



Australian Athletics Officials Education Scheme



Current levels of Accreditation

Little Athletics

Accreditation is achieved by “event element” i.e. Starter, Umpire, Discus, High Jump,

Athletics Australia

Accreditation is achieved by “event group” i.e. Track, Throws, Jumps, Out of Stadia,

Level D

- Theory exam normally done on line.
- Multiple choice
- 15 questions from a pool of 20
- Pass mark 12 out of 15
- Open book exam
- No practical required
- Must be 16 or older (except for starter who must be 18)
- Also has interim junior level D for 14/15 year olds

No Equivalent Accreditation

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Little Athletics

Level C

- Open book exam, normally done online
- Multiple choice - 20 questions from a pool of 25
- Pass mark 17 out of 20
- Theory exam before doing practical assessment
- Must pass practical of at least a two day day/night competition
- Supervised by an authorised supervisor (normally B or higher grade in that event)
- Assessment can be done at specific recognised competitions
- Supervisor must complete Accreditation Verification Form, counter signed by applicant's zone coordinator or person approved by the officials director
- Must be 16 or older (except for starter who must be 18)

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Level C

- Usually involves attendance at a course
- 2 hour written exam (mostly multiple choice questions)
- Open book – IAAF Handbook, IPC Athletic Rules and Combined Event Scoring Tables
- Pass mark is 70%
- All event groups (e.g. Track, Jumps etc.) have their own exam at this level
- Each exam has a general section and one section for each event element (eg Discus, Shot, Javelin, Hammer in the Throws exam)
- No practical involved normally. NB There is an option for obtaining a Level C by doing practicals but this is rarely used, if ever.

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Level B

- Must have held Level C for 2 years
- Written exam undertaken in the company of a supervisor approved by the officials director
- Pass mark is 80%
- It is expected that answers would reflect the applicants knowledge and not be a direct quote from handbooks
- Open book exam
- Theory exam has to be passed prior to doing practical assessment

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Level B (cont)

- Must pass a practical assessment of at least a two day competition
- Supervised by authorised supervisor (who is approved by the officials director)
- The assessment can be done at Zone/Region/State Carnival or another carnival approved by the officials director
- The supervisor must complete an Accreditation Verification Form which is counter signed by the applicants zone coordinator or other person approved by the officials director
- Must be 18 or older (except for starter who must be 20)

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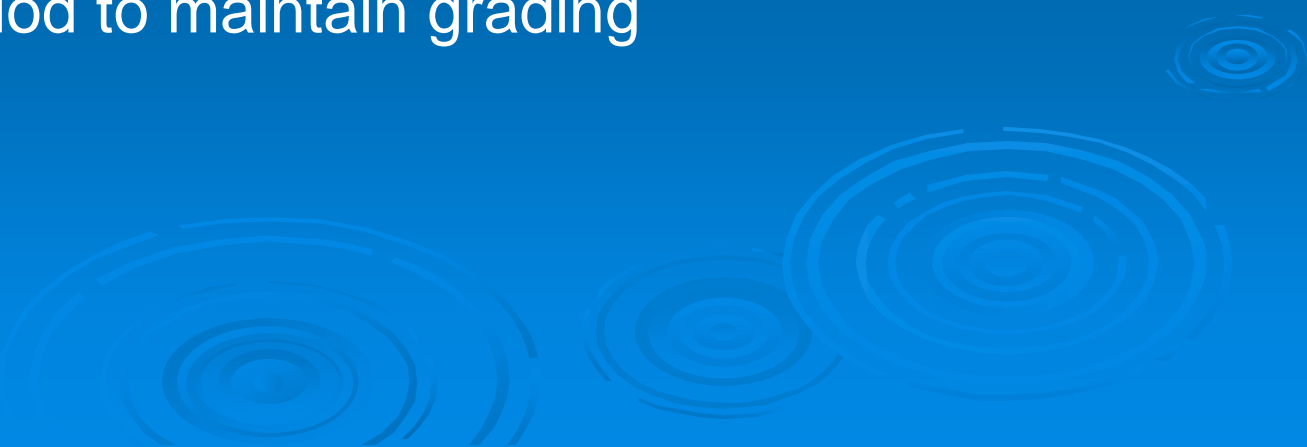
Level B

- Held an active Level C for at least 12 months
- 2 hour written exam (combination of multiple choice and written answers)
- Open book – IAAF Handbook, IPC Athletic Rules and Combined Event Scoring Tables
- Pass mark is 70%
- All event groups (e.g. Track, Jumps etc.) have their own exam at this level

Current levels of Accreditation

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Level B (cont)

- Each exam has a general section and one section for each event element (eg Discus, Shot, Javelin, Hammer in the Throws exam)
 - 15 competition days of practical experience signed off by a senior official (level A or IAAF)
 - Must attend an AAOES seminar within the preceding three year period to maintain grading
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Level A (Referee)

- Must have held Level B for at least 2 years in either (a) two of Discus, Shot Put or Javelin; (b) Long/Triple Jump and High Jump; (c) three of Starter, Timekeeping, Place Judge or Umpire
- Other pre-requisites include demonstrated management & officiating competencies, ability to train, educate & mentor others and been an active official at nominated carnivals
- Written exam undertaken in the company of a supervisor approved by the officials director
- Pass mark is 80%
- It is expected that answers would reflect the applicants' knowledge and not be a direct quote from handbooks

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Level A (Referee)

- Open book exam
- Must pass a practical assessment of at least a two day competition
- Supervised by an authorised supervisor (who is approved by the officials director)
- The assessment can be done at Zone/Region/State Carnival or another carnival approved by the officials director
- The supervisor must complete an Accreditation Verification Form which is counter signed by the applicants zone coordinator or other person approved by the officials director

