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TOPIC: The Referee

Attitude, support and respect

FINDINGS:

Referee is a very delicate role that individuals, usually previously-active sportsmen undertake. We are all familiar with the ungrateful treatment they get in every game, if the opponents are winning – it's nearly always the referee's fault.

As the systems are different in our partner countries, the attitudes are not.

In **Slovenia**, referees are part of the national referee association and are protected by it. They must renew their licence yearly and there is no age limitations as to who can be a referee.

In **Croatia**, the situation is mostly the same like in Slovenia, and there are referees available for the many leagues and games played across the country.

In **Italy**, there is one specific, that a referee can only reach that status by the age of 26. It is an age limit where many of the professional athletes, who could make good referees and continue their career in sport in another form, are still training actively and are perhaps not thinking about the future. In addition to the fact that no one wants to be on that side where he is being targeted by a crowd and disrespected. So they are facing a lack of good and quality referees to make most of all the competition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The referee should be treated respectfully and in good faith, as it is a difficult position and nobody is infallible. This culture should be supported from the parents to the children, and we should make an effort to vent frustrations in other ways.
- Becoming a referee is a good way of continuing career in sport as support staff, especially for the active and experienced former athletes.
- Referee systems and conditions should be unified throughout the EU, so their rights are better protected and the culture level is upheld properly.
- In Italy, we suggest that young athletes uptake training as referees from early on and uptake weekly practice in matches of younger athletes, in order to be able to develop respect for this difficult position and so the culture of respecting the referee can be upheld.

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