HOW TO BECOME A SQUASH REFEREE

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Squash Australia Referee Training Courses are approved under the Australian Sports Commission's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme

State Squash Associations periodically run Rules Courses that will assist candidates through the entire Referee accreditation process, and provide the necessary training and access to mentors and assessors. These Courses assist candidates to pass the Rules Theory Paper then satisfy the requirements to attain accreditation as a Squash Referee.

Courses are organised through State Squash Associations, and there is a charge which may vary between States.

A Course Presenter will take candidates through the Paper, ensuring they have the correct rule reference and answer for each question. The Courses may take different formats depending upon the number of candidates and the time available, but they will usually be 'Workshop' style, with candidates encouraged to participate.

All candidates will receive a kit which may vary between States, but will contain:

- The Squash Australia Squash Rules Examination paper.
- Rule Book
- A link to the Australian Sports Commission's On-line Officiating General Principles course
- A copy of the Code of Ethics for Referees

Contact Details for the refereeing representative of your State Squash Association are:

The Squash Australia Rules and Refereeing Committee also have training courses available for accreditation of Doubles Referees and Referee Assessors.

The Squash Australia Squash Rules Examination is in 2 Sections which require a pass mark of 100%. The Rule book may be used while completing the exam. Candidates who do not achieve the pass mark may be required to re-submit questions that were incorrect.

Questions in the Rules Examination are not designed to 'trick' candidates but to assist them with an understanding of the current rules.

Contact the National Refereeing Manager (NRM) or your State Squash Association for details on how to complete the entire accreditation process.

REFEREEING LEVELS WITHIN AUSTRALIA

CLUB

Accreditation details overleaf

STATE

Accreditation details overleaf

NATIONAL

Accreditation details overleaf

Club Level Accreditation

This is an initial level to encourage new referees. Accreditation can be obtained on the candidate's own level of play. Whilst there may be slight differences in procedure within each State, the following apply.

1. Pass the Squash Australia Squash Rules Examination paper which can be obtained from the National Refereeing Manager (NRM) or your State Squash Association.

2. Complete the ASC's *General Principles for Officials – Introductory Level,* This course is available on line at the ASC Learning Portal at https://learning.ausport.gov.au
- Full detail of this course can also be found at: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/officials/education/onlineofficial

3. Pass a practical assessment on Marking and Refereeing.

4. Provide a State Government *Working with Children* check.

5. Read and sign the Squash Australia *Code of Ethics for Officials*. This document can also be obtained via the NRM or your State Squash Association.

6. Provide evidence that you are over 16 years of age.

- Once a candidate has achieved Club accreditation, it is up to State Squash Associations to allocate the candidate progressively harder matches to both improve and assess that candidate's capabilities.
- State Squash Associations have the discretion to determine the upper limit for Club accreditation within each State.

State Level Accreditation

Accreditation can be obtained on the grade immediately below the highest grade in a State.

- It is not a requirement that a candidate must hold Club qualification before commencing assessment for State accreditation, as a candidate's playing level may make it appropriate for the candidate to initially be assessed at State level.

- Candidates are required to complete all components of the Club Level accreditation except that
    - Practical Marking and Refereeing assessments will be performed on higher level matches up to the grade immediately below the highest grade in the State.

- State Squash Associations have the discretion to place a Referee of any accredited level on any match which the Association believes that Referee is capable of handling. This will obviously apply to Referees allocated matches for upgrading qualifications.

Although not compulsory, the Squash Australia Rules & Refereeing Committee recommends that all referees complete:

- The *Play by the Rules* online interactive scenarios which can be found at www.playbytherules.net.au. This website provides training on how to keep sport safe, fair and inclusive.

National Level Accreditation

For all details on National Level Accreditation please contact the National Refereeing Manager. An overview of the additional requirements for each candidate to accredit as a National Referee follows

- Must hold a State level accreditation

- Must pass the ASC's *General Principles for Officials – Advanced Level*. This can be completed by reading all the *Tools and Tips* documents on the following webpage. http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/officials/tools Once completed, the candidate must fill out and submit the *Season Planner.doc* and *Risk Mgmt Planner.doc* to the NRM. Both documents may be obtained from the NRM.

- Must provide evidence of 20/20 corrected vision and good hearing.

- In the previous three years or in a block of 24 matches, candidates must have at least 4 passing assessments on matches that meet the criteria set out in the *Squash Australia Training Program for Squash Referees*.

- In the previous three years have refereed 24 matches that meet the National Qualifying matches criteria set out in the *Squash Australia Training Program for Squash Referees*.