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Level A

- Held an active Level B for at least 2 years
- 15 competition days of practical experience signed off by a senior official (level A or IAAF)
- 3 hour in-depth written exam that tests knowledge of rules, as well as person's ability to interpret rules and make decisions about incidents
- Open book – IAAF Handbook, IPC Athletic Rules and Combined Event Scoring Tables
- Pass mark is 75%

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Level A

- Have to apply to Athletics Australia via ANSW to be accepted as a candidate
- Candidate has a mentor assigned to them
- Must attend an AAOES seminar within the preceding three year period to maintain grading

Future Accreditation

All Australian Athletics Officials (Little Athletics and Athletics Australia) will be accredited using a common system.

Levels of Attainment will allow officiating at:

Level 1 – School and Centre Meets

Level 2 – State Competitions

Level 3 – National Championships

Level 4 – Area (Oceania) Athletics

Level 5 – International Athletics



LEVEL 1 - COURSES

- Track
 - Starting
 - High Jump
 - Pole Vault
 - Triple Jump
 - Long Jump
 - Discus
 - Hammer Throw
 - Javelin
 - Shot Put
 - Out-of-Stadia
 - Race Walking
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- All candidates, after completing the Level 1 courses, will be strongly encouraged to attend practical sessions / seminars conducted by the State Bodies to formalize their knowledge

Level 1 Modules

- **Rules and Regulations**
 - **Officials & Communication**
 - **Equipment**
 - **Risk Management**
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- Each module consists of multiple choice questions that facilitate learning by providing hints to candidates.
 - Each course would take between 45*90 minutes, depending on the level of prior knowledge of the candidate.
 - The modules consist of information, diagrams or pictures. At the end of each module, there is a quiz.
 - A certificate can be printed on the completion of the quiz

AAOES LEVEL 2

Level 2 candidates will be required to:-

- Complete practical requirements (15 days)
- Attend seminars
- Complete online learning components
- Complete an exam

COURSES AVAILABLE

The following courses are offered at Level 2

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

LEVEL 2 PRE-REQUISITES

Before attempting Level 2, Officials must have completed learning at Level 1.

Level 2 Course	Pre-Requisite
Track	Level 1 Track and Starting
Jumps	Any 3 of Level 1 Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault
Throws	Any 3 of Level 1 Shot Put, Discus< Javelin, Hammer Throw
Walks	Level 1 Walks
Out of Stadia	Level 1 Out of Stadia
Administration	No level 1 Learning just practicals and seminars
Technical	No level 1 Learning just practicals and seminars

LEVEL 3

- AAOES Level 3 is the National Level Official.
- It is aimed at Officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief referee or Competition Management at a National Level.
- It is intended that this level will incorporate the IAAF Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme TOECS Level 1)

UPDATING

- It will be mandatory that Officials maintain their current qualifications or seek a higher qualification within a four year period or risk the possibility of being down graded.
- This can be achieved by attending approved accreditation courses or updating activities such as:
 - Learning at the event
 - Attendance at seminars
 - Being a mentor
 - Being a presenter at a workshop/seminar

Log books will be available to record these activities

TRANSFERRING CURRENT ACCREDITATION

ATHLETICS OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK

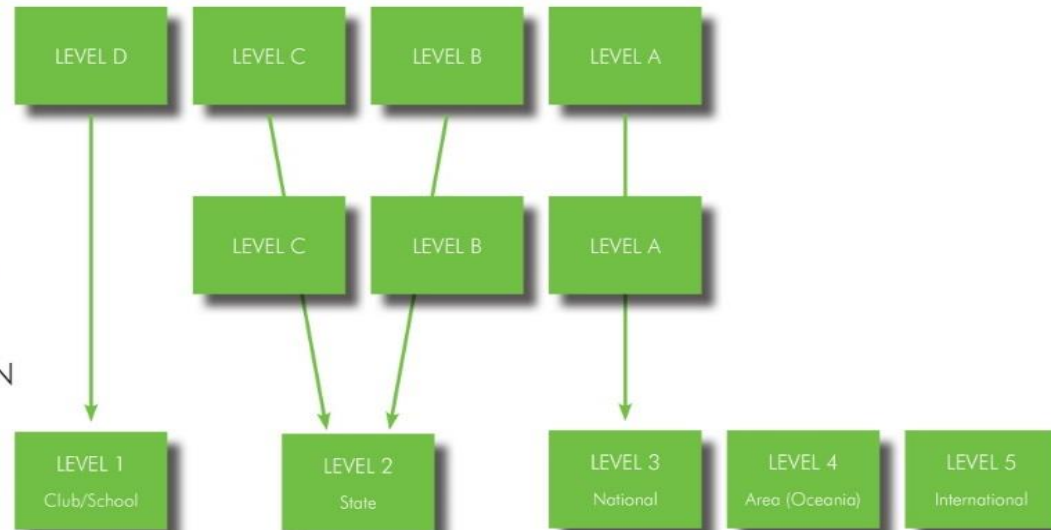


Transference of Qualifications

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NEW ACCREDITATION



TRANSFERRING CURRENT ACCREDITATION

- Existing accredited officials will have their accreditation transferred to the new levels.
- Eventually there will be one database for all NSW athletic officials (which can be accessed by ANSW and LANSW).
- Officials who don't wish to be on the combined data base will be given the opportunity to decline inclusion in that database however their accreditation will lapse in these circumstances

➤ QUESTIONS

