



Referees and Judges Committee

Referee & Judge Accreditation Policy

The accreditation process for boxing judges and referees is to be in accordance with the AIBA RJ Management System, structured in modular format, and addresses deficiencies in judges and referees standards throughout Australia.

This Accreditation Policy is written to comply with the standards set by the AIBA RJ Management System.

1. DEFINITIONS

"AIBA" means the International Boxing Association under which this policy will adhere.

"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 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, 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 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 BAI R&J Committee.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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 BAI RJ Committee or individuals selected by the BAI RJ Committee.

Individuals wishing to become a judge or referee shall apply in writing to BAI or directly to the BAI RJ Committee.

Testing at all levels may be conducted at any tournament as determined by the BAI RJ Committee.

All judges and referees are to attend a minimum of one RJ refresher per year.

3. MODULES OF ACCREDITATION

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

On application to undertake training to become a judge or referee the nominee will be provided with a copy of the AIBA and BAI Competition Rules and BAI RJ Handbook, or links to the electronic versions.

3.1 MODULE 1

3.1.1 – Stage 1:

A candidate is to:

- i. Attend a minimum four hour clinic covering all the topics in the exam paper.
- ii. Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the Rules to advance.

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.

Stages 1 and 2 may be conducted concurrently.

On completion of Module 1 the candidate will complete a BAI RJ Collection Form and forward to the BAI RJ Committee for action; thereafter, the candidate will be provided with a BAI RJ Record Book.

3.2 MODULE 2

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 gloving and the weigh-in steward and timekeeper plus the important role of setting-up and operating the computer scoring system.

3.2.1 – Stage 1 – gloving steward:

A candidate is to:

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

3.2.2 – 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.

3.2.3 – Stage 3 – computer set-up/operator:

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.

3.2.4 – 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.

3.2.5 – Stage 5 – judging:

This stage will see the candidate introduced as a Supernumerary Judge using either the computer scoring system, a handheld scoring machine or clickers.

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.

3.2.6 – Stage 6 – testing:

This stage will see the candidate assessed as a Judge using either the computer scoring system, a handheld scoring machine or clickers 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 BAI RJ Committee other than the candidate's mentor.
- ii. Be successfully tested (written or orally) by a member appointed by the BAI RJ Committee other than the candidate's mentor.

Having completed the above, the candidate will be authorised to judge up to State Championship or equivalent level and advance to the next module.

3.3 MODULE 3

This complete Module addresses the progression to a referee and will cover the initial practical experience into actual bouts and will be appropriately mentored.

3.3.1 – Stage 1 – gym sparring sessions or exhibitions:

A candidate is to:

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

3.3.2 – Stage 2 – refereeing:

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.

3.3.3 – Stage 3 – testing:

A candidate is to:

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

Having completed the above the candidate will be authorised to referee up to State Championship level.

Note 1: If determined appropriate by the BAI RJ Committee, judge and referee testing (Module 2 Stage 6 and Module 3 Stage 3) may be conducted concurrently.

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

3.4 MODULE 4 – NATIONAL LEVEL

National level is where the candidate can operate at all levels within Australia.

To be eligible for National level accreditation the candidate shall complete the following:

3.4.1 – Stage 1:

A candidate is to:

- i. Judge a minimum of 50 bouts using the computer scoring system.
- ii. Referee a minimum of 30 bouts.

3.4.2 – Stage 2:

A candidate is to:

- i. Apply to the BAI RJ Committee to attend testing to National level; this will be accompanied by a recommendation by the candidate's mentor and evidence to support Module 4 Stage 1.

3.4.3 – Stage 3:

The BAI J Committee will initiate action to AIBA through BAI to conduct testing.

3.4.4 – Stage 4 – National testing:

An AIBA National accredited testing official will be appointed to conduct the necessary testing.

A candidate is to:

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

4. PROGRESSION TO AIBA STAR LEVEL

Progression to AIBA Star level will be conducted in accordance with the AIBA RJ Management System; further explained in AIBA Competition Rules Appendix G.

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 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 AIBA qualified he/she shall advise AIBA through BAI 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 AIBA qualification, must attend a BAI R&J Refresher yearly.

An official whom is Module 2 or 3 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 Module 2 or 3 qualifications until re-qualified as per clause 3 of this policy.

An official whom is Module 4 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 Module 4 qualification until re-qualified as per clause 3.4 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 is to maintain their accreditation at Module 3 or 4 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 Module 3 or 4, 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.