



Australian Officiating Development Schedule

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1. Introduction

1.1 Australian Officiating Development Schedule

The Australian Officiating Development Schedule (*AODS* or *Schedule*) is the foundation document for match officiating in Australia. It represents the only match official accreditation system recognised by Football Federation Australia (FFA) and its use is mandatory throughout Australia.

Officials need a formal, broad, comprehensive and professional development process, comparable to the development they would undertake during their working careers.

The Schedule describes the career pathways and professional development of all match officials and their supporting colleagues. It replaced the 2002 *National Grading Schedule* which in turn supplanted the original Referee-only schedule developed in the early 1990s.

The Schedule documents all Football & Futsal Referee, Referee Assessor & Referee Instructor classifications & courses as well as the broad protocols and processes to manage the accreditation process.

Processes, procedures and policy documents must be open and transparent. If officials are to achieve their personal goals it is essential that they have access to up-to-date information, policies, modern officiating trends, educational courses and support.

The policies and procedures to manage the development and accreditation of match officials throughout Australia are documented in detail in the "*Match Official Policies and Procedures Manual*".

1.2 NOAS registration and FFA courses

FFA is football's national controlling body and is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) as a National Sporting Organisation (NSO).

In March 2005 FFA determined that courses for match officials should be registered under the ASC's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS). To achieve this objective FFA commissioned a project team to create a suite of courses and prepare the detailed documentation required for ASC-NOAS registration. Eight Football courses have been developed, submitted to the ASC, and have received NOAS registration. Following the submission of 2008 revised editions the original expiry date of December 2009 has been extended to September 2013.

The FFA Level 3 Futsal Referee Development course was created in 2007/8. It has been granted ASC-NOAS registration until September 2013.

All courses incorporate the ASC's competency based education model. ASC guidelines state:

Competency statements are broad descriptions of the skill sets expected of ... officials who have a particular qualification. A competency statement defines what an official must be able to 'DO' and to what standard to become qualified ... at a particular level.

Australian Sports Commission
Guidelines for the Design and Registration of NCAS and NOAS Courses
Belconnen ACT, June 2003, p.21

There are time frames specified to complete courses and timing guidelines for individual units. As units are studied participants should receive feedback and guidance from appropriate coaches, mentors and colleagues about their officiating (e.g. coaching sheets and formal assessments). Practical field work is an important component of most Courses.

Detailed manuals have been developed for all courses. Additional resources are published in the FFA edition of the "*Laws of the Game*". It is also recognised that a centralised and accessible reference system might be created and made accessible to all match officials. The methodology to achieve this goal has not yet been determined.

The ASC requires FFA to keep its courses under review. This includes renewal of a course's NOAS registration, as well as monitoring and improvement.

Additional FFA course planning remains under active consideration including courses for Level 1 Instructor, Level 2 Futsal Referee, Level 1 Futsal Referee and Level 3 Futsal Assessor.

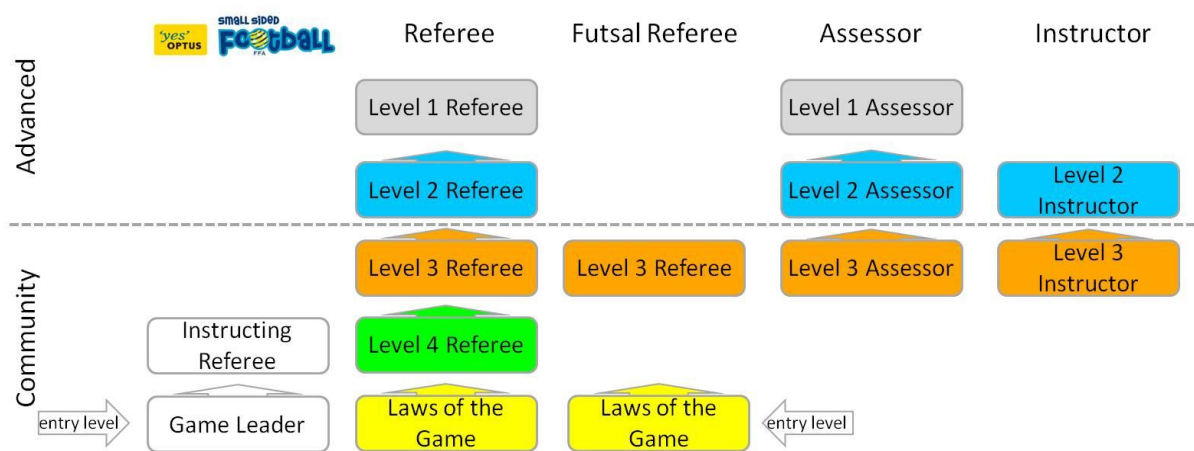
1.3 Match Official Pathways

There are two streams within the structure of match official accreditation – Community and Advanced.

Community level targeted at officials working within local/regional amateur football competitions.

Advanced level targeted at officials working within regional, state and national competitions.

Below is a diagrammatic representation of the pathways for Referees, Assessor and Instructors from Optus Small Sided Football, to community and advanced accreditations.



1.4 Summary of courses

Below is a summary of the various match official courses that are available and some of the essential information for each course.

