



**BADMINTON OCEANIA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PANEL  
UMPIRE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**1. Nominations:**

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Umpire (Accredited) will be sent from the Badminton Oceania Confederation Office (BOC) 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 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 BOC 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 TAP 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 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.
- Certificated Umpire
  - Badminton Oceania will invite Oceania Accredited Level umpires for Certification on the recommendation of TAP
  - Certification will only be offered to those under the BWF umpire retirement age
  - Candidate must have been at Oceania Accredited level 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). This relates mainly to the ever-changing dates of the Australian Open which is our only tournament suitable for assessment for Certification for umpires to move forward to BWF assessment.
  - Must be in good standing with BOC and their member association
  - Have been active in the last two years including tournaments at grade 3 or above.
  - Ideally the candidate should umpire at least one event (grade 3 or above) outside their own country
  - Must have been appraised in the last 12 months
  - Assessment to take place at the Australian Open, if more than 3 candidates' priority will be given to those that have ability to attain BWF level

**3. Assessors:**

TAP 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 an International tournament where there is Live Score being utilised.

##### **Oceania Certificated Level**

- Each candidate will sit a written examination and must achieve a pass mark of 80%. The exam will be in English.
- **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 Oceania (currently the Australian Open).

Assessment process should be completed in one selected tournament.

#### 4.1 **Practical Assessment:**

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

#### 4.2 **Final Approval:**

Following assessment of both the theory and practical level, Assessors will make a recommendation to the Chair of the Umpire Panel as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. The Umpire Panel to ratify, or not ratify, this recommendation. The Chair of the Umpire 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 'Oceania Accredited Umpire' or 'Oceania Certificated Umpire' status and be awarded a certificate from Badminton Oceania in recognition of their achievement.

#### 6. **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 BOC for assistance with overseas appointments.

7. 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 BOC 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.

8. Should an Official not pass assessment, there should be a minimum of one full year before re-assessment is considered. This may be reviewed at the discretion of TAP
9. TAP will allow a maximum of two attempts at any one level (except in exceptional circumstances – at the discretion of the TAP).
10. 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