

Australian Athletics Official

WELCOME

It is with pleasure that the Australian Athletics Officials' Education Committee confirms the roll out of the new Australian Athletics Officials Education Scheme. The process has taken longer than was originally anticipated and we apologise for this delay. We are now ready to continue the Officials' qualification journey and share with all Officials what has been achieved since the inception of the Australian Athletics Officials' Education Committee.



The new scheme will provide one seamless and transparent pathway for all athletics Officials, regardless of their affiliation with either Athletics Australia or Jetstar Little Athletics Australia.

For the first time, the Scheme has Australian Sport Commission endorsement and follows best industry practice, with online learning coupled with face to face delivery. The aim of the scheme is to ensure an effective and efficient education framework is provided that will guarantee Australian Officials remain world leaders in event delivery at all levels of athletic competition.

The following information outlines the procedures and process moving forward for existing officials. For most, the new scheme will have limited impact as most Officials will have no need to complete the Level 1 or 2 Levels.

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS OFFICIALS' EDUCATION SCHEME (AAOES)?

The emphasis of AAOES is on knowledge and competency, rather than length of service. The Scheme is aimed at being widely accessible and encourages a greater number of people to be provided with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge to conduct athletics competitions at all levels.

Officials will notice that the names of the levels have changed and in the future will be known as follows:

- **Club/Centre/School Official** – AAOES Level 1
- **State Level Official** – AAOES Level 2
- **National Level Official** – AAOES Level 3

The scheme consists of the following levels:

AAOES Level 0	Introduction to Officiating (an Australian Sports Commission course)	
AAOES Level 1	Club/Centre/School Official	Basic Grading – aimed at Officials wishing to officiate at a local/ club/school level
AAOES Level 2	State Official	Aimed at Officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief or Referee at State level and a Chief at National level
AAOES Level 3	National Official	Aimed at Officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief or Referee at State/ National level
AAOES Level 4	IAAF Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme TOECS Level 2 (Diploma) conducted by the Oceania Regional Development Centre	Eligible to be appointed as an Area Technical Official (ATO) - Oceania
AAOES Level 5	IAAF Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme TOECS Level 3 (Diploma) conducted by the IAAF	Eligible to be appointed as an International Technical Official (ITO)

AAOES LEVEL 1

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Who is Eligible to Undertake a Level 1 (Club / School Official) courses?

Any person in the community, who expresses an interest in becoming an athletics Official or wants to improve their knowledge of athletics officiating, may have access to the Level 1 information. This material will be available exclusively online.



This person completes the online modules and receives a Certificate of Completion.

It is desirable that the individual attends an Official's seminar soon after commencing as an Official to obtain practical and theoretical knowledge in a supportive officiating environment.

AAOES LEVEL 2

AAOES Level 2 comprises the following components:

- eLearning through the AAOES eLearning system
- Attendance at least one (1) approved seminar
- Completion of 15 days practical at athletics meets
- Successful completion of an exam

Note: To complete the course, Officials must complete the other three components of learning prior to gaining access to the exam.

To have a Practical Card signed, it is mandatory that the Official approach the person - the Assessor, they wish to sign the card prior to the meet so that the Assessor can review their officiating. If this requirement is not fulfilled the Assessor MUST not sign the card.

The courses at AAOES Level 2 are

- Track
- Jumps
- Throws
- Walks
- Out Of Stadia
- Technical
- Administration

AAOES LEVEL 3

AAOES Level 3, the highest National grading, is for Officials aspiring to become a Referee or Chief or hold a position in Competition Management at a National level.

This course is still under development. Until that time, Officials are encouraged to complete the existing Level A courses with Athletics Australia or Jetstar Little Athletics

What Happens to My Qualifications in the New Scheme?

Both Athletics Australia and Jetstar Little Athletics has developed a transference scheme for existing Officials. It is important to note that currently, there are four (4) different existing qualifications being converted into three (3) within the new scheme. The transference has been developed to equate the knowledge already developed by Officials into the standard of learning targeted within the new scheme.

All Officials' qualifications will be updated to reflect the new scheme as per the diagram below.

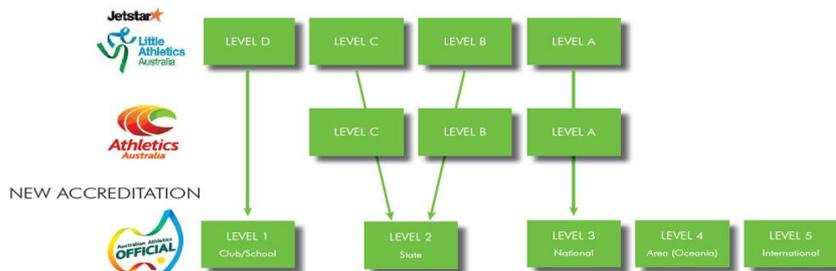
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ATHLETICS OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK



Transference of Qualifications

CURRENT



Updating

It will be mandatory that Officials maintain their current qualification or seek a higher qualification within a four-year period or risk the possibility of being down-graded.

To maintain or attain a higher accreditation, each Official will be required to show evidence that they have been involved in a constant process of education and professional development.

This is defined as updating (UPD) and can be achieved by either attending approved accreditation courses or updating activities such as:

- Learning at the event (Kinesthetic Learning)
- Attendance at seminars
- Being a mentor
- Being a presenter at a workshop/seminar

The purpose of updating is to ensure Officials attend a minimum number of activities designed to maintain and extend present competencies. The activities should be diverse with no single type of activity contributing to more than half the number of updating points required. Officials may accumulate more than the required number of updating points within a year, but these cannot be carried over and used to fulfill the next year's obligations.

Further Information on the Scheme is available from the Athletics Australia or Jetstar Little Athletics Australia websites

Further information will be disseminated shortly.

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