Accreditation Level		Course Details			Prerequisites to gain the accreditation
		Course Length *	Assessments	Exam	
Referee	Laws of the Game	8 hours	None	Yes	None
	Level 4	8 hours	Coaching in Matches		13 years of age and have passed Laws of the Game within last 2 years
	Level 3	8 hours	Match Assessments		16 years of age with current Level 4 Referee accreditation
	Level 2 (Theory)	8 hours	None	Yes	18 years of age with current Level 3 Referee accreditation
	Level 2	Variable	Match Assessments		18 years of age with current Level 3 Referee and Level 2 Referee (Theory) accreditations
	Level 1 (Theory)	8 hours	None	Yes	18 years of age with current Level 2 Referee (Theory) or Level 2 Referee accreditation
	Level 1	Variable	Match Assessments		18 years of age with current Level 2 Referee and Level 1 Referee (Theory) accreditations
Futsal Referee	Laws of the Game	8 hours	None	Yes	None
	Level 3	8 hours	Coaching in Matches		16 years of age and have passed Futsal Laws of the Game within last 2 years
Assessor	Level 3	8 hours	Match Coaching Reports	Yes	18 years of age with current Level 3 Referee accreditation
	Level 2	8 hours	Match Coaching Reports	Yes	18 years of age with current Level 3 Assessor accreditation
	Level 1	16 hours	Match Coaching Reports	Yes	21 years of age with current Level 2 Assessor accreditation
Instructor	Level 3	ASC Presenter/Facilitator Development course or Certificate IV in Training & Assessment		Yes	18 years of age with current Level 2 Referee (Theory) and Level 3 Assessor accreditations
	Level 2	24 hours	Practical training Theory presentation	Yes	21 years of age with current Level 2 Referee and Assessor accreditations

* Course length is indicative only.

1.5 National Referee Technical Committee

In 2011 FFA created the National Referee Technical Committee (NRTC) which is responsible for setting the overall technical direction of match official development within Australia. Its responsibilities include:

- a) Establish, together with FFA and Member Federations, the direction of officiating in Australia;
- b) Recommend appointments of Referees to international matches organised by FFA, or for any other tournaments, whenever requested to do so;
- c) Recommend candidates for the International List who are eligible to officiate at international matches according to FIFA Regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, Futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists;
- d) Provide advice to ensure uniform implementation of the Laws of the Game;
- e) Enhance match official education through a standardised curriculum consistently implemented throughout Australia;
- f) Provide advice aimed at improving refereeing structures and development throughout Australia.

The NRTC will make determinations from time to time that may affect the contents of this Schedule. When this occurs the determinations will be circulated to Member Federations and those determinations shall be authoritative in every respect.

National Competitions and International Panels

The NRTC determined in 2011 the minimum accreditation levels for appointment to National Competitions and nomination for international panels.

Nomination to International Lists

Nominations for possible inclusion onto FIFA and AFC lists are made at the ultimate discretion of FFA.

To be eligible for nomination FFA have determined the following minimum accreditation standards are effective from 1 January 2012. Accreditation must be current at time of nomination.

Role	FFA Accreditation
Male Referee	Level 1 Referee
Male Assistant Referee	Level 1 (Theory) Referee
Female Referee	Level 1 Referee
Female Assistant Referee	Level 1 (Theory) Referee

Selection for National Competitions

FFA shall be responsible for the selection of all match officials to officiate in national competitions. The following table outlines the relevant FFA accreditation that an official must currently hold to be selected.

Competition	Referee	Assistant Referee	4 th Official	Assessor
A-League	Level 1 Referee	Level 1 (Theory) Referee	Level 1 (Theory) Referee	Level 1 Assessor
W-League	Level 2 Referee	Level 3 Referee	Level 3 Referee	Level 2 Assessor
National Youth League	Level 2 Referee	Level 3 Referee	Level 3 Referee	Level 2 Assessor

FFA Instructor Panel

FFA shall be responsible for the selection of a small panel of instructors from the pool of accredited Level 2 Instructors to be FFA Instructors. FFA Instructors are recognised as being outstanding instructors. The FFA Instructor Panel is appointed on an annual basis. The role of an FFA Instructor is to deliver courses to our future elite referees and assessors. The courses that are generally only to be delivered by FFA Instructors are Level 1 Referee, Level 1 Assessor and Level 2 Instructor.

1.6 State Referees Committee

The NRTC has recommended to Member Federations that they have a State Referee Committee (SRC).

Structure

- Consists of between five and seven members, with representation from across refereeing and non-refereeing community.
- Member Federation CEO to appoint the Committee Chair.
- Chair to appoint Committee members with final membership to be endorsed by CEO.
- Chair to be the point of contact with the NRTC Chairman.
- Member Federation Referee Manager (or equivalent) to be a Committee member.
- Referee Manager to be the point of contact with the FFA National Director of Referees.
- Appointments for all Committee positions (except Referee Manager) to be made on a 12 monthly basis.
- NRTC is of the view that the position of State Coach will be superseded by the SRC Chair, with coaching duties delegated to suitably accredited individuals.

Roles and responsibilities

- Chair is responsible for the performance of the Committee.
- Chair of each Member Federation SRC will attend and report to the NRTC each November.
- Be responsible for the performance of Member Federation match officials and for the implementation of the national curriculum as directed by FFA.
- Supervise the career development of all registered match officials by ensuring that FFAs requirements and processes are implemented.
- Demonstrably comply with all FFA directions regarding the development, training, education, coaching and accreditation of match officials.
- Be responsible for the identification of registered match officials ready to undertake further courses and recognition at national level.
- Monitor, supervise and assess registered match officials undertaking Community level courses and accreditation processes.

Committee meetings

- SRC to meet a minimum of four times per year; preferably to be scheduled before NRTC meetings to align with the requirements of the NRTC.
- Key areas to be addressed as part of the meeting agenda are:
 - State and local issues;
 - National issues such as FFA courses, curriculum, communication, KPI reporting and achievements; and
 - Review of key dates.
- FFA's Refereeing Department will provide a checklist of information to be provided by the SRC to the NRTC each quarter.

While the names of a SRC may vary between Member Federations, there must be one group in each Member Federation that is responsible for the above requirements.

1.7 Match official accreditation

Obtaining Accreditation

When a participant successfully completes a development course they are granted accreditation for a period of up to four years unless cancelled earlier. FFA reserves the right to refuse to accredit or renew accreditation for applicants.

The date of accreditation expiry is calculated from the first day of the course. All accreditations expire on 31 December.

For example if a Level 2 Referee course commences on 12 April 2013 then accreditation would expire on 31 December 2016.

Renewal of Accreditation

Match official accreditation needs to be renewed every four years.

