

## **ARU MATCH OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION AND ACCREDITATION RENEWAL POLICY 2014**

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### **REQUIREMENT TO REFEREE**

SmartRugby, our Occupational Health and Safety Program for Rugby, is the compulsory minimum requirement for every referee participating in rugby where there is a tackling component (U8+).

### **RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITATION FROM OVERSEAS**

The Australian Rugby Union will recognise current equivalent qualifications from overseas. A referee seeking ARU accreditation upon coming to Australia must:

- Provide proof of current level of accreditation (referee certificate/card/ticket) **or** a detailed letter of referral from overseas Union outlining current qualifications and a brief refereeing history
- Attend SmartRugby
- Pass the relevant Competency Assessment (if applicable)

### **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND RECOGNITION OF CURRENT COMPETENCY (RCC)**

Some candidates may qualify for RPL or RCC based on their previous rugby experience. In these cases, candidates may not be required to attend courses, and may move straight to the assessment stage of obtaining their accreditation. This provision is designed for outstanding candidates with significant standing in the rugby community only.

Such candidates must still obtain SmartRugby qualification before passing the relevant Law Exam and Competency Assessment, if applicable, at the level of accreditation they are seeking to determine competency.

### **AGE RESTRICTIONS ON OFFICIATING**

No Referee under the age of 17 should be appointed to a match within 2 years below their own age group. eg. if a referee is 15, they may be appointed to referee the U13s and below.

No Assistant Referee under the age of 17 should be appointed to a match more than 2 years above their own age group. eg. if a referee is 13, they may be appointed to assistant referee in the U15s and below.

Exceptions to the above may be made in rare cases where a referee may benefit from a development experience in a controlled environment with appropriate support from ARs and referee coaches. Under no circumstances may a referee be regularly appointed outside of these guidelines.

### **REQUIREMENTS TO GAIN ACCREDITATION**

The Australian Rugby Union grants levels of accreditation, approved by the Australian Sports Commission, to course participants at each level who fulfill the requirements on the next page.

*Note: Re-accreditation of existing Level 3 Referee and Level 3 Referee Coach accreditation will be by arrangement with the National Referee Coach. Current involvement in Premier Rugby (1<sup>st</sup> Grade or equivalent in the State of residence) is a minimum requirement for re-accreditation.*

## REFEREEING KIDS RUGBY

Valid for 6 years / Minimum age 13 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Attend Refereeing Kids Rugby course	Attend Refereeing Kids Rugby course

## LEVEL 1 REFEREE

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 15 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Attend Foundation Course	SmartRugby Compliant
Complete Level 1 Referee Law Exam	Complete Level 1 Referee Law Exam
Pass Level 1 Referee Competency Assessment on a game U13s or older	Pass Level 1 Referee Competency Assessment on a game U13s or older
[Join a Referee Association]	

## LEVEL 2 REFEREE

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 18 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Have current SmartRugby and Level 1 Referee Accreditation	SmartRugby Compliant
Attend Level 2 Referee Course	Current Level 2 Assistant Referee Accreditation
Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam	Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam
Pass Level 2 Referee Competency Assessment on an adult game of rugby	Pass Level 2 Referee Competency Assessment on an adult game of rugby
Attain Level 2 Assistant Referee Accreditation	

## LEVEL 1 REFEREE COACH

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 18 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Have current SmartRugby	SmartRugby Compliant
Attend Level 1 Referee Coach Course	Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam
Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam	Pass Level 1 Referee Coach Competency Assessment
Successfully complete 5 Coaching Reports on RRIMS	
Pass Level 1 Referee Coach Competency Assessment	

## LEVEL 2 REFEREE COACH

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 18 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Have current SmartRugby	SmartRugby Compliant
Attend Level 2 Referee Coach Course	Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam
Complete Level 2 Referee Law Exam	Pass Level 2 Referee Coach Competency Assessment
Successfully complete 5 Coaching Reports on RRIMS	
Pass Level 2 Referee Coach Competency Assessment	

## LEVEL 1 ASSISTANT REFEREE

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 13 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Attend Level 1 Assistant Referee Course	Complete Level 1 Assistant Referee Law Exam
Complete Level 1 Assistant Referee Law Exam	

## LEVEL 2 ASSISTANT REFEREE

Valid for 4 years / Minimum age 15 years

<i>Gain accreditation</i>	<i>Renew accreditation</i>
Attend Level 2 Assistant Referee Course	Complete Level 2 Assistant Referee Law Exam
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