



# BOXING AUSTRALIA INC

## Referees and Judges Committee

### Referee/Judge Accreditation Policy

The accreditation process for boxing judges and referees is presently not uniform across all member associations and constitutes an unacceptable level of risk for the association. To address this deficiency, Boxing Australia has standardised the accreditation process nationally, including the content of seminars and examinations.

This accreditation process is designed to comply with the standards set by the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) of the Australian Sports Commission.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

"State" in this document includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

"national tournament" means the Australian Championships, or any competition approved by the BAI R&J Committee as 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, jury member, timekeeper, computer operator or glove steward at a tournament.

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

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

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

#### 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

For all levels of accreditation, a person must not have officiated in any professional contests as defined by AIBA.

The staging of a tournament at any level does not guarantee that candidate assessments will be able to be performed at that particular event.

#### 3. LEVELS OF ACCREDITATION

There are three levels of accreditation in Australia: Regional, State and National.

The Regional level is reserved for situations where a candidate is available to officiate at local tournaments but has not been assessed on use of the computer scoring system. Regional R&J can only officiate at a tournament when there is at least one R&J present who is accredited to State level or above.

Regional accreditation is NOT a pre-requisite for state accreditation. Regional level is an option which some states and territories may find useful in isolated situations, but which is not expected to be used routinely. In most cases, new R&J candidates are expected to sit directly for State accreditation.

State accreditation is a pre-requisite for National level accreditation.

##### 3.1 REGIONAL LEVEL

###### **(a) Regional Level – Judge**

A candidate must:

- i. Attend a BAI R&J Accreditation Seminar/Course.
- ii. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules.
- iii. Pass a practical assessment demonstrating accuracy and consistency of judging of video bouts.
- iv. Complete trial judging at one or more tournaments and attain a satisfactory standard.

**b) Regional Level – Referee:**

A candidate must:

- i. Be a Regional accredited judge
- ii. Attend a BAI R&J Accreditation Seminar/Course
- iii. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules
- iv. demonstrate a satisfactory standard of refereeing performance at a minimum of 10 bouts within 12 months. This includes an assessment of mobility and fitness.

**(c) Examination**

Candidates for regional referee or judge accreditation may be examined at any tournament which BAI's R&J Committee deems suitable for candidate examination.

**(d) Extent of qualification**

A Regional referee or judge is qualified to officiate at any tournament within Australia with the exception of state, national or international tournaments. Further, he/she may only officiate at a tournament when there is present an R&J official accredited to State level or above.

**(e) Sequence**

A candidate must qualify as a regional judge before attempting to become a referee at the same level.

**3.2 STATE LEVEL****(a) State/Territory Level – Judge**

A candidate must:

- i. Attend a BAI R&J Accreditation Seminar/Course.
- ii. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules.
- iii. Pass a practical assessment demonstrating accuracy and consistency of judging of video bouts.
- iv. Complete trial judging at tournaments and attain a satisfactory standard of accuracy and consistency using computer scoring.

**(b) State/Territory Level – Referee:**

A candidate must:

- i. Be a State/Territory accredited judge.
- ii. Attend a BAI R&J Accreditation Seminar/Course.
- iii. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules.
- iv. Demonstrate a satisfactory standard of refereeing performance at a minimum of three tournaments or 20 bouts within 12 months. This includes an assessment of mobility and fitness.

**(c) Examination**

Candidates for state referee or judge accreditation may be examined at any state tournament which the host state's R&J Coordinator deems suitable for candidate examination.

**(d) Extent of qualification**

A State referee or judge is qualified to officiate at any tournament within Australia with the exception of national or international tournaments.

**(e) Sequence**

A candidate must qualify as a state judge before attempting to become a referee at the same level.

**(f) Progression from regional level**

A person accredited to regional level judge may progress to State level judge if they complete trial judging at tournaments and attain a satisfactory standard of accuracy and consistency using computer scoring.

A regional level referee will not progress to state level referee until they attain state level judge accreditation.

**3.3 NATIONAL LEVEL****(a) National Level – Judge**

A candidate must:

- i. Have held a State judge accreditation for not less than 1 year \*but see Fast-tracking below.
- ii. Have judged at a minimum of 30 bouts using computer scoring in the 12 months prior to assessment for national level.
- iii. Nominate through BAI to be examined at a national tournament.
- iv. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules.
- v. Demonstrate a satisfactory standard of accuracy and consistency using computer scoring.

**(b) National Level – Referee**

A candidate must:

- i. Be a national level judge.
- ii. Have held state referee accreditation for not less than one (1) year \*but see Fast-tracking below.
- iii. Have refereed at least 30 bouts in the 18 months prior to assessment for national level.
- iv. Nominate through BAI to be examined at a national tournament.
- v. Pass an examination on AIBA/BAI rules.
- vi. Demonstrate a satisfactory standard of refereeing performance, including an assessment of mobility and fitness.

**(c) Examination**

Candidates for national referee or judge accreditation may be examined at any tournament which BAI's R&J Committee deems suitable for national candidate examination.

The tournament shall have:

- i. Computer scoring.
- ii. A minimum of five nationally accredited judges.
- iii. Have sufficient bouts to test the candidate judge over a minimum of 12 bouts and a candidate referee over a minimum of five bouts.

**(d) Extent of qualification**

A national referee or judge is qualified to officiate at any tournament within Australia with the exception of international tournaments.

**(e) Sequence**

A candidate may seek both referee and judge national qualification simultaneously but may not be accredited as a national referee unless he/she is successfully accredited as a national judge.

**(f) Fast-tracking**

Where a person shows exceptional ability they may be permitted to nominate for national accreditation as a judge or referee despite having held state accreditation for less than one year. Such a decision will be made by the BAI R&J Committee on the written recommendation of the Member Association's R&J Co-ordinator.

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

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

**5. ACCREDITATION ASSESSORS****(a) Regional level**

The assessment of candidates for regional-level accreditation as a judge or referee shall be carried out by a panel of at least two members, being:

- i. Two members of the BAI R&J Committee, or
- ii. One member of the BAI R&J Committee and the state R&J Coordinator, or
- iii. The state R&J Coordinator and one state-accredited referee from the candidate's state.

The panel shall notify the BAI R&J Committee of the names of candidates and the result of their assessment.

**(b) State level**

The assessment of candidates for state-level accreditation as a judge or referee shall be carried out by a panel of at least two members, being:

- i. Two members of the BAI R&J Committee, or
- ii. One member of the BAI R&J Committee and the state R&J Coordinator, or
- iii. The state R&J Coordinator and one state-accredited referee from the candidate's state.

The panel shall notify the BAI R&J Committee of the names of candidates and the result of their assessment.

**(c) National Level**

The assessment of candidates for national-level accreditation as a judge or referee shall be carried out by a panel of at least two members, being:

- i. Two members of the BAI R&J Committee from different states to the candidate(s), or
- ii. One member of the BAI R&J Committee from a different state to the candidate(s) and who is AIBA accredited, and one AIBA-qualified R&J selected by the BAI R&J Committee.

The panel shall notify the BAI R&J Committee of the names of candidates and the result of their assessment.

## **6. MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION**

All referees or judges operating in Australia, including those with AIBA qualification, must attend a BAI R&J Seminar yearly.

A regional R&J official shall officiate to a satisfactory standard at least once every year at a tournament. Where a regional or state R&J official does not maintain his/her accreditation, that person cannot officiate at any tournament until re-qualified as per clause 3 of this policy.

A State R&J official shall officiate to a satisfactory standard at least once every two years at a state championship. Where a state R&J official does not maintain his/her accreditation, that person cannot officiate at state level until re-qualified as per clause 3 of this policy.

A National R&J official shall officiate to a satisfactory standard at least once every three years at a national tournament. Where a national R&J official does not maintain his/her accreditation, that person cannot officiate at national level until re-qualified as per clause 3 of this policy. The official shall not wear an Australian R&J badge at any tournament until re-qualified.

An R&J official whose AIBA accreditation lapses must maintain their accreditation at state or national level as per this policy, in order to be eligible to officiate at state or national level respectively.

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

## **7. JUNIOR OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (JODS)**

The JODS scheme is an incentive by BAI 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 BAI JODS Policy and all accreditations and training will be conducted in conjunction with the BAI R&J Accreditation Policy.

## **8. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION**

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