During that period the match official needs to be active during at least two of the four years and also undertake various activities during those active years. The activities are to be recorded in the Official's Log.

During the final year of your accreditation all match officials (excluding Level 4 Referees) must also successfully pass a Laws of the Game examination.

The following table outlines the activities that are required to be undertaken each year in which the official is active.

FFA Qualification		Active officiating (per year)	Attend formal coaching sessions (per year)	Pass LOTG exam	Match Assessments
Referee	Level 4	6 hours	1 time	Not required	Not required
	Level 3	12 hours	1 time	Yes - 70%	Pass 1 match assessment (during final year of accreditation)
	Level 3 Futsal	12 hours	1 time	Yes - 70%	
	Level 2	18 hours	4 times	Yes - 80%	Pass 1 match assessment (per year of accreditation)
	Level 1	24 hours	4 times	Yes - 85%	Pass 1 match assessment (per year of accreditation)
Assessor	Level 3	6 hours	4 times	Yes - 70%	Review of 1 match report (per year of accreditation)
	Level 2	12 hours	4 times	Yes - 80%	Review of 2 match reports (per year of accreditation)
	Level 1	18 hours	4 times	Yes - 85%	Review of 3 match reports (per year of accreditation)
Instructor	Level 3	6 hours	3 times	Yes - 80%	
	Level 2	12 hours	4 times	Yes - 85%	

Below are some guidelines regarding each activity that is part of the process to renew accreditation.

Active Officiating

These hours reflect the nominal hours for each year in which the individual is active as a match official.

Referees Actively officiating in competition matches. This includes being an Assistant Referee but not as a Fourth Official. To calculate the active time, add the scheduled length of the two halves. For example a match that consists of 40 minute halves equates to 80 minutes of active officiating. Time added on for injury etc is not to be included. Extra time played for finals or cup matches may be included.

So for a Level 3 Referee the 12 hours would equate to 8 adult matches with 2 x 45 minute halves.

Assessor	Actively assessing in competition matches (or other matches approved by FFA). To calculate the active time, add the scheduled length of the two halves. For example a match that consists of 40 minute halves equates to 80 minutes of active officiating. Time added on for injury etc by the referee is not to be included. Extra time played for finals or cup matches may be included.
Instructor	The time spent on presenting units on FFA-approved courses. This includes conduct and supervision of examinations but not match assessments.

Attend Formal Coaching Sessions

These are coaching sessions that involve tactical and technical education, updates to Laws of the Game, interpretations of the Laws, etc. This also includes any formal pre-season seminar conducted by a recognised referee organisation.

Laws of the Game Examination

During the last year of a match official's accreditation they must be deemed competent in their knowledge of the Laws of the Game by undertaking a FFA-provided examination. This can ideally be done as part of the annual pre-season seminar conducted by most recognised referee organisations.

Match Assessments

During the period of an active match officials accreditation it is important to ensure that the official is competent to officiate (including assessors) in matches. The standard of match must be equivalent to the level of accreditation. For example a Level 1 Referee must be deemed competent in a match at the top level of their State/Territory competition or competition approved by FFA.

If a referee is deemed to be not competent at the level of accreditation they may be recommended to have an alternate level of accreditation granted that equates to the level of competition at which they are competent to officiate.

Official's Log

An Official's Log is available to accredited match officials as part of FFA's Laws of the Game publication. It is recommended that activities are recorded as they occur, or are recorded in summary form at frequent intervals.

1.8 Course accessibility and career progression

Access to courses and accreditation

Access to FFAs Referee, Assessor and Instructor courses is available to registered match officials. Two courses are exempt from this requirement - the Laws of the Game and Futsal Laws of the Game courses.

Members of referee groups not recognised by FFA or match officials who are not registered with FFA do not have access to FFA certification, ASC accreditation, courses, tournaments, match official panels or any other FFA initiatives and support.

The participant's SRC or FFA has the power to cancel an enrolment in a course if serious shortcomings are detected, documented and unable to be rectified.

Career progression

There is evidence from many sports that a key factor in the failure to retain officials is reluctance by Referee/Umpire groups to identify and promote talented younger officials together with the lack of coaching and mentoring.

Accelerated progress is encouraged where this is appropriate and where neither the match official nor the matches they officiate would be placed at risk. Time restrictions on advancement *per se* should not operate as they are incompatible with NOAS course design guidelines and competency based education structures.

Ideally this means that once a course's competencies are exhibited and consolidated by a Referee, Assessor or Instructor there should be no barrier to enrolment in the next course and continuing progress in their professional development.

1.9 Appointment to matches

It is understood that referee organisations may wish to appoint Referees to higher level matches than the Referee classifications used in this Schedule suggest. This may occur where Referees are known to be able to control such matches effectively. It is also recognised that Referee shortages may create a need to have lower classification Referees officiate at levels above those for which the course has been designed.

It is strongly recommended that match officials who are at least 16 years old but less than 18, and who are appointed to matches involving adult players, should be formally identified by the SRC as clearly capable of handling their duties. The SRC should seek to ensure that Referees and matches are not placed at risk.

1.10 Candidates attending a course

Information for candidates

Candidates are expected to adhere to the following as requirements to attend a FFA match official course.

1. Apply to undertake the course and pay any fee associated with undertaking the course prior to the course commencing;
2. Ensure any work is undertaken and completed in accordance with deadlines set before, during or after the course;
3. Attend all units within the course unless Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC) or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) has been approved by FFA prior to the commencement of the course;
4. Provide all documentation required to allow the Instructor or Assessor to determine the competency of the candidate; and
5. Undertake all assessment tasks required for the course within the times and deadlines specified.

Recommendations for accreditation

At the conclusion of a course Instructors will make recommendations regarding a candidate's accreditation as either:

- a) Competent at the level of accreditation for the course undertaken; or
- b) Competent at a level below that at which the course was undertaken and the reasons for such recommendation; or
- c) Not yet competent against an assessable component and, as required, the level of accreditation at which the candidate must meet the requirements of reassessment; or
- d) The candidate did not meet the attendance requirements of the course.

