



Officiating Pathways



The **Australian Athletics Officials' Education Scheme** (AAOES) is a joint initiative between Little Athletics Australia and Athletics Australia that provides a seamless and transparent education pathway for Australian Athletics Officials.

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS OFFICIALS' EDUCATION SCHEME?

The **Australian Athletics Officials' Education Scheme** emphasises the power of knowledge and competency. The aim is for it to be widely accessible and provide the opportunity and knowledge to officiate athletics competitions, no matter which level/

The Athletics Specific Levels of this scheme delivered within Australia are:

- **Level 1** - Club/Centre/School Official
- **Level 2** - State Level Official
- **Level 3** - National Level Official

The **Australian Officials Education Scheme** is complemented by two additional courses delivered at Oceania Athletics Association or World Athletics. These are designed to allow Australian Athletics Officials the opportunity to advance their education past National Level and officiate at International Events.

OFFICIATING LEVELS & REQUIREMENTS

Level	What it involves?	Requirements
Level 0 – Introduction to Officiating	An Australian Sports Commission course for all sports in Australia. Officials are encouraged to complete to give them an overall understanding of officiating, but course is not compulsory	Completion of E-Learning Module
Level 1 – Club/Centre/School Official	For Officials wishing to Officiate at a Local/School/Club Level. It provides an introduction to each event and technical official area.	Completion of Online E-Learning Modules with Quiz
Level 2 – State Official	Aimed at Officials wanting to be appointed as a Chief or Referee at State Level and a Chief at National Level.	Must have successfully completed courses in Level 1 discipline area before starting. To achieve Level 2 must complete Practical Days, attend seminars, Online E-Learning and Online Exam
Level 3 – National Official	Aimed for Officials wanting to be qualified to be appointed as a Chief at National Level, Referee at National Level, a position within Competition Management at National Level	Must have successfully completed Level 2 in Event Area. To achieve a Level 3 an individual must complete Seminars, Practical Components, and a Written Exam
Level 4 – World Athletics Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme (TOECS Level 2)	Conducted by Oceania Regional Development Centre with Officials invited to complete this course. An Official with this qualification is eligible to be appointed as an Area Technical Official (ATO) – Oceania. Course is conducted every 2 years.	An individual has demonstrated a high level of Officiating within Australia and must be invited to complete. Involves theoretical Learning and Practical Components
Level 5 – World Athletics Technical Officials Educations Certification Scheme (TOECS Level 3)	Conducted by World Athletics with Officials invited to complete this course. An Official with this qualification is eligible to be appointed as an International Technical Official (ITO) – Worldwide. Course is run every 4 years.	Has demonstrated a high-level officiating in Australia and Oceania and must be invited to attend. Involves Theoretical Learning and Practical Components.

Further Information can be found on the Athletics Australia Site [HERE](#)

HOW TO ENROL IN OFFICIATING COURSES:

Officiating Qualifications are managed by Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia through the AAOES. To Enrol in an Officiating Course Online this can be accessed [HERE](#).

It is recommended you complete the Level 0 – Introduction to Officiating module. Once completed you can then move on to the Athletics Specific Level 1 Courses in your chosen event area.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED TO OFFICIATING IN NSW:

In NSW we have an NSW Officials that allows Officials across Little Athletics NSW and Athletics NSW to stay connected and join a supportive community. By joining our NSW Officials Portal, you will receive:

- Access to Education Sessions in NSW
- Access to Seminars that assist in gaining further and maintaining current Qualifications
- Access to Nominate for Athletics NSW Events and Little Athletics NSW State Events
- Support from Little Athletics NSW and Athletics NSW Staff
- Regular updates on everything Officiating
- Access to Nominate for Athletics Australia National Events
- Access to the NSW Officials Mentoring Network

To Join the NSW Officials Portal you can register [HERE](#). This is needed to be done in addition to enrolling in officiating courses.

MAINTAINING QUALIFICATION:

To maintain your current level of Officiating Qualification it is required to attend a Seminar every two years and have evidence of regular officiating throughout the season which can be across Local, Regional, State and National Events.

CONTACTS:

If you have any questions in regard to your Officiating Qualifications, Officiating Pathways and Officiating at Events in New South Wales across Little Athletics NSW and Athletics NSW please contact the following:

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