

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING
held in Sydney Olympic Park
08:00am – Thursday 14th June 2024

Present: Julie Carrel (JC), Peter Cocker (PC), David Turner (DT), Lynne Nixey (LN)

Apologies: Trish Gubb, JP Berges (connection issues from meeting)

Meeting commenced at 08:00am

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of meeting held 31st October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held 31st October 2023 had been distributed and were approved.

Moved by Consensus

Matters arising from the minutes:

- *Oceania Umpire Assessment Document*

David Turner is to finalise this with his committee and then forward all information to the office for them to complete the graphics etc on the document.

Discussion was held on Appraisal process. It was agreed that once appraisals have been formally received by the office from Assessors, these would then be forwarded to the individual appraised and cc in their MA TOC

A list of who has been appraised is to be held by the BOC office and sent to the Assessment Panel.

- *Online Umpire Workshop*

Online workshop undertaken in November 2023.

Our BWF plans state that there will be an online workshop every quarter. Consensus was that this is a bit ambitious. Online workshops should only be undertaken if there is a need and that it will be worthwhile.

David Turner to plan another workshop for August. Points to cover – ‘blocking’, Umpire/Service judge teamwork and Delay.

An online workshop could also be considered for Referees and Line Judges. Recommend two Umpire workshops and one Line Judge workshop for 2024.

- *Age restrictions for specific tournaments*

It was agreed that due to some countries in the Oceania region having a discrimination policy regarding age, that Oceania would not have a blanket age policy for Technical Officials. 10 years above the BWF age restriction is used as a guideline however we also have the ability to consider on a case-by-case basis. It is BOC’s preference to appoint younger/development umpires to tournaments where possible

Julie Carrel is to check with Badminton Asia to see if they have age restrictions for World Tour tournaments so we can ensure that any invites for tournaments in Asia are targeted at officials



who can attend.

- *Code of Conduct*
This has been distributed to all Technical Officials. Lynne to follow up with anyone who has not completed this.
- *TO Subsidy* – policy was completed and ratified by the Executive Board. Noted that this year in addition to normal tournament subsidies, we have 6 Line Judges going to Olympic & Paralympic Games in Paris which will stretch our budget.
- *Clothing Policy*
An updated policy has been developed and agreed by the committee. The policy to be sent to the Executive Board for ratification.
The office is to arrange purchase of Assessors uniforms.
- *BOTOC Composition* – to be further discussed under Agenda Item 5
- *Pacific Training*
The Junior Umpire Award is part of the responsibility of BOC Development Officer – Dhanny Oud.
14 Junior Umpires passed their Accredited Junior Umpire level in Cook Islands in May

Umpire Training is being undertaken in Tahiti by Taurea Mara and Nicolas Mouret as they have the 2027 Pacific Games. It is anticipated that most umpires for that event will be local.

Currently no-one in the Pacific is on a Referee pathway. Stephanie Ho was unable to travel to the ABO due to the unrest in NCL, Julie Carrel will follow up with her to see if she will attend Bendigo/Sydney as per her appointments.

Julie is to discuss with Richard Wong the possibility of him undertaking the role of Technical Officials development for the Pacific.

Lynne to follow up with BATOC / NZTOC re the Junior Umpire Award. Do they want the Oceania programme or are they happy to continue with their own program? If they wish to undertake the Oceania program, a policy will have to be agreed with regards to provision of badges.

JP Berges noted that Wallis & Futuna had approached him regarding running an Umpire Course. To check what is being delivered and if this is the France system.

TOC Meeting

Peter Cocker provided a brief summary of the TOC Meeting in China.

No minutes have been received from the meeting yet – these will be distributed once received.

Effective 31 December, the TOC as it is currently will be disbanded. All Technical Officials requirements will be handled by the BWF Office and if necessary, they will consult with the CC's.

A budget of \$25,000 (total) has been recommended by the TOC to the BWF Council for development of female Technical Officials.

There will be upcoming changes to the Assessment Panels as personnel reach the end of their terms.

BWF are looking to have some fully professional Umpires and Referees by 2027.



Course intake for new BWF Referees will be held in February 2025. At this stage BOC has two potential candidates:– Eugene Glazman (AUS) and Stephanie Ho (NCL).

Thanks was passed on to Peter Cocker for his contribution as the BOC representative on the TOC since its inception.