Community level courses - the recommendations will be made to the Member Federation's SRC.

Advanced level courses - the recommendations will be made to FFA who will review the recommendations and confirm or reject the recommendations.

Where the SRC or FFA rejects a recommendation they must advise the instructor(s) in writing and either seek additional information regarding the recommendation to allow further review or inform the instructor(s) of the reasons for making a determination that varies from the original recommendation.

Code of Ethics forms

Code of Ethics forms have been developed for both Assessors and Instructors and are required to be completed, signed and returned to FFA prior to accreditation being finalised.

Participants attending an Assessor or Instructor Course should be provided a Code of Ethics by the course Instructor at the beginning of the course. The form is to be completed and returned to the course Instructor prior to completion of the theory component of the course.

Candidates undertaking Assessor or Instructor Courses

The following information details the process once a candidate has successfully completed an Assessor or Instructor course.

1. Within 28 days of confirming the recommendation of the Instructor(s) or making an alternate determination FFA will offer the candidate accreditation in writing by email or letter.
2. If the candidate wishes to accept the offer they must advise FFA in writing within 28 days of the date of the offer.
3. Candidates who wish to appeal the recommendation of the Instructor(s) or the determination of FFA should refer to the appeals process within this Schedule.

FFA may, at its discretion, make a second and final offer of accreditation, following the documented processes and timeframes.

1.11 Laws of the Game Examinations

Candidates have a maximum of three attempts at completing a Laws of the Game examination as part of either a course or for renewal of accreditation. If after the third attempt a candidate has not met the level required to be deemed competent the candidate will be required to undertake the course again.

Unless specified elsewhere:

The second examination attempt can be undertaken a minimum of 28 days following the first attempt.

The third examination attempt can be undertaken a minimum of 56 days following the second attempt.

1.12 Course Timeframes

Participants are expected to complete all aspects of a course within a specified timeframe. This is to ensure that the knowledge of participants is as up to date as possible.

Timeframes are documented for each of the respective courses.

Should a participant seek an extension to complete the requirements of a course they must do so in writing to FFA before the end of the specified timeframe.

If all aspects of a course are not completed within this period the participant will be required to undertake the course again.

1.13 Notice Regarding Updates to This Schedule and Courses

The information contained in this Schedule is current as of 1 January 2013. Any changes approved by FFA or the NRC after that time will not be included until the next edition is published. Please check the referee section of FFA website www.footballaustralia.com.au/getinvolved/referee to find the most current information and any changes to the information contained in this Schedule or updates to courses or check with your local Member Federation.

2. Referee Courses

2.1 Referee Career Development

Course units facilitate long term exposure to modern officiating principles, interpretations, trends and processes, culminating in assessments of a Referee's practical competencies.

There are no separate levels or classifications applicable to any specific niche of Football or Futsal. Female and male officials use identical classifications, processes and procedures.

Selection to officiate in national competitions is made by FFA and falls outside the scope of this Schedule. FIFA or AFC match official nominations will be recommended to these bodies by FFA.

FFA aims to identify talented Referees well before they are considered for nomination to elite tournaments and panels. The National Talent Pool will assist in the identification of promising match officials and encourage their progress.

A Referee's career development is supported by formal courses monitored by FFA. The SRC (for Community level Referee courses) or FFA (for all level of courses) may end an upgrading process if the participant clearly is unable to develop the required competencies or fails to complete required units. The Referee must be advised in writing with the reasons for this action.

Failure to demonstrate all competencies required during any practical field assessments does not necessarily mean an end to an upgrading process. Performances should be analysed carefully and further opportunities would normally be identified for a participant who has not yet demonstrated the required practical unit's competencies. It must be stressed that neither Referees or matches should be placed at risk.

At the end of each course, the SRC or FFA may confirm or deny the upgrading, or defer the course for rescheduling at the next available opportunity. The participant must be notified within 14 days of the decision and reasons.

2.2 Community Football Referee Courses

Laws of the Game

Level 4 Referee

Level 3 Referee

These courses provide basic training and subsequent consolidation of officiating competencies. The majority of match officials in Australia can be expected to achieve Level 3 Referee classification.

Candidates for Level 4 and Level 3 courses must be a currently registered match official and hold current accreditation as required by being listed on the FFA match official accreditation database.

The course materials for community level courses are available to be downloaded prior to attending the classroom sessions. They are available through the resources section of www.footballaustralia.com.au/getinvolved/referee.

Laws of the Game

This course provides a basic introduction to the Laws of the Game and interpretations.

The course can be delivered by either *classroom* or *online* via FFA-approved equivalent online version.

Graduates receive a FFA certificate. However FFA and ASC accreditation is not available and graduates are not qualified to officiate in matches except for Optus Small Sided Football.

FFA will provide the curriculum to be followed. All other aspects of the course are the responsibility of the organising referee group.

Prerequisites	None.
Length of Course	Classroom: 8 hours Online: variable
Course Availability	Classroom: This course may be offered on a local area basis. The local Association, referee group or Member Federation will be responsible for approval, scheduling and appointment of Instructors. Online: laws.myfootballclub.com.au
Instructors	Classroom: Currently accredited Level 3 Instructors (or higher level of FFA Instructor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
Enrolment Processes	Classroom: By application to the organisation conducting the course. Any registration fee must accompany the application.
Timeframe	Classroom: The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable components will be within one year of the commencement of the course.
Assessments	Examinations - a maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions. Competency mark is 70%. Classroom: Three multiple choice examinations. There is no minimum waiting time between examination attempts. Online: Two multiple choice examinations. The third attempt must be made on application to their local referee organisation. Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable components of this course. A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i> .
Reporting Requirements	Classroom: The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Level 4 Referee

This course's practical emphasis complements the Laws of the Game's theoretical focus and is aimed at match officials officiating in junior and youth matches.

Course graduates are eligible to receive a FFA Level 4 Referee certificate and accreditation.

