



BADMINTON OCEANIA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PANEL REFEREE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. Nominations:

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Referee (Accredited) will be sent from the Badminton Oceania Confederation Office (BOC) 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 BOC by 30 September. Assessments will be considered by the Badminton Oceania Training and Assessment Panel (TAP) and recommendations forwarded to BOC for notification to the TOCs. Nominations for assessment may also be made by Badminton Oceania for Officials who have progressed through the Pacific program.

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

Referees will not be considered for assessment, if the TAP 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 Referee, the following criteria will apply:

- Accredited Referee
 - Candidate must be a Certificated level National or Pacific Referee and have held that qualification for a recommended minimum of two years (BOC in consultation with the assessment panel reserve the right to alter this to suit tournament dates and performance).
 - All nominees must have met their National/Pacific TOC criteria for that Level in the previous 12 months.
 - Understand and speak English fluently.
 - Referees for assessment must have been involved with tournaments as a Referee/Deputy Referee at an International level prior to being considered for assessment.
- Certificated Referee
 - BOC will invite Oceania Accredited Level Referees for Certification on the recommendation of TAP
 - Candidate must be an accredited level Oceania Referee and have held that qualification for a recommended minimum of two years (BOC in consultation with the assessment panel reserve the right to alter this to suit tournament dates and performance).
 - 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 Referees may be carried out by any current and ex BWF Referees or other suitably qualified person appointed by TAP. TAP 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 TAP. Where possible and practical, this assessment should be held outside of the home country of the assessee. However, the level of the event will be the final determining factor. The assessment will consist of the following:

Oceania Accredited Level

- Practical Assessment – Participate in a one-on-one mentor programme with a BWF or Oceania Certificated level Referee. Appointment to an event as Referee will be made to assess practical work.

Oceania Certificated Level

- Practical Assessment – Participate in a one-on-one mentor programme with a BWF or Oceania Certificated level Referee. Appointment to an event as Referee (ideally out of home country) will be made to assess practical work

4.1 Practical Assessment:

- a) Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment using the TAP Assessment sheet and must achieve satisfactory grade to pass.
- b) Generally, assessment will be made while working at an event, however the practical assessment will also cover all parts of pre-event and post-event work including reporting.
- c) Assessments for Certificated level will cover both team and individual events and may have to be carried out over two different events to ensure this occurs.

4.2 Final Approval:

Following assessment of both the theory and practical level, Assessors will make a recommendation to the Chair of the Referee Panel as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. The Referee Panel to ratify, or not ratify, this recommendation. The Chair of the Referee Panel to advise the Chair of TAP of the decision. The Chair of TAP to send the final recommendation to the BOC Secretary General for approval. BOC will then notify the candidates and their TOC as to whether they have been successful or otherwise.

5. Grading:

Upon satisfactorily completing the assessment procedures, candidates will be accorded either 'Accredited Oceania Referee' or 'Certificated Oceania Referee' status and be awarded a Certificate from Badminton Oceania in recognition of their achievement.

7. 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.

8. Maintenance of Status:

Each Referee who attains an Oceania level status must remain active and meet the criteria below:

Oceania Accredited Referee

- Referees must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
- In addition to this, Oceania Accredited Referees are expected to attend at least one International event within Oceania within a two year period.

Oceania Certificate Referee

- Referees must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
- In addition to this, Oceania Accredited Referees are expected to attend at least one International event within Oceania within a two year period.

Both Accredited and Certificated Referees **must** remain at that level for a **minimum** of two years before they can be considered for upgrading

9. Notes:

TAP is satisfied that the 'testing' procedures (both written and practical) within Australia and New Zealand will produce similar results. Therefore, it will not be a requirement that there be representation from both countries on the assessment panel. However, should there be qualified assessors from Australia and New Zealand in attendance at a particular tournament, then the panel should include representatives from both countries. This means qualified Australian assessors can assess Australian candidates and likewise, New Zealand assessors can assess New Zealand candidates.

When there are qualified assessors in other countries, they will be included in any list of assessors from which panels are selected.

- 10.** All Accredited and Certificated Referees are to return through their national TOC a record of work each year. If they fail to meet the criteria for maintenance of status as in 8 above, they will be advised in writing by BOC that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation. Failure to rectify will result in the Referee being downgraded to National level and they will be required to go through the assessment process to regain accredited level.