



Australian Government

SISSOF101 Develop and update officiating knowledge

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Modification History

The release details of this endorsed unit of competency set are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Release	Comments
1	New unit.

Unit Descriptor

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to develop and update information on officiating, including the legal and ethical issues that must be considered by officials.

The unit focuses on the ability to source and comprehend general principles of officiating as well National Sporting Organisation (NSO) sport specific requirements and covers the initial and ongoing development of a person's required knowledge base. It does not cover the technical requirements related to officiating in a particular sport, these skills are covered in other units.

This knowledge underpins effective performance as an official.

Application of the Unit

This unit describes a key function for all people who require an essential knowledge of officiating general principles to support work activities. This unit applies to individuals who undertake officiating roles in any sport in any location.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Each NSO has specific training and assessment requirements for industry accreditation of officials. These requirements will vary between different sports and those developing training and assessment for this unit should undertake consultation with the relevant NSO or State Sporting Organisation (SSO) to determine any specific arrangements for courses, trainers and assessors to facilitate RPL for individuals to achieve the required registration status to operate as an official in that sport.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

1. Source and apply general information on officiating general principles.

- 1.1 Identify ***sources of information*** to understand the structure and operation of the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).
- 1.2 Access and comprehend NSO ***sport specific information*** relevant to officiating in chosen sport.
- 1.3 Determine the physical conditioning requirements required of an official.
- 1.4 Access and comprehend information on basic mental preparation techniques for officials.
- 1.5 Identify a range of sources of information to update knowledge of officiating.

2. Source and apply information on legal and ethical issues that impact on officials.

- 2.1 Obtain information on ***legal obligations*** of an official.
- 2.2 Obtain information on ***ethical responsibilities*** of an official.
- 2.3 Identify specific ***principles of risk management*** that can be incorporated into officiating duties.
- 2.4 Identify relevant requirements of the NSO Member Protection Policy that apply to an official in that sport.
- 2.5 Identify a range of strategies to apply information sourced to role as an official.

Required Skills and Knowledge

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- research skills to identify, interpret and sort relevant information
- communication skills including active listening and questioning to obtain information
- literacy skills to read and comprehend the content of plain English information documents about legal and ethical issues, industry accreditation schemes and codes of behaviour
- problem-solving skills to identify methods of incorporating risk management principles into sport specific officiating duties.

Required knowledge

- structure and function of the NOAS
- sport specific rules, laws and regulations
- NSO requirements for officials, including member protection
- legal liability and duty of care
- ethical responsibilities of an official
- industry best practice equipment and safety requirements, including risk management principles
- principles of natural justice
- generic reporting procedures and tribunal processes
- presentation requirements including physical capability and mental preparation.

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Evidence of the ability to:

- source general officiating information and apply this to role as an official for a specific sport
- obtain general knowledge of the NOAS and the role of NSOs
- understand the physical and mental preparation required to officiate in a particular sport
- apply knowledge of the key legal obligations and ethical issues related to role as an official for a specific sport, including member protection and risk management.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must ensure access to

- appropriate communication technology, to facilitate the processes involved in sourcing officiating information
- information sources in order to conduct research and collect sufficient information
- NSO sport specific rules, regulations and requirements for officials for individual's chosen sport
- NOAS information and ASC Officials code of behaviour
- plain English documents that describe key legislation related to officiating.

Method of assessment

A range of assessment methods should be used to assess the practical skills and knowledge required to develop and update officiating knowledge. The following examples are appropriate for this unit:

- projects to research differing aspects of officiating and delivery of the sourced information in a brief written or oral presentation
- case studies and problem-solving exercises to assess application of knowledge to different situations and contexts
- written and oral questioning or interview to test knowledge the key content of legislation and industry codes of behaviour
- review of portfolios of evidence and third-party

workplace reports of on-the-job performance by the individual.

Guidance information for assessment

Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended for example:

- SISSSOF202 Officiate games or competitions
- SISSSOF203 Judge competitive situations.

Range Statement

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the individual, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

Sources of information may include:

- formal and informal research
- media
- reference books
- legislation or plain English publications describing the law and responsibilities to comply
- Australian Sports Commission (ASC)
- libraries
- NSOs
- industry journals
- internet
- informal discussions and networking with officials
- industry seminars
- training courses
- participation in industry accreditation schemes
- industry codes of conduct or ethics.

Sport specific information must include chosen sport's National Sporting Organisation:

- rules
- regulations
- codes of behaviour for officials
- policies and procedures for officials
- registration and accreditation of officials.

Legal obligations must include:

- duty to control and supervise the activity
- negligence
- anti-discrimination
- public liability and duty of care
- risk management
- work health and safety
- insurance
- sporting tribunals and natural justice
- child protection.

Ethical responsibilities may include:

- behavioural requirements which govern the way in which an official interacts with the participants and conducts the competition or game and incorporates:
 - harassment
 - verbal abuse
 - physical abuse

- participant/official relationships
 - fair play
 - free of bias
 - duty to enforce rules or laws.
- Principles of risk management* may include:
- relevant activity specific safety requirements including personal protective equipment
 - injury prevention
 - risk identification and hazard control
 - risk minimisation
 - safety requirements for spectators or competition
 - emergency incident procedures.

Unit Sector(s)

Sport

Competency Field

Sport Officiating