

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA
Training and Assessment Panel
held in Sydney Olympic Park
08:30am – Friday 12 June 2026

Present: Julie Carrel (JC), Peter Cocker (PC), David Turner (DT), Megan Bramley (MB), Richard Wong (RW)

Meeting commenced at 08:30am

1. Review of minutes from Friday 21 November 2025 Meeting

Confirmed as correct

Action items not yet completed:

- a. Accredited Referee Exam
- b. Certificated Referee Exam
- c. Uniform policy review

Timeline for above items to be completed by updated dates as at the end of this document

2. Reading of Reports

Each Chair - Referee/Umpire/Line Judge/Pacific - read a report detailing progress from the first 6 months of 2026 and plans for the second 6 months of 2026

3. BOC TO Development Programme

- a. Individual plans reviewed
- b. At least 1 umpire targeted for BWF assessment each year until 2035
- c. Due to change of dates for BWF Referee assessment no one nominated for next intake (2027)
- d. Ryan Nagle (NCL) added to the Development Programme (referee) after Oceania Championships
- e. Michelle Njoman stepping down from program due to personal circumstances
- f. Lisa Connell (NZL) added to programme (referee) and to replace Michelle as Deputy Referee in Melbourne

4. Pacific Development

- a. Possible assessments for umpires at Oceania Junior Championships 2026
- b. Pacific Umpires to be invited to AUS/NZ Grade 3 events – limited positions available due to budgets.
- c. Ongoing issue within the Pacific with the lack of people to fulfil all roles. Each person undertaking multiple roles without a single focus
- d. Player development to take priority over Technical Official development
- e. Interested Fiji umpires were able to join an online umpire training course run by Badminton New Zealand Technical Officials Committee. Next step is in country training followed by assessment.

5. Assessments

- a. Invitations for Oceania Certificated Umpire Assessment in 2027 – MB has list of those eligible, to circulate to DT in September for decision on who to invite



- b. Review Uniform Policy and Equipment provided with each level
 - i. All Development Umpires to be provided with 1 shirt when added to the program
 - ii. Updated policy to be added to website
- c. Accredited & Certificated Referee Exam – JC and PC to complete exam
- d. Umpire Exams – MB to format into a locked word document to allow exams to be completed on a device
- e. Pacific Umpire Exams to be reviewed

6. Appraisals

MB gave an update on the appraisal database

- a. Minimum 8 umpire appraisal to be undertaken
 - i. Australian Badminton Open – completed
 - ii. Northern Marianas and North Harbour potential other tournaments
- b. 1 referee appraisal – Oceania Championships – completed
- c. All umpires invited for Oceania Certificated Umpire Assessment to be appraised in the previous 12 months – to be taken into consideration when allocating tournaments for appraisals

7. BWF Plans 2026

JC gave an update on confirmed TO grants for 2026 and those that these are targeted at

8. BWF Plans 2027

JC gave an update on potential plans for 2027. Preferable to have more funding in the assessment/appraisal space.

- a. Travel subsidies policy to be reviewed to only target those eligible to achieve BWF and move additional funds to assessments/appraisals.
 - i. New policy approved by BOC EB. To now read 'Subsidies for International Travel are available for Technical Officials who have been identified by BOC as having the potential to reach BWF level or who are currently a BWF Technical Official'.
- b. 2027 plan draft to be completed by September

9. Out of CC Appointments

MB gave an update on those that attended tournaments out of CC in 2025 and beginning of 2026

- a. Process for all invitations to be
 - i. Relevant information distributed to applicable umpires by MB
 - ii. List of EOIs received and sent to DT, with recommendations based on other appointments, funding available, age, future potential etc
 - iii. Decision made by Umpire Panel on whom to nominate
 - iv. MB to advise who was successful / not successful

10. Pacific Games

- a. Referees confirmed
- b. 8 international umpire appointments to be confirmed
 - i. 8 local appointments confirmed
- c. Budgets for travel to be reviewed

11. Structure of TAP

Discussion around the need for a chair of TAP. PC viewed the role as an interim position in the change for BOTOC to TAP. Agreed that there was no longer a need for the position, position disestablished. PC thanked for his contribution as the TAP Chair. All communications to go from the office directly to the Chair of each Panel.



Chairs of each Panel to remain the same

Referee Assessment Panel: Peter Cocker
Umpire Assessment Panel: David Turner
Line Judge Assessment Panel: Richard Wong
Pacific Development Lead: Richard Wong

12. General Business

- a. Update on 2027 tournament calendar
 - i. Changes to dates for some tournaments
 - ii. Pressure on TO numbers with a very busy year, particularly October/November in Australia
- b. Website – Additional information to be added including uniform policy, list of Development Programme Members, kept up to date with changes

Meeting closed at 10.30am

Action Item	Who to Action/Lead	By
Review procedure for assessment documents with removal of TAP Chair – LJ/U/R	Megan Bramley	31 August
Develop Referee Acc & Certif. Exam	Julie Carrel/Peter Cocker	31 August
Review Uniform/equipment/recognition and upload onto website: LJ/U/R	Megan Bramley	31 July
BOC Exams into digital version	Megan Bramley	31 August
Review Pacific Umpire Exams	Megan Bramley/Richard Wong	30 September
BOC Website	Megan Bramley	On-going