This course is usually conducted as a concentrated set of classroom presentations and practical exercises (6 hours). Practical coaching in matches (1-2 hours) complete the course.

Participants must demonstrate all pre-officiating unit competencies before accepting any Referee or Assistant Referee appointments.

FFA will provide the curriculum to be followed. The Member Federation, local Association or referee group will be responsible for the appointment of Instructors. All other aspects of the course are the responsibility of the organising referee group.

Prerequisites	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be currently registered with FFA as a match official ; and • must have successfully completed the Laws of the Game within the last two years. <p>Candidates must be at least 13 years of age on the commencement date of the course.</p>
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components.
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a local area basis.
Instructors	Currently accredited Level 3 Instructors (or higher level of FFA Instructor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to the organisation conducting the course. Any registration fee must accompany the application.
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to their Referee Committee. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year without written approval from their Member Federation.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Level 3 Referee

Theme: Skill Consolidation

This course's builds on the basics developed in the Level 4 Referee course and is aimed at match officials officiating in junior to lower divisions of adult football.

Level 4 Referees who possess this course's prerequisites may be invited by their Referee Committee to enrol as a participant immediately their Level 4 Referee classification is confirmed.

Course graduates are eligible to receive a FFA Level 3 Referee certificate and accreditation.

This course is usually taught as a concentrated set of classroom presentations (6 hours) followed by practical assessments and coaching in matches (2-4 hours).

FFA will provide the curriculum to be followed. The Member Federation, local Association or referee group will be responsible for the appointment of Instructors. All other aspects of the course are the responsibility of the organising referee group.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be currently registered with FFA as a match official; and • be an active referee at least 15 years old; and • clearly exhibit the competencies required of a Level 4 Referee. <p>Applicants may be 15 years of age on the commencement date of this course however they cannot be granted this accreditation until they turn 16 years of age.</p>
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components.
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a local area basis.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited Level 3 Instructors (or higher level of FFA Instructor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
Match Assessors	Where match assessments are conducted as part of this course, including any reassessments, these must be conducted by currently accredited Level 3 Assessors (or higher level of FFA Assessor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to their referee group's Referee Committee or by invitation from that Committee. Any registration fee must accompany the application or acceptance of an invitation.
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to their Referee Committee. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year without written approval from their Member Federation.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 20 multiple choice questions, 10 video incidents and 5 written responses. Competency mark is 70%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

2.3 Advanced Football Referee Courses

Level 2 Referee

Level 1 Referee

These courses provide advanced development for Referees wishing to officiate in senior and elite competitions. Participants must be registered with FFA and hold current FFA referee accreditation.

FFA will coordinate these courses with Member Federations and FFA will appoint all Instructors.

Ideally, entry to the upgrading process should be permitted as soon as the Referee has completed the previous course and consistently demonstrated appropriate officiating competencies.

Assuming that the necessary instructional and coaching support is available, the Member Federation should not defer or deny an application for entry to an upgrade course if the participant can demonstrate the competencies associated with the participant's current Referee qualification.

Gaining each of these accreditations is a process of continuous development generally extending over at least one season or longer if required. Each participant should be given ample opportunity to complete the upgrade process, including appointments to the higher level matches needed to meet the course's requirements.

Level 2 and Level 1 Theory and Practical Course Pathways

The Level 2 Referee and Level 1 Referee courses are composed of two components:

- **Theory**

This component includes all theoretical units of the course including the examination.

- **Practical**

This component includes the practical match assessments plus the completion of the Candidate's course folder.

Accreditation	Process
Level 2 Theory	If a Candidate holds a current Level 3 Referee accreditation and completes the Theory component of the Level 2 Referee course they will be granted Level 2 Referee (Theory) accreditation for a maximum of four years.
Level 2	If a Candidate holds a current Level 3 Referee accreditation and completes both the Theory and Practical components of the Level 2 Referee course they will be granted Level 2 Referee accreditation for a maximum of four years.
Level 1 Theory	If a Candidate holds a current Level 2 Referee or current Level 2 Referee (Theory) accreditation and completes the Theory component of the Level 1 Referee course they will be granted Level 1 Referee (Theory) accreditation for a maximum of four years.
Level 1	If a Candidate holds a current Level 2 Referee accreditation and completes both the Theory and Practical components of the Level 1 Referee course they will be granted Level 1 Referee accreditation for a maximum of four years.

Level 2 and Level 1 Practical Assessments

1. The practical officiating units of these courses require specified standards of matches. Referee groups who do not normally appoint Referees to such matches should make arrangements with other referee groups and competition managers to arrange access to suitable matches and either party must not unreasonably withhold those arrangements. Consult the Member Federation or relevant FFA officer for advice. FFA may vary the standard of matches required at its absolute discretion.
2. Level 2 and Level 1 Referee appointments should only be made once the participant possesses the competencies laid down for the course's theory component and any other specified unit prerequisites.
3. Each Level 2 Referee practical match assessment must be performed by a Level 2 Assessor or Level 1 Assessor or a person approved by FFA. Comprehensive assessment reports together with detailed running sheets are required.
4. Each Level 1 Referee practical match assessment must be performed by a FFA Level 1 Assessor or a person approved by FFA. Comprehensive assessment reports together with detailed running sheets are required.

Level 2 Referee

Theme: Development of Advanced Officiating

If a candidate completes the Theory component of the Level 2 Referee course they will be granted Level 2 Referee (Theory) accreditation for a maximum of four years.

If a candidate completes both the Theory and Practical components of the Level 2 Referee course they will be granted Level 2 Referee accreditation for a maximum of four years and are considered qualified to officiate at matches ranging from junior football to the penultimate senior football in their State, Territory or region.

This course is usually taught as a concentrated set of classroom presentations (8 hours) followed by practical assessments and coaching in matches (2-4 hours).

FFA conducts this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors and provides the curriculum to be followed.

