



# Boxing Australia Referees and Judges Committee

## Referee & Judge Accreditation Policy

The accreditation process for boxing judges and referees is to be in accordance with the BAL Technical and Competition Regulations, structured in modular format, and addresses deficiencies in judges and referee's standards throughout Australia.

### 1. DEFINITIONS

"World Boxing (WB)" is the international boxing organisation BAL is affiliated with.

"Member Association (MA)" in this document includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

"national tournament" means the Australian Championships, or any competition approved by the BAL R&J Committee deemed suitable for assessment of candidates to national level.

"state championship" means the annual championships of a state member association, or any competition approved by the host state R&J Coordinator as suitable for assessment of candidates to state level.

"officiate" means to carry out officially appointed duties as a judge, referee, supervisor, timekeeper, computer operator or glove steward at a tournament.

"international tournament" for the purposes of this document means a tournament organised by WB or one of the WB Continental Federations.

"BAL R&J Accreditation Seminar/Course" means a seminar or course approved by the BAL R&J Committee for accreditation of officials.

"examination on WB rules/BAL Regs" is an examination which may be conducted by oral or written means, or a combination of both, as determined by the examining assessment panel, the content of which is approved by the BAL R&J Committee.

### 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The staging of a tournament at any level does not guarantee candidate assessments will be conducted at that particular tournament.

Individuals are to be qualified judges before being assessed as a referee.

All workshops and testing at any level shall be conducted by the BAL R&J Committee or individuals selected by the BAL R&J Committee.

Individuals wishing to become a judge or referee shall apply in writing to BAL or directly to the BAL R&J Committee.

Testing at all levels may be conducted at any tournament as determined by the BAL R&J Committee.

All judges and referees are to attend a minimum of one R&J refresher per year.

### 3. MODULES OF ACCREDITATION

There are five modules of accreditation in Australia: Modules 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

On application to undertake training to become a judge or referee the nominee will be provided with a copy of the WB Competition and Technical Rules, and BAL Regulations, or links to the electronic versions.

#### 3.1 MODULE 1 – Progression to 1-Star Judge

##### 3.1.1 – Stage 1:

A candidate is to:

- i. Complete the following Sport Integrity Australia eLearning courses:
  - a. National integrity framework
  - b. Safeguarding children and young people in sport induction, and
  - c. Competition manipulation and sport gambling.

##### 3.1.2 – Stage 2:

A candidate is to:

- i. Attend a seminar on judging.
- ii. Pass a practical assessment demonstrating accuracy and consistency of judging of video bouts.
- iii. Be assigned a “Mentor”, an Australian level referee in good standing, to guide and supervise the candidate through Module 2.

Stage 1 must be completed, and proof of completion provided before undertaking further Stages.

On completion of Module 1 the candidate will be accredited as a 1-Star judge.

#### 3.2 MODULE 2 – Progression to 1-Star Referee

##### 3.2.1 – Stage 1:

A candidate is to:

- i. Attend a referee’s seminar.
- ii. Conduct practice refereeing in a gymnasium or similar, or during exhibition bouts.

Having completed the above the candidate will be recognised as a 1-Star Referee.

#### 3.3 MODULE 3 – Progression to State Level 2-Star Judge

This complete Module gives candidates the opportunity to gain practical experience in the areas required to work around the ring, judging, an understanding of the roles of the equipment manager, the weigh-in steward and timekeeper, plus the important role of setting-up and operating the computer scoring system and can be conducted in any order to suit the development of the candidate.

##### 3.3.1 – Stage 1 – equipment manager:

A candidate is to:

- i. Spend at least 10 bouts assisting a qualified Equipment Manager.
- ii. Spend at least 5 bouts as the lead Equipment Manager, under supervision of a qualified Equipment Manager.

### 3.3.2 – Stage 2 – timekeeper:

A candidate is to:

- i. Spend at least 10 bouts working as the assistant Timekeeper.
- ii. Spend at least 5 bouts as the lead timekeeper under the supervision of a qualified Timekeeper.

### 3.3.3 – Stage 3 – computer set-up/operator (where available):

A candidate is to:

- i. Spend at least two tournaments assisting in setting up the computer scoring system.
- ii. Spend at least two tournaments under the supervision in setting up the computer scoring system.
- iii. Spend at least 10 bouts as the assistant Computer Operator.
- iv. Spend at least 5 bouts under the supervision of a qualified Computer Operator.

### 3.3.4 – Stage 4 – weigh-in steward:

A candidate is to:

- i. Spend at least 2 tournaments as the assistant weigh steward.
- ii. Spend at least 2 tournaments as the lead weigh steward under the supervision of a qualified weigh steward.

### 3.3.5 – Stage 5 – judging:

This stage will see the candidate introduced as a Supernumerary (shadow) Judge using either the computer scoring system or manual scoring.

A candidate is to:

- i. Score a minimum of 30 bouts under the supervision and critique of the candidate's mentor.

Having completed the above the candidate will, with the approval of the candidate's mentor, be allowed to advance to the testing stage.

### 3.3.6 – Stage 6 – testing:

This stage will see the candidate assessed as a Judge using either the computer scoring system or manual scoring and tested on their knowledge and roles of a judge.

A candidate is to:

- i. Score a minimum of 10 bouts under the assessment of a member appointed by the MA R&J Committee other than the candidate's mentor.
- ii. Be successfully tested (written or orally) by a member appointed by the MA R&J Committee other than the candidate's mentor.

Having completed the above, the candidate will be recognised as a 2-Star Judge and be accredited to judge within the MA up to State Championship or equivalent level and advance to the next module.

