



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

## 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@agoa.asn.au](mailto:training@agoa.asn.au)

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# AGOA SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS