

BVC REFEREE LICENCES AND GRADING POLICY

Overview

All BVC Referees are required to pay a Referee Licence fee annually. Most Associations pay for the Referee Licences for the referees within their Associations. Individual referees whom are not 'linked' to an Association, due to various circumstances, are provided the ability to register directly with BVC by paying the applicable fee.

Grading of Referees

Level O Courses are conducted within Associations, by Referee Coaches (must be accredited Referee Coaches {Grade 1 or above}) from neighbouring associations as well as persons approved by the BVC Referee Subcommittee to present Level O Courses.

Introduction

This policy will cover the accreditation for Referees and Referee Coaches within Basketball Victoria Country (BVC).

All policy previously made concerning Referees and Referee Coaches shall be rescinded.

No Referee or Referee Coach grading will be recognised if the person conducting the grading did not hold the appropriate accreditation as per this policy.

1. Level Junior / Beginner/Community Referee

To be graded to Level 0 referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

- 1.1. Be at least 12 years of age;
- 1.2. Be registered with the BVC;
- 1.3. Complete the Basketball Australia's Level O Beginners course conducted by a Grade 1 or higher Referee Coach, including attending all sessions and complete course as set by the lecturer
- 1.4. On a referee turns 14 years of age, accreditation will recognised as 1C.

To be graded to level 1C referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

- 1.5. Be at least 14 years of age;
- 1.6. Be registered with the BVC;
- 1.7. Complete the Basketball Australia's Level 1 C course conducted by a Grade 1 or higher Referee Coach, including attending all sessions and complete course as set by the lecturer

- 1.8. Complete a practical assessment by refereeing a domestic level game(s) of basketball competently with a graded official as per the Victorian Basketball Referees Association (VBRA) "C Grade Referee Competencies" Document.

2. Level 1B Referees

A Level 1C referee may be promoted to level 1B by the local Referee Adviser no less than six (6) months after being appointed as a level 1C referee provided the referee has officiated senior basketball or high grade juniors.

To be graded to level 1B referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

- 2.1. Be registered with the BVC
- 2.2. The referee has displayed obvious improvement since being graded level 1C; and
- 2.3. Has fulfilled the requirements in relation to duties, as required by the association, including keeping appointments, being punctual and displaying appropriate conduct.
- 2.4. Fulfils all the competencies as per the VBRA "B Grade Referee Competencies" Document.
- 2.5. If a Referee Adviser does not to promote a level 1C referee within twelve (12) months of grading to level 1B that referee should be counselled as to their short comings, and a program agreed upon to enable the referee to achieve the level of performance required by the Referee Adviser. This program should be documented and the referee's progress reviewed no later than a further six (6) months.

3. BVC Level 1D Referees

To be graded to BVC 1D (domestic) referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

- 3.1. Approved by the local BVC Referee Advisor or Referee Coach invited to grade association referees.
- 3.2. Approval must be given by the Home Association
- 3.3. Capable of handling the top level of basketball played at the local association;
- 3.4. Be experienced and respected within the association.
- 3.5. The grading is recognised only within the association (Referee will be recognised as a B grade referee by BVC and VBRA).

4. BVC Level 1A Referee

BVC Pathway:

- 4.1. To be graded to BVC Level 1A referee, applicants must satisfy one of the following: Be registered with the BVC

4.2. Fulfills all the competencies as per the VBRA "Level 1A Grade Referee Competencies" Document.

4.3. Must complete the Level 1 Referee Course Theory modules

4.4. Have been nominated for and be observed at a minimum of two (2) BVC events

4.5. Gain a 80% /3 or higher mark in evaluations

- Have fulfilled the requirements in relation to duties, as required by the branch, including keeping appointments, being punctual and displaying appropriate conduct.

Association Pathway

4.6 An A grade school can be presented by Grade 2 (or above) referee coach within individual associations. Permission must be sought from BVC RDO prior to the announcement of the school being offered.

4.7 At the completion of the school, results must be sent to the BVC Referee Officer.

To **retain** this grading, the referee must

- be nominated for, and observed at two (2) BVC events, one of which must be a level 2 event.
- gain an average mark of at least 80%/3 in evaluations and the theory exam;
- have fulfilled the requirements in relation to duties, as required by the branch, including keeping appointments, being punctual, maintaining game fitness and displaying appropriate conduct.

The retaining, of the BVC Level 1A Referee will be awarded by the BVC Referee Subcommittee. Under extenuating circumstances, a BVC Level 1A accreditation may be obtain and/or retained, by an referee, provided the referee provided written correspondence to the BVC Referee Subcommittee.

5. BVC Level 2 Referees

To be graded to BVC Level 2 referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

5.1. Be registered with the BVC

5.2. Awarded by BVC Referee Subcommittee.

5.3. Satisfactorily complete the annual theory and fitness tests with passes as set by VBRA

5.4. Must nominate for and be observed at a minimum of two (2) BVC events.

5.4.1. Junior event of which must be 16 and above with evaluations

5.4.2. The evaluation average must be 82% or higher and /or 3+ over all events

5.5. Must complete 50% of games in a season of CBL and be evaluated on a minimum of 3 men's games

To retain this grading, the referee should fulfil 2 of the below criteria

5.6. Nominate for and be observed at two (2) BVC events. U16 Div 1 and above

5.7. Referee and receive evaluations on CBL, with an evaluation average of 80% and/or 3 and higher

5.8. Nominate for and be observed on men's games on Big V with an evaluation average of 80% and/or 3 and higher

Under extenuating circumstances, a BVC Level 2A accreditation may be obtain and/or retained, by a referee, provided the referee provides written correspondence to the BVC Referee Subcommittee.

6. Level 3 Referees

To be graded to Level 3 referee applicants must satisfy the VBRA "Level 3 Referee Competencies" Document. Level 3 Accreditation is commonly referred to as 'State Badge'.

7. Retired Referees

Retiring referees to retain their current grading of Level 2 and above must have held and retained that level for the past Five (5) years. The suffix R will be added to their grading when it is listed on the annual statements of grades.

Referee Coaches

All Referee Coaches shall pay a registration fee to BVC by 31 January each year.

8. Grade 1 Referee Coaches Course

To be obtain the Grade 1 Referee Coach accreditation, applicants must satisfy must satisfy the VBRA Grade 1 Referee Coach Course requirements

9. Grade 2 Referee Coaches Course

To be obtain the Grade 2 Referee Coach accreditation, applicants must satisfy VBRA Grade 2 Referee Coach Course requirements

10. Local Association Referee Adviser and Referee Coordinators

Ideally persons nominated, as Referee Adviser must hold a current level 2 or higher referee's certificate and Grade 2 or higher Referee Coach's certificate, and are a current financial member of the Victoria Basketball Referees' Association (VBRA).

Referee Coordinators maybe those individuals who have a referee accreditation, however do not possess a Referee Coach accreditation, although possess a strong interest in referees within their local Association.

Due to the vary sizes and different operational aspects of Associations, there maybe a need for an Association to directly develop a role/position description directly with an individual as a prospective Referee Adviser or Referee Coordinators.

EVENT RATINGS

The following BVC events are classified as BVC grading events for Level 1A and above

Note: Selection Process for National events

- To be selected to represent BVC as a referee at a State/National event, the referee must participate in BVC programs, attending at least 2 nominated BVC events as a referee and/or referee coach.

Domestic Games or Association Tournaments are **not** classified as Grading events for Level 1A or above unless sanctioned by the BVC RDO

Nominated events to be reviewed annually by BVC RSC