



New South Wales Volleyball Referees Association

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NSWVRA Referee Accreditation Policy 2019

1. Introduction



This policy outlines the referee accreditation policy administered by the NSW Volleyball Referees Association (NSWVRA) within NSW and is consistent with the Volleyball Australia Referee Committee (VARC) national referee accreditation process. This policy is effective from 31 March 2019.

2. Indoor and Beach Accreditation

The accreditation process for Indoor and Beach referees, while similar, are separate accreditation schemes managed by NSWVRA. This means an accredited indoor referee will need to meet the minimum requirements for beach accreditation and vice versa. The exception to this is the Level 1 Online Foundation Course which is the same across both variations of the game.

3. NSWVRA Accreditation System

The effective pathway for the new referee accreditation levels is outlined in the table below:

Accreditation	Prerequisite	Obtained by	Appointments <i>or beach equivalent</i> (Chief Ref / Delegate <i>(or beach equivalent)</i>
	-	Online Foundation Course	Schools Cups (excl honours) SVL Juniors*	-
	Level 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSWVRA Referee Workshop¹. 2. ASC Community Officiating General Principles course². 2. Minimum practical refereeing experience³: (x8) 1st referee (x5) 2nd referee (x3) Scoring 3. Demonstrated competency⁴. 	SVL State Cups Schools Cups (honours) AJVC ⁵	Schools Cups





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	Level 2	Through application to VARC.	AVL	SVL State Cups Workshop Presenter
	Level 3	Through application to VARC.	(as above)	AJVC

¹ Level 1 referees are eligible to referee at SVL Junior Divisions upon completion of the Referee Workshop.

² Online course from Australian Sports Commission access via:
https://www.sportaus.gov.au/coaches_and_officials/officials

³ Appointments assessed by current Level 3 or higher referees, or by NSWVRA appointed chief referees.

⁴ NSWVRA reserves the right to modify the minimum practical requirements on a case-by-case basis.

⁵ AJVC referee appointments are recommended by NSWVRA Board and are subject to VARC approval.



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Level 1 Foundation

Anyone wishing to become an accredited volleyball referee in NSW may register for the online Foundation (Level 1) course. Successful completion of the course will result in the award of the Level 1 accreditation.

Level 2 Development

The requirements for Level 2 accreditation are as follows:

- a) Hold a current Level 1 accreditation;
- b) Complete the ASC Community Officiating General Principles course;
- c) Successfully complete the one-day NSWVRA referee workshop;
- d) Meet the minimum practical refereeing requirements¹ (under the supervision of a senior referee²):
 - a. (8x) 1st referee
 - b. (5x) 2nd referee
 - c. (3x) Scorer
- e) Demonstrate refereeing competency consistent with the Level 2 accreditation.

Upon meeting these requirements, the referee applies to the NSWVRA Board for consideration for upgrade to Level 2. Applications must include a record of activity that at least meets the minimum requirements stated above.

NSWVRA believes that this rigorous process to obtain the Level 2 accreditation is necessary to ensure that refereeing standards across the state remain consistent and of sufficient quality.

Level 3 & 4 Accreditation

Upgrades for Level 3 & 4 are approved by VARC and are generally assessed on (among other criteria):

- 1) Refereeing competency across all refereeing disciplines;
- 2) Refereeing activity across local, state and national events;
- 3) Contribution to referee development in the community.

NSWVRA recommends aspiring referees to be active and available for as many opportunities as possible, including but not limited to:

- National events such as AVL, AJVC and AVSC³;
- State events such as SVL, State Cups and Schools Cup;
- Delegate roles, such as chief referees;
- Assisting in the delivery of referee workshops and NSWVRA activities;
- Local club/community referee development.

NSWVRA recommends that all referees maintain detailed records of their refereeing activity across all responsibilities.

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² Defined as a current Level 3 or higher referees or a NSWVRA appointed chief referee.

³ AVSC: Australian Volleyball Schools Cup held annually in December.



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5. Accreditation Retention

Referee accreditation for Level 1 is initially valid for 2 years. Level 2+ is valid for 4 years.

The accreditation of referees who have not been an active financial member of NSWVRA for 2 (4) consecutive membership years (defined as the period from 1 April to 31 March) will automatically expire.

Referees who were previously Level 1 referees will need to complete the online Foundation course to regain their Level 1 accreditation.

Referees who were previously Level 2 and above will be required to complete the NSWVRA one-day referee workshop.

This ensures that returning referees are updated with the current rules of the game and officiating protocols.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I register for the referee courses?

<http://www.nswvolleyball.com/learn/refereeing>

Where do I record my activity?

NSWVRA recommends all referees keep a personal record of all their refereeing experience (whether physical or electronic). NSWVRA can provide you with a recommended log sheet.

How do I get my practical experience assessed?

All sanctioned NSW Volleyball tournaments (SVL, State Cups, Schools Cups) have appointed Chief Referees who are readily available to assess your games. For other events, any active Level 3 or higher referee present is authorised to assess your refereeing (ask nicely!). Ensure you also record your assessor's details.

Why can't I just do the minimum practical requirements? Why do I need to be assessed?

Guidance and mentorship is absolutely critical for refereeing development. NSWVRA has a long history of, and continues to work closely with its referees to develop their refereeing capabilities. We recommend you actively seek advice from senior referees.

I was accredited under the old system. What happens to my accreditation?

As long as your accreditation is still valid (see 5. Accreditation Retention) your accreditation will directly translate to the corresponding level under the new accreditation system.

How do I find my accreditation status?

Please address any enquiries NSWVRA via email to secretary@nswvbrefs.org.au

The course I completed was advertised as a Level 2 course. Why am I not a Level 2 referee?

Referees wishing to become Level 2 referees must also meet practical and competency requirements in addition to the one-day workshop. This has been the procedure under the old system (from District to Regional) and will continue to apply to every future referee.

Why doesn't my indoor accreditation apply to beach (or vice versa)?

While similar, the rules and technical aspects of the game differ. It is necessary for referees develop experience and knowledge specific to that game. It would be naturally expected that referees that are well advanced in one discipline would progress faster in the other as the human, conceptual and some technical aspects of volleyball officiating are transferrable.