FFA will work with the host Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Prerequisites	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a registered match official; and • be an active referee at least 18 years old; and • hold current Level 3 Referee accreditation; and • clearly exhibit the competencies required of a Level 3 Referee.
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a national or regional basis.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited Level 2 Instructors or persons approved by FFA.
Match Assessors	Currently accredited Level 2 Assessor, Level 1 Assessor or persons approved by FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to their Member Federation. Any registration fee must accompany the application. The SRC may invite members who meet the Level 2 Referee course prerequisites to undertake the course. Any registration fee must accompany the acceptance of the invitation.
Timeframe	The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course. The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to FFA. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year.
Assessments	Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course. Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions, 20 video incidents and 10 written responses. Competency mark is 80%. Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level. A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i> .
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide FFA the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the theory component of this course.

Level 1 Referee

Theme: Senior Officiating – Commitment to Excellence

If a candidate completes the Theory component of the Level 1 Referee course they will be granted Level 1 Referee (Theory) accreditation for a maximum of four years.

If a candidate completes both the Theory and Practical components of the Level 1 Referee course they will be granted Level 1 Referee accreditation for a maximum of four years and are considered qualified to officiate at matches from junior Football to the highest level of senior Football in their State, Territory or region and potentially at national level.

This course is usually taught as a concentrated set of classroom presentations (12 hours) followed by practical assessments and coaching in matches (2-4 hours).

FFA conducts this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors and provides the curriculum to be followed.

FFA will work with the host Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a registered match official; and • be an active referee at least 18 years old; and • hold current Level 2 Referee (Theory) or Level 2 Referee accreditation; and • clearly exhibit the competencies required of a Level 2 Referee. <p>To gain this level of accreditation the referee must also hold a current Level 3 Assessor accreditation.</p>
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a national or regional basis.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited FFA Instructors or persons approved by FFA.
Match Assessors	Currently accredited Level 1 Assessors or persons approved by FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	<p>By application to their Member Federation. Any registration fee must accompany the application.</p> <p>FFA or the Member Federation may invite members who possess the Level 1 Referee course prerequisites to undertake this course. Any registration fee must accompany the acceptance of the invitation.</p>
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to FFA. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions, 20 video incidents and 10 written responses. Competency mark is 85%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Candidates course folders must be reviewed by FFA before accreditation is finalised.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide FFA the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the Theory component of this course.

3. Futsal Referee Courses

Futsal Laws of the Game

Level 3 Futsal Referee

Level 3 Futsal Referee is the entry level course for Futsal.

The creation of Level 2 Futsal and Level 1 Futsal Referee courses is under consideration. These courses are expected to provide advanced development for match officials wishing to officiate in senior and elite competitions.

3.1 Transitional Arrangements for Futsal Referees

Any Futsal Referee wishing to seek recognition as a Level 2 or Level 1 Futsal Referee, or in possession of an overseas Futsal qualification, may submit an application for FFA Level 2 or Level 1 Futsal classification. Applications will be referred to and assessed by an appropriate FFA panel. FFA's RPL (*Recognition of Prior Learning*) and/or RCC (*Recognition of Current Competency*) policy procedures will apply. As no Level 2 or Level 1 Futsal Referee courses exist the outcome of any application for recognition above Adult is uncertain and may be guided initially by the establishment of precedents.

3.3 Future Futsal Development

The following Futsal courses are foreshadowed:

Level 2 Futsal Referee

Theme: Development of Advanced Officiating

It is anticipated that graduates will receive a FFA Senior Futsal Referee Certificate and accreditation. They will be considered qualified to officiate in local and State League matches.

Level 1 Futsal Referee

Theme: Senior Officiating - Commitment to Excellence

It is anticipated that graduates will receive a FFA Level 1 Futsal Referee Certificate and accreditation. They will be considered qualified to officiate in any Futsal matches, including elite and national level matches.

Futsal Laws of the Game

The Futsal Laws of the Game provides a basic introduction to Futsal's Laws and interpretations. It includes a written theory examination.

Graduates receive a FFA Certificate however FFA/ASC accreditation is not available and graduates are not qualified to officiate.

To begin their Futsal Refereeing career graduates must join a recognised referee group and achieve the competencies identified for the pre-officiating units of the Level 3 Futsal Referee course.

FFA will provide the curriculum to be followed. All other aspects of the course are the responsibility of the organising referee group.

Prerequisites	Not applicable.
Length of Course	8 hours.
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a local area basis. The local association, Futsal centre, referee group or Member Federation will be responsible for approval, scheduling and appointment of Instructors.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited Level 3 Instructors (or higher Instructor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
Enrolment Processes	By application to the organisation conducting the course. Any registration fee should accompany the application.
Timeframe	The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable components will be within one year of the commencement of the course.
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Each examination must be separated by a minimum of 28 calendar days to allow for sufficient revision and any necessary instruction that may be required.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Level 3 Futsal Referee

This course's practical emphasis complements the Futsal Laws of the Game's theoretical focus.

Participants must demonstrate all pre-officiating unit competencies before accepting any Referee appointments.

These units are usually taught as a concentrated set of presentations and practical exercises taking about six hours. Practical assessments and other activities complete the course.

Course graduates are eligible to receive a FFA Level 3 Futsal Referee certificate and accreditation.

FFA will provide the curriculum to be followed. All other aspects of the course are the responsibility of the organising referee group.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a registered match official; and • have successfully completed the Futsal Laws of the Game within the last two years. <p>It is recommended that applicants be at least 13 years of age at the commencement date of the course.</p>
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components.
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a local area basis. The local association, Futsal centre referee group or Member Federation will be responsible for approval, scheduling and appointment of Instructors.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited Level 3 (or higher Instructor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
Match Assessors	Where match assessments are conducted as part of this course, including any reassessments, these must be conducted by currently accredited Level 3 Assessors (or higher level of FFA Assessor qualifications) or persons approved by the Member Federation or FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to the organisation conducting the course. Any registration fee must accompany the application.
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to their Referee Committee. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year without written approval from their Member Federation.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Each examination must be separated by a minimum of 28 calendar days to allow for sufficient revision and any necessary instruction that may be required.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

4. Referee Assessor Courses

Level 3 Assessor

Level 2 Assessor

Level 1 Assessor

4.1 Referee Assessor Career Development

Referee Assessors play a crucial role in Referee development. These NOAS-registered courses meet competency based design criteria similar to those used in Referees' Courses.

