



**TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
LINE JUDGE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**1. Nominations:**

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Line Judge (Accredited or Certificated) will be sent from the Badminton Oceania Office to Oceania countries on 01 September each year. Nominations for assessment **must** be forwarded by the National Technical Officials Committee (TOC) of the country of residence of the candidate to Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee (BOTOC) by 30 September.

Line Judges will not be considered for assessment, if the BOTOC consider that the candidate does not have enough experience or ability to go to the following level.

**2. Qualifications required:**

To be accepted for assessment as an Oceania Line Judge, the following criteria will apply:

- Accredited Line Judge – candidate must be a Certificated level National or Pacific Umpire and have held that qualification for a minimum of one year. All nominees must have met their National/Pacific TOC criteria for that Level in the previous 12 months. Understand and speak English fluently.
- Certificated Line Judge – candidate must be an Accredited level Oceania Line Judge and have held that qualification for a minimum of one year. All nominees must have met both their National/Pacific TOC and the Oceania criteria for that level in the previous 12 months. Understand and speak English fluently.

**3. Assessors:**

Assessments for Oceania level Umpires may be carried out by any current and ex BWF Line Judges or other suitably qualified person appointed by Badminton Oceania. BOTOC will appoint assessors once nominations for assessment are received and a place for assessment has been approved.

**4. Assessment:**

This will take place at an event as nominated by the BOTOC and will consist of the following:

**Oceania Accredited Level**

- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 10 matches at an International (Junior or Senior) level, of which 8 are to Doubles.

**Oceania Certificated Level**

- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 10 matches at an International (Junior or Senior) level, of which 8 are to Doubles.

**4.1 Practical Assessment:**

Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment using the BOTOC Assessment sheet and must achieve satisfactory grade to pass.

Entire practical assessment process shall be completed in one selected tournament.

**4.2 Final Approval:**

Following assessment of both Theory and Practical levels, Assessors will forward the results to Badminton Oceania with a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. The Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee will ratify these results and subsequently notify the candidate's country as to whether they have been successful or otherwise.

5. **Grading:**  
Upon satisfactorily completing the assessment procedures, candidates will be accorded either 'Accredited Oceania Line Judge' or 'Certificated Oceania Line Judge' status and be awarded a Certificate from Badminton Oceania in recognition of their achievement.
6. **Age Limit:**  
There will be no age limit imposed on those eligible for assessment, but preference will be given to those who meet BWF age criteria.
7. **Maintenance of Status:**  
Each Line Judge who attains an Oceania level status must remain active and meet the criteria below:
- Oceania Accredited Line Judge**
- Line Judges must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
  - In addition to this, Oceania Accredited Line Judges are expected to attend at least 5 events within a 2 year period, one of which must be an International event within Oceania and officiate on a minimum of 50 matches within that time frame.
- Oceania Certificatd Line Judge**
- Line Judges must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
  - In addition to this, Oceania Certificated Line Judges are expected to attend at least 5 events within a 2 year period, one of which must be an International event within Oceania and officiate on a minimum of 50 matches within that time frame.
- Both Accredited and Certificated Line Judges **must** remain at that level for a **minimum** of one year before they can be considered for upgrading
8. All Oceania Line Judges are to return through their national COC a record of work each year. If they fail to meet the criteria for maintenance of status as in 7 above they will be advised in writing by BOTO that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation. Failure to rectify will result in the Umpire being downgraded to National level and they will be required to go through the assessment process to regain accredited level.