

The background of the slide is a photograph of an outdoor pickleball court. Several people are playing on the court, which has a blue and green surface. The court is surrounded by a black fence and trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

PAA Officiating Accreditation Program

Pickleball in Australia

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Principles:

- Pickleball Australia (PAA) is responsible for ALL matters Pickleball in Australia
- Accreditation for Referees is under authority of PAA
- Referees will referee matches in accord with the International Rule Book
- Referees Assessment continues annually
- Rules Examination scores must be maintained at least annually
- PAA will accredit a minimum of two Level 4 Officials Coach/Assessors in each State reporting to the National Head of Officiating (initially)



Pickleball Australia – Officials Accreditation Levels

Level	Name	Education Pre-Requisite	Practical 1
1	Novice / Trainee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attainment of at least a 75% grade in a PAA approved Rules Test 2• Completion of a PAA approved “Introduction to Officiating” Course, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Code of Conduct○ Scoring○ Basic Tools & Techniques○ Primary Responsibilities (Pre-match briefing/NVZ/Correct Server/Receiver/End of Game)• Accreditation confirmed by Respective Level 4 – Officials Coach/Assessor/Trainer	<p>Referees possess basic refereeing skills and rules knowledge to keep accurate score and watch for incorrect servers, out-of-position players, and foot faults but require additional training and experience to be considered Intermediate.</p> <p>They are capable of refereeing Club tournaments basic round matches at State and National tournaments but may require assistance.</p>

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2	Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attainment of at least a 80% grade in a PAA approved Rules Test 2 • Completion of a PAA approved “Advancing as an Official” Course, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tools & Techniques ○ Match Preparation ○ Refereeing a Round Fixture ○ Key Situations - Intro ○ Dealing with Aggression ○ Increased Responsibilities • Accreditation confirmed by Respective Level 4 – Officials Coach/Assessor/Trainer 	Referees possess basic refereeing skills and rules knowledge to referee most matches. Clearly capable of keeping accurate score and watch for incorrect servers, out-of-position players, and foot faults. Are generally capable of dealing with less “explosive” on-court situations but still require additional training and experience to be considered an Expert. They are capable of refereeing lower ranked finals matches at State and National tournaments but still may require some assistance.

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3	Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attainment of at least an 90% grade in a PAA approved Rules Test 2 • Completion of a PAA approved “Advanced Officiating” Course, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Match Preparation, the Big One ○ Key Situations - Advanced ○ Advanced Conflict Resolution ○ Refereeing the Final ○ Refereeing with Line Judges ○ Responsibilities Advanced • Accreditation confirmed by Respective Level 4 – Officials Coach/Assessor/Trainer 	<p>Referees possess refereeing skills and rules knowledge to referee matches at any skill level. Very capable of keeping accurate score and watch for incorrect servers, out-of-position players, and foot faults.</p> <p>Are capable of dealing with all on-court situations without the need for any further training or experience.</p> <p>They are capable of refereeing any level of finals matches at State and National tournaments.</p> <p>Demonstrate a propensity to do self-study of key elements before each and every sanctioned tournament at which they are appointed.</p> <p>Generally considered at the “peak of their game.”</p>

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4	Officials' Coach/Assessor/Trainer 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attainment of at least an 90% grade in a PAA approved Rules Test 2 • Completion of a PAA approved "Coaching Match Officials" Programme delivered by the National Head of Officiating, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Role of the Coach/Trainer ○ What the Refs Coach/Trainer looks for ○ The Role of the Official ○ Drills & Skills ○ Feedback – tips and techniques for success • Accreditation confirmed by PAA, through National Head of Officiating (valid for 3 years) 	<p>Capable of accurately assessing all levels of Referee performance and competently judging same.</p> <p>Competent in providing feedback to Match Officials designed to improve their performance.</p> <p>Clearly possesses excellent communication skills.</p>

Reference Notes:

1. Assessment continues annually
2. Rules Examination scores must be maintained at least annually
3. Ideally, PAA will accredit a minimum of two Level 4 Officials Coach/Assessors in each State reporting to the National Head of Officiating



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