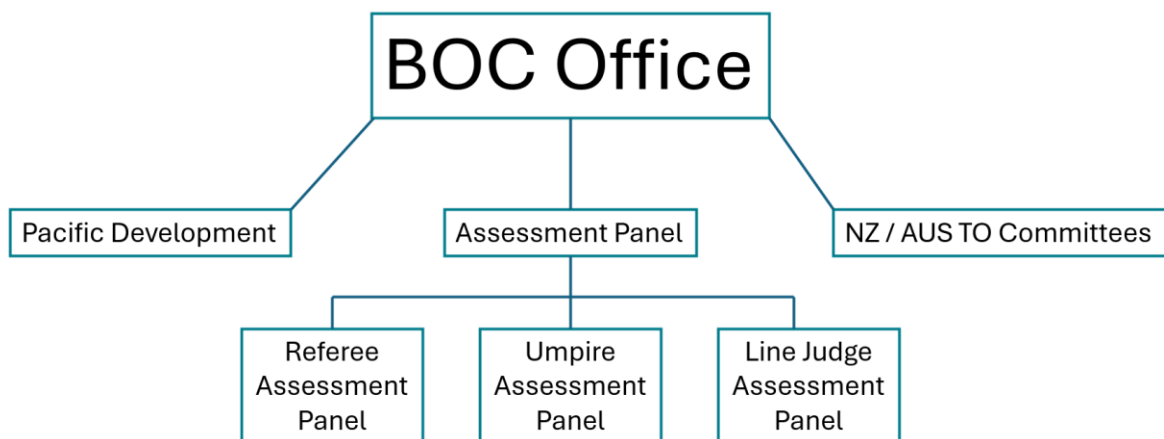
BOTOC – Current format or new BWF Structure

Consideration was given to three options for BOTOC:

- 1: Continue with current structure
- 2: Current model but with NZ and AUS TOC chairs to be co-opted onto the committee
- 3: Follow BWF structure

It was acknowledged that most of the work done for TO's is led by the BOC Office. Agreement was made that whatever format we follow, there will still be a requirement for Assessment panels. There is a requirement for a dedicated person to undertake the role of leading development of Technical Officials in the Pacific region.

After discussion, it was recommended by BOTOC that the current structure is disbanded and the structure to be more aligned with the BWF structure. Suggested structure below:



Within this structure, the following roles would be appointed:

Assessment Panel Lead:	Peter Cocker	To oversee the work of all Assessment Panels
Referee Assessment Panel Lead:	Peter Cocker	To oversee Referee Assessors
Umpire Assessment Panel:	David Turner	To oversee Umpire Assessors
Line Judge Assessment Panel:	Richard Wong	To oversee Line Judge Assessors
Pacific Development:	Richard Wong	To oversee development of Pacific TO's

NZ and AUS TO Committees would continue to be consulted by the office regarding their respective countries.

The above personnel are to be confirmed after approval of the new structure by the Executive Board.

Julie to present the above structure to the Executive Board meeting on 18th July for approval.



General Business

AUS/NZ Development program

Umpire program currently has 5 from AUS and 3 from NZ. Discussion was held on whether to appoint a Pacific person to this program. It was agreed that if someone who meets the criteria becomes apparent then consideration would be given to them.

Once officials on the Development program reach Oceania level, there is scope for an Oceania/BWF Development program within the Oceania level. People on this program would receive priority appointments / funding in a similar way to the current development program.

Referee Development:

Currently:	NZ	Michelle Njoman
	AUS	Eugene Glazman

Potential to add to this program with nominations from NZL and AUS

Oceania Championships (including the Juniors) are the ideal event for developing Umpires and Referees on the BOC Development programs.

Assessment Panel

Richard Bramley to be asked to run a workshop for Umpires in conjunction with the assessments being undertaken at the North Harbour International.

BOC Office to check how many Umpires are attending who require appraisals.

If necessary, we could consider Jiten Bhatt to undertake appraisals at the Sydney International.

It was agreed that, where possible, Umpire workshops should be run in conjunction with Oceania Championships and Grade 3 Internationals in the region.

Christy Villaflor was identified as a Pacific Accredited Umpire that should be marked for assessment as a Pacific Certificated Umpire. BOC office to consider where this would take place and follow up.

Meeting finished: 10:06am



Action Item	Who to Action	By
Badminton Asia age restriction for tournaments	Julie Carrel	31 st July
Check Code of Conducts signed by all TO's	Lynne Nixey	31 st July
Assessment Document – David Turner to send framework to Lynne Nixey	David Turner	31 st July
Assessment Document – Lynne Nixey to format document and sent to Umpire assessment panel for discussion	Lynne Nixey	15 th August
List of Appraisals to be undertaken and sent to David Turner	Lynne Nixey	31 st July
Clothing Policy – Send to EB for approval	BOC Office	18 th July
Follow up with Stephanie Ho regarding future availability	Julie Carrel	30 th June
To check with JP Berges re WLF Umpire Course	BOC Office	30 th June
Junior Umpire Award – follow up with NZ / AUS	BOC Office	31 st July
BOTOC Structure – send to EB for approval	BOC Office	18 th July
Umpire Online Workshop – Assessment Panel	David Turner / BOC Office	August
Pacific Certification for Christy Villaflor	BOC Office	1 st July