Furthermore, a [BAL R&J Registration Form](#) is to be completed and forwarded to the BAL R&J Committee for action; thereafter, the candidate will be provided with a 2-Star badge and BAL R&J Record Book.

### **3.4 MODULE 4 – Progression to State Level 2-Star Referee**

#### **3.4.1 – Stage 1:**

When the mentor considers the candidate to be ready, spend at least 30 bouts refereeing in school or junior bouts, again under the management and critique of the mentor.

Having completed the above the candidate will, with the approval of the candidate's mentor, be authorised to advance to the testing stage.

#### **3.4.2 – Stage 2 – testing:**

A candidate is to:

- i. Referee a minimum of 5 bouts under the assessment of a member appointed by the MA R&J Committee other than the candidate's mentor.
- ii. Be successfully tested (written or orally) by a member appointed by the MA R&J Committee other than the candidate's mentor.

Having completed the above the candidate will be recognised as a 2-Star Referee and be accredited to referee up to State Championship level.

**Note 1:** If determined appropriate by the MA R&J Committee, judge and referee testing (Module 3 Stage 6 and Module 4 Stage 2) may be conducted concurrently.

**Note 2:** Once a candidate completes Module 3 as a judge or Module 4 as a referee the member can officiate in any State or Territory of Australia up to State Championship or equivalent level.

### **3.5 MODULE 5 – Progression to National Level – 3-Star**

National level 3-Star is where the candidate can operate at all levels within Australia and is open to a 2-Star judge or an official that holds both referee and judge 2-Star accreditation. This is the minimum accreditation standard for entry to international level and is awarded following testing conducted at a competition approved by the BAL R&J Committee.

To be eligible for National level 3-Star accreditation the candidate shall complete the following prior to testing:

#### **3.5.1 – Stage 1:**

A candidate is to:

- i. Have officiated at a minimum of one Member Association Elite Championship or competition determined appropriate by the BAL R&J Committee.
- ii. Judge a minimum of 50 bouts using the computer scoring system or manual scoring.
- iii. Referee a minimum of 30 bouts.

#### **3.5.2 – Stage 2:**

A candidate is to:

- i. Apply to the BAL R&J Committee to attend testing; this will be accompanied by a recommendation by the candidate's mentor and evidence to support Module 4 Stage 1.

### 3.5.3 – Stage 3:

The BAL R&J Committee will initiate action to conduct testing at any tournament that the BAL R&J Committee consider appropriate.

### 3.5.4 – Stage 4 – National testing – 3-Star:

The BAL R&J Committee will appoint a testing official to conduct the necessary testing.

A candidate is to:

- i. Judge a minimum of 10 bouts using the computer scoring system or manual scoring.
- ii. Referee a minimum of 5 bouts.
- iii. Undertake further testing as determined by the appointed tester.

**Note 1:** Depending on whether the candidate undertook testing for a 3-Star Judge, or 3-Star Referee will determine the accreditation they receive.

**Note 2:** R&J wishing to progress to international level will need to be assessed and awarded National Level 3-Star and officiate at an Australian Men's Elite Championship.

**Note 3: Fast-tracking.** Where a person shows exceptional ability, they may be permitted to nominate for National Level – 3-Star accreditation as a judge and/or referee despite having held state accreditation and completion of 3.5.1. Such decisions will be made by the BAL R&J Committee on the written recommendation of the Member Association's R&J Co-ordinator.

## 4. PROGRESSION TO INTERNATIONAL STAR LEVEL

Progression to international Star level will be conducted in accordance with the International R&J Management System.

## 5. RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS GAINED OVERSEAS

Referees and Judges who were accredited to national level in another country and who have since become Australian citizens and are resident in Australia may apply to have their former national R&J qualifications recognised.

The process for recognition is as follows:

- i. Apply to the BAL R&J Committee through BAL and provide evidence of their former qualifications, and
- ii. Officiate at a national tournament or tournament recognised by the BAL R&J Committee and be assessed as competent.

Where the R&J is internationally qualified, he/she shall advise WB through BAL to record their new country of residency. Residents who are not Australian citizens will not be considered for representative duties but may officiate at national or state level in Australia.

## 6. MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION

All referees or judges operating in Australia, including those with international qualification, must attend a BAL R&J Refresher yearly.

An official who is Star-2 accredited shall officiate to a satisfactory standard at least once every two years at a state championship or equivalent. Where this does not occur, that person shall not retain Star-2 qualifications until re-qualified as per Modules 3 and 4 of this policy.

An official who is Star-3 accredited shall officiate to a satisfactory standard at least once every three years at a national tournament or equivalent. Where this does not occur, that person cannot retain Star-3 qualification until re-qualified as per Module 5 of this policy. The official shall not wear an Australian R&J badge at any tournament until re-qualified.

An R&J official whose international accreditation lapses is to maintain their accreditation at Star-2 or 3 level as per this policy, to be eligible to officiate at state or national level respectively.

A judge or referee who maintains their accreditation at Star-2 or 3 and has previously held an international accreditation which has since lapsed, may wear their international R&J badge while officiating at a tournament; however, is not eligible to officiate at any international tournament until re-qualified as per international rules.

## 7. JUNIOR OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (JODS)

The JODS scheme is an incentive by BAL to provide formal guidance and instructions for the training, development and use of 15, 16 and 17 year old athletes as amateur boxing referees and/or judges. The scheme is conducted in accordance with the BAL JODS Policy and all accreditations and training will be conducted in conjunction with the BAL R&J Accreditation Policy.

## 8. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION

This policy shall be read in conjunction with the BAL R&J Committee Seminar Policy, the BAL JODS Policy and the BAL R&J Accreditation Policy flowcharts.