The broad aims of the Assessors' courses are to enable participants to develop an awareness of the role of the Referee Assessor; to recognise the need for career long development of Referees; and to provide Assessors with the basic tools, practices and policies they need to carry out their roles effectively. Courses prepare Assessors to work initially at a developmental level (local junior and youth levels) through to full assessment and coaching techniques for elite match officials.

Becoming a Referee Assessor is a crucial part of a Referee's continuing development. With this in mind from 1 January 2013 referees who wish to gain Level 1 Referee accreditation must also obtain Level 3 Assessor accreditation prior to the Referee accreditation being granted.

There are three FFA Assessor classifications. An entry level Futsal Assessor course is anticipated and is expected to adopt similar guidelines to those used for the Assessor courses.

All applicants must be currently registered with FFA as a match official and be listed on the FFA database. Course graduates must complete, sign and return to FFA a *Referee Assessor Code of Ethics* form before they are issued with a FFA certificate and ASC accreditation.

Graduate Competencies

Course graduates generally will be able to:

- identify and apply the multifaceted role of the referee Assessor;
- understand and apply basic assessment guidelines;
- identify the positive relationships and communication skills needed to work collaboratively with colleagues;
- recognise the desirable personal characteristics and qualities of a good Assessor;
- demonstrate that they have a sound knowledge of the *Laws of the Game*, modern interpretations and applications, and required mandatory actions and sanctions;
- identify FFA's match official policies, their purposes, and how they influence the ability of the match official to make the best decisions;
- analyse and report on pre-recorded match incidents and live matches, writing objective, accurate, constructive coaching reports and/or formal assessments.

Referee Assessor Course Availability

Courses are designed to be conducted as required, depending on the number of interested candidates, and as such may not necessarily be on an annual basis.

The Member Federation may not defer or deny an application for upgrading if the participant can show that the competencies associated with the participant's current qualification are still observable. Member Federations are encouraged to progress Assessors through the first two levels as rapidly as possible, commensurate with individual's abilities, group resources and FFA decisions. No minimum time period need be served before enrolment in the Level 2 course. Attendance on a Level 1 Assessor course is managed exclusively by FFA.

All Assessor courses employ the ASC's NOAS competency based education model, described earlier in this Schedule. Participants need feedback and guidance from Instructors and coaches during the courses. Practical work forms an important part of these Courses.

Level 3 Assessor

Level 3 Assessors are qualified to assess and coach match officials assigned to local junior, youth and adult level matches, or local Futsal matches when the Futsal Assessor course is established.

FFA approves the conduct of this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors and provides the curriculum to be followed.

FFA will work with the Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 18 years old; and • be a registered match official; and • hold current Level 3 Referee (or higher level) accreditation; and • have had at least two years active experience as an accredited referee. <p>A detailed written request to amend or waive this prerequisite may be made to FFA.</p>
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a State or regional basis.
Course Instructors	<p>An Instructor for this course must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a currently accredited Level 2 or Level 1 Assessor; or • a currently accredited Level 3 Assessor and Level 2 Instructor; or • persons approved by FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to the Member Federation conducting the course. Any registration fee must accompany the application.
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to their Member Federation. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year without written approval from FFA.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 20 multiple choice questions, 10 video incidents and 5 written responses. Competency mark is 70%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Each examination must be separated by a minimum of 28 calendar days to allow for sufficient revision and any necessary instruction that may be required.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide their Member Federation with the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Level 2 Assessor

Level 2 Assessors are qualified to coach and assess match officials assigned to junior, youth and adult level matches; or Futsal junior, youth and adult level matches when a course is developed. Tasks include, but are not limited to, the provision of coaching reports and match running sheets.

FFA conducts this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors and provides the curriculum to be followed.

FFA will work with the Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 18 years old; and • be a registered match official; and • have had at least four years active experience as a referee; and • hold current Level 3 Assessor accreditation; and • clearly exhibit the competencies of a Level 3 Referee Assessor.
Length of Course	8 hours plus practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a national or regional basis. Suitable participants may be invited to apply for a place on the course. Member Federation may be asked to identify and encourage suitable candidates to apply.
Course Instructors	<p>An Instructor for this course must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a currently accredited Level 2 or Level 1 Assessor; or • a currently accredited Level 2 Instructor; or • persons approved by FFA
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	<p>By application to the relevant Member Federation. Any registration fee must accompany the application.</p> <p>The Member Federation may invite suitably qualified members in possession of the prerequisites to undertake this course. Any registration fee must accompany the acceptance of an invitation.</p>
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The participant may request an extension to this time by writing to FFA. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions, 20 video incidents and 10 written responses. Competency mark is 80%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide FFA the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Level 1 Assessor

Level 1 Assessors are qualified to coach and assess all match officials in their code, including those officiating at senior and elite level.

The course includes pre-course exercises, classroom-based instruction, attendance at a live match and post-course exercises.

FFA conducts this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors, provide the curriculum to be followed and approve applicants to be invited to undertake the course.

