



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE UMPIRE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. **Nominations:**

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Umpire (Accredited or Certificated) 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 by 30 September. Assessments will be considered by the Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee (BOTO) Assessment panel and recommendations forwarded to BOTO for ratification and notification to the MA's. Nominations for assessment may also be made by Badminton Oceania for Officials who have progressed through the Pacific program.

Where an Umpire has been part of a mentor program, a recommendation from their mentor should be included in the nomination process.

Umpires will not be considered for assessment, if BOTO considers 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 Umpire, the following criteria will apply:

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

3. **Assessors:**

BOTO in conjunction with the BOC Assessment Panel will appoint assessors once nominations for assessment are received and tournaments for assessment has been approved.

4. **Assessment:**

Where possible and practical, this assessment should be held outside of the home country of the candidate. However, the level of the tournament will be the final determining factor. The assessment will consist of the following:

Oceania Accredited Level

- Each candidate will sit a written examination on the Laws of Badminton and must achieve a pass mark of 80%. The exam will be in English.

- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 6 matches of which 3 are to be as an Umpire and 3 are to be as a Service Judge. 50% of these matches must be Doubles.
- Assessment is to take place at a Continental Championship or International tournament where there is Live Score being utilised.

Oceania Certificated Level

- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 8 matches of which 5 are to be as an Umpire and 3 are to be as a Service Judge. 50% of these matches must be Doubles.
- Where possible, the assessment is to include use of IRS.
- Assessment is to take place at the highest-level International tournament available in NZ or Australia (currently NZ Open or Australian Open).

Assessment process should be completed in one selected tournament.

4.1 Practical Assessment:

- a) Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment according to the BOTO Assessment sheet and must achieve satisfactory grade to pass.
- b) Each candidate will undergo assessment as per the BOTO Assessment policy and criteria.

4.2 Final Approval:

Following assessment of both the theory and practical level (Oceania Accredited level) and practical level (Oceania Certificated candidates), 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 either 'Oceania Accredited Umpire' or 'Oceania Certificated Umpire' 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 Umpire who attains an Oceania level status must remain active and meet the criteria below:

Oceania Accredited Umpire

- Minimum 6 events
- Minimum 80 matches
- Minimum 1 National Championships
- Where possible – 1 higher level tournament – Grade 3 or above, International Challenge, International Series, Future Series or Continental Championship

Oceania Certificated Umpire

- Minimum 6 events
- Minimum 80 matches
- Minimum 1 National Championship

- Where possible – 1 higher level tournament, Grade 3 or above, International Challenge, International Series, Future Series or Continental Championship
 - One event outside your own country
 - It is recommended that Officials who wish to further their officiating to a BWF level must attend tournaments outside of Oceania during their tenure as a Certificated Umpire. Umpires should contact BOTOC for assistance with overseas appointments.
- 8** Accredited and Certificated Umpires **must** remain at that level for a **minimum** of two years before they can be considered for upgrading.
- 9.** All Oceania Umpires 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 BOTOC that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation.
- Failure to rectify will result in the Umpire being downgraded. Certificated level Officials will be downgraded to Accredited level and Accredited level Officials will be downgraded to National / Pacific level. Officials who wish to regain the level they have been downgraded from will be required to go through the assessment process to regain that level.
- 10.** Should an Official not pass assessment, there should be a minimum of one full year before re-assessment is considered. This may be extended at the discretion of the BOTOC Assessment Panel.
- 11.** BOTOC will allow a maximum of two attempts at any one level (except in exceptional circumstances – at the discretion of the BOTOC Assessment panel).
- 12.** There is no minimum age criteria but careful consideration is to be given to age when recommending assessment for Certification
- 13.** A maximum of 6 candidates to be assessed at any one event. A minimum of two dedicated assessors plus up to two other assessors are required if 5 or 6 candidates are being assessed. A minimum of one dedicated assessor and up to two other assessors are required if 4 or less candidates are being assessed. Number of Assessors will be subject to budget approval.