



# **BOXING AUSTRALIA INC**

## **Referees and Judges Committee**

### **Junior Officials Development Scheme Policy**

#### **Introduction**

Dwindling numbers within the ranks of Referees and Judges is a problem shared within all sports and amateur boxing is certainly no different.

Our RJ are the safeguards of our sport, whose only concern is the safety and care of the boxer, but just as importantly is the proper running of tournaments without having any outside conflicting interests. Sadly, making up the officials' numbers by unqualified coaches, spectators and/or boxers is unacceptable.

By providing our young athletes with an early opportunity to experience refereeing and/or judging as a normal part of a boxers growth, it is hoped that when their days of competition are over they will be keen to remain in the sport in an official capacity having learnt from experience that being a part of the RJ can deliver many benefits from social interaction and, not least of all, the rewards of continual learning and bettering of their skills through a enhanced understanding of RJ methods and expectations.

The Junior Officials Development Scheme (JODS), being a hands-on skill based program, will expose, train and retain young athletes and introduce them to an enjoyable pastime that can take them as far as the Olympics if they so desire, but will also enhance their total understanding of amateur boxing and provide ongoing knowledge and experience within the sport.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this scheme is 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.

#### **Instructions**

It is vitally important to understand that uneducated coaches, boxers and public will prevent success of this scheme; therefore, education needs to be foremost to protect athletes participating in the JODS program, and this includes mentors of our JODS athletes so their experience is a positive one.

Athletes participating in the JODS program will undergo accreditation in accordance with the BAI RJ Accreditation Policy. In addition to the BAI RJ Accreditation Policy, the JODS program will comprise the following specific principles:

- An athlete participating in the JODS program will be assigned a mentor and the mentor's role will be to guide and develop the athlete. The mentor shall be a minimum State/Territory qualified referee.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will use a BAI RJ Record Book for recording of all activities.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will not officiate in a bout where their own club is competing.

- An athlete participating in the JODS program will not officiate in bouts where one or both competitors are 17 years and older.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will not officiate on the same day as they themselves are competing.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will not officiate in a multi-day tournament if they themselves are competing.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will participate in R&J officiating clinics and complete a number of tasks to earn points, including:
  - gloving steward,
  - assistant time keeper,
  - weigh-in monitor, and
  - computer operator etc.
- An athlete participating in the JODS program will use the 'Green Shirt' principle so new officials, coaches and spectators can easily identify that the athlete is under training/development.

**Point's system.** *To be developed.*

**Code of conduct.** *To be developed.*

**Age specific training manual.** *To be developed.*

This policy will be read in conjunction with the BAI RJ Accreditation Policy and the BAI RJ Seminar Policy.