



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE LINE JUDGE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. **Nominations:**

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Line Judge will be sent from the Badminton Oceania Office to Member Associations 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 (BOTO) by 30 September.

Line Judges will not be considered for assessment, if the BOTO 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:

- Candidate must have completed and passed a National / Pacific Umpires course
- All nominees must have a National/Pacific Line Judge qualification and have been active in the previous 12 months.
- Understand and speak English fluently.
- Candidate must have at least two years' experience as a Line Judge at a National/Pacific level which must include at least one International event.

3. **Assessors:**

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

4. **Assessment:**

This will take place at an event as nominated by the BOTO and will be assessed over minimum of 10 matches at an International (Junior or Senior) level, of which 8 are to be doubles matches.

4.1 **Practical Assessment:**

Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment according to the BOTO 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, Assessors will forward the results to Badminton Oceania with a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. BOTO will in exercise of its ratification power consider such recommendation and ratify, or not ratify as the case may be, such recommendation 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 Oceania level 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, however 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:

 - Line Judges must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
 - In addition to this, Oceania Line Judges are expected to attend at least 5 tournaments within a 2-year period, one of which must be an International tournament within Oceania and officiate in a minimum of 50 matches within that time frame.
- 8.** All Oceania Line Judges are to return 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 BOTOE that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation. Failure to rectify will result in the Line Judge being downgraded to National or Pacific level and they will be required to go through the assessment process to regain Oceania level.
- 9.** Those Line Judges that wish to become a BWF Level Line Judge must meet the criteria set by the Badminton World Federation at time of application and in addition to this all applicants must be an Oceania qualified Line Judge.