Referee Clinic

Dates: 7–9 April 2026

Fee: USD 300

Plan B: 5x5 Referee Clinic

Dates: 9–12 April 2026

Fee: USD 350

Plan C: Combined 3x3 and 5x5 Referee Clinics

Dates: 7–12 April 2026

Fee: USD 550

The Registration Fee Includes:

- DIBF Referee clinic
- Tuition
- Lodging
- Full board
- Facility access
- Airport–hotel transportation

Payment may be made to the Deaf International Basketball Federation by international wire transfer. Full payment details are provided in the registration form.



Payment:

- **Wire Transfer (look below)**

DIBF Bank Information:	
Bank Leumi LLB No. 835 52 Hadekel Street Tel Mond 40600 ISRAEL	Account number: 19065/44 Swift address: LUMIL LIT IBAN: IL260108350000001906564 Deaf International Basketball Federation in trust of Yaakov Keren

Registration Deadline:

All participants must submit full payment, along with a completed registration form, no later than 1 February 2026.