

# Australian Athletics Official

## WELCOME

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

The scheme has the Australian Sport Commission endorsement and follows best industry practice, with online learning coupled with face-to-face delivery. The aim of the Scheme is to ensure an effective and efficient education framework is provided that will guarantee Australian Officials remain world leaders in event delivery at all levels of athletic competition.

The following information outlines the process for Officials to engage with Officials' education in Australia.



## What is the AAOES?

The emphasis of the AAOES is on knowledge and competency. The Scheme is aimed at being widely accessible and encourages a greater number of people to be provided with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge to conduct athletics competitions at all levels.

The levels of this scheme delivered within Australia are:

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

This Scheme is complemented by two grading's delivered at Oceania and international level (IAAF), for Officials to advance their education past that of Australian gradings. These levels are generally completed by invitation.

The scheme consists of the following levels:

AAOES Level 0	Introduction to Officiating (an Australian Sports Commission course)	
AAOES Level 1	<b>Club/Centre/School Official</b>	Basic Grading – aimed at officials wishing to officiate at a local/ club/centre/school level
AAOES Level 2	<b>State Official</b>	Aimed at officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief or Referee at State level and a Chief at National level
AAOES Level 3	<b>National Official</b>	Aimed at Officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief or Referee or Competition Management at a National level
AAOES Level 4	IAAF Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme <b>TOECS Level 2</b> (Diploma) conducted by the Oceania Regional Development Centre	Eligible to be appointed as an Area Technical Official (ATO) - Oceania
AAOES Level 5	IAAF Technical Officials Education Certification Scheme <b>TOECS Level 3</b> (Diploma) conducted by the IAAF	Eligible to be appointed as an International Technical Official (ITO)

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## AAOES LEVEL 0: INTRODUCTION TO OFFICIATING

The “**Introductory Officiating General Principles**” eLearning course has been developed by the Australian Sport Commission to assist Officials in learning the basic skills they will need to officiate effectively. This is not compulsory for Athletics Officials but is strongly recommended.

The course contains three modules which cover a range of general officiating topics, including ethical responsibilities of Officials, preparation for Officiating, safety, communication, dealing with conflict and people management.



[Click here to access the online course](#)

## AAOES LEVEL 1

Level 1 is the entry level (first athletics specifics level) of the new Australian Athletics Officials' Education Scheme.

### Pre-requisites

Before attempting this level, Officials are encouraged to complete the Australian Sports Commission Introduction to Officiating course. However, it is not compulsory.

You do not need to be a registered member of a club or State Association, just simply sign up and start learning.

Some State Associations will offer entry level seminars to teach the basics of athletics officiating in a face to face environment. These are encouraged, but not compulsory.

### Enrolment

First you must enrol. This only needs to be done once. Candidates who have already completed the Introduction to Officiating (or any other Australian Sports Commission Course) can use that login information to access the AAOES courses. [Click here to enrol](#)

You will be asked to submit your contact information and some details about yourself. You will be then sent an email to your nominated email account. Open that email and click on the link to start learning!

## AAOES LEVEL 1- WHAT IS IT?

Candidates must complete online learning and pass a multiple-choice quiz. The learning and quiz will focus on ensuring the candidate has a basic understanding of the rules of the discipline they are attempting.

AAOES Level 1 is made up of 12 separate courses:

- Track
- Starting
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Pole Vault

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- Triple Jump
- Hammer Throw
- Javelin
- Discus
- Shot Put
- Walks
- Out of Stadia

Within each course, there are four (4) modules, each with their own content and quiz attached:

- Rules
- Officials & Communication
- Equipment
- Risk Management



Candidates can attempt as many of the courses as they like. Once you have completed all four modules and the competency quiz, you have finished the course and will be able to download your Certificate of Completion.

Each course should take around 45-90 minutes depending on your prior knowledge of the event and/or athletics. All questions in the quiz are multiple choice.

## AAOES LEVEL 2

Level 2 is the next stage of the AAOES. It is targeted at Officials wishing to be appointed as a Chief or Referee at State level and a Chief at National level.

### What is it?

In Level 2, candidates will be required to complete practical requirements, attend seminars, complete online learning components and complete an exam. Rather than just testing the rules, candidates will be required to apply the rules and interpret certain situations.

The following courses are offered at Level 2:

- Track
- Jumps
- Throws
- Out of Stadia
- Walks
- Administration
- Technical

### Pre- Requisites

Before attempting Level 2, Officials must have successfully completed learning at Level 1. This is outlined in the following table;

Level 2 Course	Pre- Requisite
Track	Level 1 Track & Starting
Jumps	Any 3 of: Level 1 Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault
Throws	Any 3 of: Level 1 Shot Put, Discus, Javelin Hammer Throw

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Walks	Level 1 Walks
Out of Stadia	Level 1 Out of Stadia
Administration	No Level 1 Learning, just practical and seminars
Technical	No Level 1 Learning, just practical and seminars

## Practical

As part of the Level 2 accreditation, Officials will be required to complete 15 days of practical at approved athletics meets. The Practical Card will need to be completed and signed off by a current Level 2 or Level 3 Official. Officials MUST ask the Official they wish to sign their card to review them during the competition. If this requirement is not fulfilled the card cannot be signed.



## Seminars

As part of the Level 2 accreditation, candidates will be required to attend at least one approved seminar in the discipline. This will need to be signed off on the practical card.

## eLearning

As part of the level 2 accreditation, candidates will need to complete certain e learning. This will include more in depth learning on the rules, as well as key components of Para athletics officiating.

## Exam

Once the above Practical, seminars, eLearning) have been completed, Officials must successfully complete an online exam that will include multiple choice and short answer questions. The pass mark will be 75%

## AAOES LEVEL 3

Level 3 is the highest accreditation offered in Australia. This will include seminars, practical components and a written exam.

As Level 3 is still being developed, candidates can complete the current Level A exam from the old scheme of Jetstar Little Athletics and Athletics Australia.

Contact your Member Association for further information.