



LEVEL NAME	Level 0 – Community / Club Official	Level 1 – Basic Official	Level 2 - Intermediate Official	Level 3 – National Official	Level 4 – International Official
APPLICABLE	CLUB	STATE		NATIONAL	
OFFICIATING LEVEL What do you do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Official, Club Official 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner official in State League games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent official in State League games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent official in State and National League games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs competently at national level in a crew of 8 (incl. Chain crew, commentators)
EXPECTED ROLE What this level is expected to do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Introductory – used for Club, Community and new Officials Focus on club and local games and smaller game size and junior competitions Focus on safe play of sport at introductory level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Qualified state level official. Competent to work most positions. Many will work Referee in Junior competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Referee or Specialist Selection for National events and tournaments Can also qualify as Referee, Officiating Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Referee or Specialist Selection for National events and tournaments, also for appointment to one-off Zonal level games Available for games at National level Can also qualify as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referee Fank Official Deep Official Umpire/ Centre Officiating Instructor (with Coaching / Instructional certificate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced National level official Selection Zone for L5 International level official Available for games at national level Regular consideration for Zonal events Can also qualify as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referee Fank Official Deep Official Umpire/ Centre Officiating Instructor (with Coaching / Instructional certificate)
AWARDED BY Who awards this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Training Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Training Manager Advised to AGOA Training Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation by State Training Manager to Director of Training and Accreditation Approval by AGOA Training Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Training and Accreditation recommendation to AGOA Training Committee Approval by Committee of Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Training and Accreditation recommendation to AGOA Training Committee Approval by Committee of Management
AWARDED WHEN To be awarded this level you must	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the completion of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online introductory officiating principles online Gridiron Basic officials course, and a short practical workshop on field Held for three years and renewed if requalified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After completion of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one season of games, on field assessment, and formal examination – pass mark min 65% approved officiating principles course AGOA Basic officiating course Held for three years and renewed if requalified Annual currency criteria apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs in front four positions regularly in State level games After the completion of Level 1 plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional one season of games on field assessment, and formal examination – pass mark min 70% Held for three years and renewed if requalified Annual currency criteria apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been selected for and performed regularly at National level After the completion of Level 2 plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional two seasons of games advanced officiating principles course online Gridiron Advanced officials course, on field assessment, and formal examination – pass mark min 75% attendance at a national officiating clinic Held for three years and renewed if requalified Ongoing professional development Annual currency criteria apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been selected and participated in IFAF Zone or World Cup games Performs in front four positions regularly in National level games After completion of Level 3, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional two seasons of games presentation at a national officiating clinic three on field assessments, and formal examination – pass mark min 75% Held for four years and renewed if requalified Ongoing professional development Annual currency criteria apply
ANNUAL CURRENCY Every year you must do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual rules review Annual mechanics review 4 games in 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual rules and mechanics review Recognised Officiating clinic (one day) Minimum 20% of weekends in a season at local level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual rules and mechanics review Recognised Officiating clinic (min one day) 20% of weekends in a season at local senior level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual rules and mechanics review Recognised Officiating clinic (min one day) 20% of weekends in a season at local senior level Be available for National games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual rules and mechanics review Recognised Officiating clinic (two day) 20% of weekends in a season at local senior level Be available for National games

Awarding Qualification at Each Level

AGOA awards qualifications to the IAFOA standards to a qualified official. Qualifications will:

- Be based upon the successful completion of the standard qualification course and maintenance of currency,
- Be awarded upon the successful completion of a Professional Development Program.
- Be based upon performance
- Be declared Emeritus when the Official has retired from on field assignments at that level
- Not be deemed or provisional.

Qualification Course Process. The general approach to AGOA Qualification is to follow a 4 step process:

- Step 1. To participate in and pass a course of theory training, this may include
 - on-line training in rules, mechanics and officiating principles, and
 - a workshop or clinic to allow for extended discussion.
- Step 2. To attend on field workshops or games under mentoring.
- Step 3. To practice skills during games building experience
 - Level 1 – perform in local games
 - Level 2 – perform front 4 local games
 - Level 3 – perform in National games (AGL, WAGL, JAGL)
 - Level 4 – perform in IFAF Zone or World Cup games
- Step 4. To be assessed as competent against the criteria for that Level.

Professional Development. An official may wait a couple of years or seasons between Qualification Levels, to maintain professional standards between each Qualification level, an official is expected to:

- Maintain their annual currency which can include participation in a minimum number of games
- Perform professional development tasks set by an assigned mentor
- Update on rules and mechanics changes
- Participate in management and administration of the officiating programs at an appropriate level

A formal Professional Development Program will be established for all National level officials. Upon request it can be established by State Training Managers.

Competency Statements

All Levels have defined Competencies that are described in the relevant sections of our Training Policy. Competencies are taught in 5 main areas progressively increasing knowledge as appropriate for the level of Development. The areas are:

- Officiate Games – general officiating knowledge and game management

- Officiating Technical Knowledge – specific technical knowledge of the sport including rules of the game and philosophy of application of the rules, and the mechanics of positioning to observe the game effectively
- Manage Conflict – the management and avoidance of game conflict
- Develop Officials – personal and team development techniques
- Effective Communication – communication techniques

Specialist Certificates

Qualified officials can also be qualified as:

- Referee
- Officiating Instructor
- Officiating Mentor

Annual Currency

The rules and mechanics update is considered compulsory. The Training Manager will consider the availability of the other objectives in determining annual currency.

Promotion

An official is promoted when they meet the qualification standards and are recommended by the Training Manager.

Review and Demotion

Should an official not

- perform to the standards expected
- fail to participate in the expected games of their level

They will first be warned of the need for improvement and given a period of time to improve.

Then be demoted if they still do not perform. All demotions of qualified officials will be reviewed by the Director of Training and Accreditation.

Information

For more information please contact your State Training Manager or training@ago.org.au

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AGOA SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS