

# REFEREE TRAINING IN GERMANY OCTOBER, 12 TH AND 13<sup>TH</sup> 2024



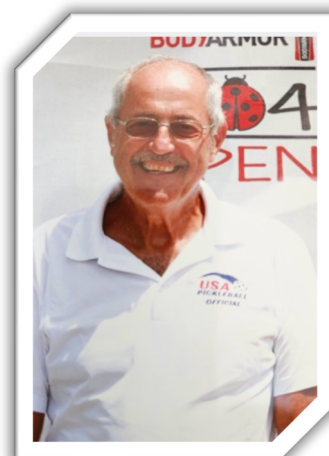
In cooperation with USAP Certified Referee Trainers



*We are proud to announce our second referee course in Ettlingen, Germany.*

*This program results from a joint venture between EPF (European Pickleball Federation) and USAP (USA Pickleball) Registered Referee Trainers. Therefore, this year, participants will have the opportunity to reach an EPF Level 1 Referee credential (equivalent to USAP Level 1 Referee credential). This course is likewise sanctioned by the DPV (Deutscher Pickleball Verband) and sponsored by Joola and Gamma.*

*This event is open to all European pickleball fans who are eager to take the challenge on becoming the most competent pickleball referees. We are so thrilled to kick off this initiative in Germany, with GAIL SCAVONGELLI herself and her husband, ED JOHNSON.*



## WHO ARE GAIL AND ED?

**Gail Scavongelli** is responsible for USA Pickleball's referee training program. She is one of 8 USA Pickleball Certified Referee Evaluators. She is one of the 3 members of USAP's National Officiating Committee.

Gail is USAP's Leader of Officiating for the Eastern Section of the United States. In this role, Gail is responsible for the training, development, and mentoring of Level 1, Level 2, and Certified Referees in the 5 regions associated with the Eastern Section of the US.

Gail has served as the Head Referee and Referee Coordinator for the US OPEN since 2017. She has refereed thousands of amateur and pro matches across the US.

**Ed Johnson** is a USA Pickleball referee trainer and USA Pickleball referee. He has been a referee since 2016.

## HOW DOES THE COURSE RUN?

### Part I – Online Course:

- o Several videos will be provided and three **online classes** from Gail/Ed are scheduled for the **2nd, 9th and 16th of July**. The classes are not mandatory. However, the assigned homework tasks must be delivered until 1 week later.
- o Participants must pass with 90% success at **4 online tests**: Player Test, Referee Test, Line Judge Test and Officiating Procedures Test. The tests can be repeated many times. The deadline for sending those results is the 15th of September!
- o Participants must also send a current **visual acuity examination**.

Once the results from the 4 online tests, the eye test and second payment are received by the organization before the deadline, the participant will be accepted to attend Part II of the course, in Ettlingen, Germany.

### Part II – On-site Course:

- o One group of a maximum of 12 participants will start at 9am on Saturday, the 12th of October. Another group of a maximum of 12 participants will start at

9am on Sunday, the 13th of October. Check-in will be at 8.30am. Both days end in the late afternoon.

o On each day, a short introductory class will be delivered, in which main officiating rules, referee duties, and other topics will be addressed. This will be followed by practice on-court, where participants will take turns in refereeing games. Gail and Ed will evaluate your competencies as a referee (<https://usapickleball.org/officiating/Tiered-Referee-Rating-Form-rev-3-1.pdf>). If successful, you are then awarded an EPF Level 1 Referee credential (equivalent to USAP Level 1 Referee credential).

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

### Part I – Online Course:

- o English fluency is mandatory!
- o The participants must access USAP's website, download this [Rulebook](#) and learn it thoroughly.
- o In order to access most officiating material such as the Referee Handbook and Casebook for example, you must **become a USAP member** (35\$ per year). You will find everything [here](#).
- o The tests can be repeated many times. Make sure you **pass 90% on each of these 4 tests** and **send the results** to [pick.no.mercy@gmail.com](mailto:pick.no.mercy@gmail.com) **before the deadline**, the 15th of September!
- o We will create a WhatsApp group and communicate through there. **You may attend the online classes** in preparation for the above-mentioned 4 online tests. Even if you do not attend, you must nevertheless **complete the homework tasks** and hand them in **until a week later** to [pick.no.mercy@gmail.com](mailto:pick.no.mercy@gmail.com).
- o Have your eyes examined by a local optometrist/doctor and email this [visual acuity examination](#) to [pick.no.mercy@gmail.com](mailto:pick.no.mercy@gmail.com).
- o Pay the additional 150€ to be able to attend Part II of the Course.

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## **Part II – On-site Course:**

Practice your refereeing before coming to Ettlingen. Bring your paddle and sport clothes to the venue. Notebooks, pens and specific referee equipment will be provided. The course starts at 9am and will take the whole day.

### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

Besides the 35\$ for your USAP membership (which you pay online to USAP), the cost for Part I of the Course is 50€. If successful, participants must pay additional 150€ for Part II of the Course.

### **WHERE IS THE VENUE?**

The event will take place at the **Albgauhalle in Middelkerkerstrasse 1-5, in Ettlingen, Germany**. This venue includes a classroom and several pickleball courts, as well as showers and toilets. The venue is a 10-minute walk from the city center.

Coffee break will be provided by the organization, but lunch and other meals will be at the expense of the participant.

### **HOW DO I GET TO ETTLINGEN?**

- o Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden Airport (FKB) is only 30 min by car to Ettlingen. Several low-cost agencies operate in this airport.
- o Frankfurt and Stuttgart Airports are 1 hour away by train/car. If you choose the train, use this link <https://www.bahn.de> and choose Karlsruhe main station (Karlsruhe Hbf). This train station is a 15-min drive to the venue. Either take a taxi or we try to pick you up.

## WHERE CAN I STAY IN ETTLINGEN?

We recommend two hotels:

- o Hotel Erbprinz – 10-min walk to venue, 5-star
- o Ibis Styles Karlsruhe Ettlingen – 15-min walk to venue, 3-star

## WHAT DO I GET?

Participants who successfully complete the full Referee Course (Part I AND II) will be awarded an EPF Trained Referee Level 1 credential (equivalent to an USAP Trained Referee Level 1 credential).

You will need hours and hours of referee practice to reach a Level 2 and later become a Certified Referee.

## IS THERE A FUN PART?

Sure! You may join our **Open Play on Friday, the 11th of October**, from 7 to 10pm, at Goethestrasse 8, in Ettlingen. It is free of charge. Also...

If you attend the Referee Course on Saturday, you may join our **Pickleball Party on Sunday afternoon** at the Albgauhalle. If you attend the Referee Course on Sunday, you may join our **Pickleball Party on Saturday afternoon** at the Albgauhalle. The Party is sponsored by Joola and you won't regret it! Cost is only 15€. Here is the [registration form](#) with more information.

Besides Pickleball, Ettlingen and the nearby Black Forest are beautiful places to visit, but if you are looking for some excitement, you may also join the Oktoberfest in Frankfurt and Stuttgart, for example.

## ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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