FFA will work with the host Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Prerequisites	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 21 years old; and • be a registered match official; and • have had at least four years active experience as a senior referee; and • hold current Level 2 Assessor accreditation, have held it for at least two years and have been actively assessing during those two years; and • clearly exhibit, without exception, the competencies of a Level 2 Assessor. <p>In addition applicants must be deemed as competent in their knowledge of the Laws of the Game prior to their application being lodged with FFA. To meet this prerequisite the applicant must meet the competency requirements of a Level 2 Assessor by having successfully undertaken the FFA-supplied Laws of the Game examination within the 12 months prior to the commencement date of the course.</p>
Length of Course	16 hours plus practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a national or regional basis. Suitable participants may be invited to apply for a place on the course. Member Federation may be asked to identify and encourage suitable candidates to apply. FFA will advise applicants who have been accepted to undertake this course.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited FFA Instructors or persons approved by FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to FFA. Any registration fee must accompany the application. FFA may invite suitably qualified individuals that meet the prerequisites to participate in this course. Any registration fee must accompany the acceptance of an invitation.
Timeframe	<p>The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course.</p> <p>The applicant may request an extension to this time by writing to FFA. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions, 20 video incidents and 10 written responses. Competency mark is 85%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>“Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual”</i>.</p>
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide FFA the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the theory component of this course.

5. Referee Instructor Courses

Level 3 Instructor

Level 2 Instructor

5.1 Referee Instructor Career Development

There are currently two Referee Instructor classifications

Level 3 Instructor; and

Level 2 Instructor.

The Level 3 Instructor accreditation is recognised by FFA and is awaiting formal approval by the ASC.

The courses are designed to enhance the abilities of individual football Referee Instructors and to provide accredited Instructors to undertake the development of match officials.

An Instructor Level 1 course also remains under active consideration.

Courses able to be conducted

Level 3 Instructors are approved to deliver Community level referee courses within their local area.

Level 2 Instructors are approved to deliver all levels of match officials Courses.

Level 3 Instructor

This course is designed to provide Referee Instructors with the tools and support to conduct grassroots referees courses at local and regional levels.

Training for this course utilises the ASC's Presenter/Facilitator Course supplemented by the provision of football-specific course materials.

Alternatively, if attendees are deemed to be not yet competent as a result of attending a Level 2 Instructor course they may be deemed as competent to hold Level 3 Instructor accreditation without attending the ASC's Presenter/Facilitator Course.

Prerequisites	<p>To be granted this FFA accreditation the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 18 years old; and • be a registered match official; and • hold current Level 3 Assessor accreditation, have held it for at least two years and have been actively assessing during those two years. <p>In addition they must have successfully completed one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC's Presenter/Facilitator Course; or • Certificate IV in Training & Assessment or • Other accredited course approved by FFA; or <p>The applicant must also have passed a Laws of the Game examination at the competency level required to pass the Level 2 Referee course within six months of the commencement of the course.</p>
FFA Accreditation Fee	<p>The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to persons who gain this level of accreditation and should be collected by Member Federations.</p>
Assessments	<p>Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable components of this accreditation.</p> <p>Examinations consist of 20 multiple choice questions, 10 video incidents and 5 written responses. Competency mark is 80%.</p> <p>Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level.</p> <p>A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the "<i>Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual</i>".</p>
Reporting Requirements	<p>The Member Federation must provide FFA the names and FFA number in a 'dummy' course register for FFA accreditation and certificate to be issued.</p>

Level 2 Instructor

The course is designed to enhance the abilities of football Referee Instructors and to provide accredited Instructors to assist in the development of match officials at all levels.

FFA conducts this course including appointment of Instructors and Assessors, provide the curriculum to be followed and approve applicants to be invited to undertake the course.

FFA will work with the Member Federation regarding the administrative and logistical aspects of the course.

Graduate Competencies

Course graduates generally will be able to:

- establish a relationship between the Instructor/coach and match officials;
- implement sound educational principles and practices;
- identify, plan, deliver and evaluate appropriate training methods to improve and develop changes in Refereeing performance;
- identify their own strengths and shortcomings in their presentation techniques;
- educate participants when to utilise mentoring, counselling and self assessment as techniques in the development of Referees;
- exhibit a sound knowledge of the relevant Laws of the Game and interpretations.

Prerequisites	Applicants must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 21 years old; and • be a registered match official; and • hold current Level 3 Assessor (or higher) accreditation, have held it for at least two years and have been actively assessing during those two years; and • have/had a reasonable level of experience as an active Referee.
Length of Course	24 hours including theoretical and practical components (approximately).
Course Availability	This course may be offered on a national or regional basis. Suitable participants may be invited by FFA to apply for a place on the course. Member Federation may be asked to identify and encourage suitable candidates to apply.
Course Instructors	Currently accredited FFA Instructors or persons approved by FFA.
FFA Accreditation Fee	The FFA Referee Accreditation fee is charged to attendees of this course and should be collected by Member Federations.
Enrolment Processes	By application to FFA. Any registration fee must accompany the application.
Timeframe	The time limit to complete all aspects of the course and meet the required competency level in examinable and practical components will be within two years of the commencement of the course. The applicant may request an extension to this time by writing to FFA. Such an extension shall not be longer than one year.
Assessments	Participants may be offered additional opportunities to meet the required competency level in the examinable and practical components of this course. Examinations consist of 40 multiple choice questions, 20 video incidents and 10 written responses. Competency mark is 85%. Examinations A maximum of three attempts to meet the required competency level. Practical A reasonable number of attempts to meet the required competency level. A fee may be charged to undertake additional examinations or to be reassessed against the practical components of this course. These fees are outlined in the <i>"Match Officials Policies and Procedures Manual"</i> .
Reporting Requirements	The Instructor must provide FFA the completed course register within 28 days of the completion of the course.

Appendix

Definitions

In this Schedule:

curriculum means the course structure and content including units to be presented and examination material.

development of match officials means the training, education, coaching and assessment of match officials including the conduct of courses approved by FFA.

match official means a Referee, Assistant Referee, Fourth Official, Assessor or Instructor.

course materials means the manuals, presentations, audiovisual material, assessment forms, course evaluation forms and other materials used to conduct a course.

course register means the Excel workbook containing all details of a Course and details of all participants.

recognised means that the group is affiliated to a Member Federation and is recognised by FFA.

referee group means local Association, referee organisation, Member Federation or similar organisation that is responsible for the development, training, education, coaching and assessment of match officials within their jurisdictions.

registered match official means a match official who is registered with FFA through a recognised referee group in accordance with FFAs National Registration Regulations.

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