BVC REFEREE LICENCES AND GRADING POLICY

Overview
All BVC Referees are required to pay a Referee Licence fee annually. Most Associations pay for the Referee Licences for the referees within their Associations. Individual referees whom are not ‘linked’ to an Association, due to various circumstances, are provided the ability to register directly with BVC by paying the applicable fee.

Grading of Referees
Level O Courses are conducted within Associations, by Referee Coaches (must be accredited Referee Coaches {Grade 1 or above}) from neighbouring associations as well as persons approved by the BVC Referee Subcommittee to present Level O Courses.
Introduction

This policy will cover the accreditation for Referees and Referee Coaches within Basketball Victoria Country (BVC).

All policy previously made concerning Referees and Referee Coaches shall be rescinded.

No Referee or Referee Coach grading will be recognised if the person conducting the grading did not hold the appropriate accreditation as per this policy.

1. **Level Junior C / 1C Beginner Referee**
To be graded to level Junior C referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

1.1. Be at least 12 years of age;

1.2. Be registered with the BVC;

1.3. Complete the Basketball Australia’s Level O Beginners course conducted by a Grade 1 or higher Referee Coach, including attending all sessions and complete course as set by the lecturer

1.4. On a referee turns 14 years of age, accreditation will recognised as 1C.

To be graded to level 1C referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

1.5. Be at least 14 years of age;

1.6. Be registered with the BVC;

1.7. Complete the Basketball Australia's Level O Beginners course conducted by a Grade 1 or higher Referee Coach, including attending all sessions and complete course as set by the lecturer

1.8. Complete a practical assessment by refereeing a domestic level game(s) of basketball competently with a graded official as per the Victorian Basketball Referees Association (VBRA) “C Grade Referee Competencies” Document./C.R.A.M.P matrix

2. **Level 1B Referees**
A Level 1C referee may be promoted to level 1B by the local Referee Adviser no less than six (6) months after being appointed as a level 1C referee provided the referee has officiated senior basketball or high grade juniors.

To be graded to level 1B referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

2.1. Be registered with the BVC

2.2. The referee has displayed obvious improvement since being graded level 1C; and

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2.3. Has fulfilled the requirements in relation to duties, as required by the association, including keeping appointments, being punctual and displaying appropriate conduct.

2.4. Fulfils all the competencies as per the VBRA “B Grade Referee Competencies” Document/C.R.A.M.P matrix.

2.5. If a Referee Adviser does not promote a level 1C referee within twelve (12) months of grading to level 1B that referee should be counselled as to their shortcomings, and a program agreed upon to enable the referee to achieve the level of performance required by the Referee Adviser. This program should be documented and the referee's progress reviewed no later than a further six (6) months.

2.6. If after this further six (6) month period the Referee Adviser is not satisfied that the referee has achieved the required standard, the matter shall be referred to Regional Technical Advisor from the area however not from the Association.

3. BVC Local Level 1A Referees

To be graded to BVC Local Level 1A referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

3.1. Approved by the local BVC Referee Advisor or Referee Coach invited to grade association referees.

3.2. Approval must be given by the Home Association.

3.3. Capable of handling the top level of basketball played at the local association;

3.4. Be experienced and respected within the association.

3.5. The grading is recognised only within the association (Referee will be recognised as a B grade referee by BVC and VBRA).

4. BVC Level 1A Referee

To be graded to BVC Level 1A referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

4.1. Be registered with the BVC.

4.2. Fulfils all the competencies as per the VBRA “Level 1A Grade Referee Competencies” Document/C.R.A.M.P matrix.

4.3. Must complete the Level 1 Referee Course Theory modules.

4.4. Have been nominated for and be observed at a minimum of three (3) BVC events.

4.5. Gain a 76% or higher mark in evaluations.

The BVC Level 1A Referee will be awarded by the BVC Referee Subcommittee.

4.6. To retain this grading;

4.6.1. The referee must be nominated for, and observed at two (2) BVC events.

4.6.2. Junior events are to be Under 16 Div 1 and above.

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4.6.3. Gain a 76% or higher mark in evaluations, and/or 3 or above

4.6.4. Senior event is Country Basketball League (CBL) in which the referee must receive 3 evaluations of which are men’s games and be marked 3 and above

The retaining, of the BVC Level 1A Referee will be awarded by the BVC Referee Subcommittee. Under extenuating circumstances, a BVC Level 1A accreditation may be obtain and/or retained, by an referee, provided the referee provided written correspondence to the BVC Referee Subcommittee.

5. **BVC Level 2 Referees**

To be graded to BVC Level 2 referee, applicants must satisfy the following:

5.1. Be registered with the BVC

5.2. Awarded by BVC Referee Subcommittee.

5.3. Satisfactorily complete the annual theory and fitness tests with passes as set by VBRA

5.4. Must nominate for and be observed at a minimum of two (2) BVC events.

5.4.1. Junior event of which must be 16 and above with evaluations

5.4.2. The evaluation average must be 82% or higher and/or 3+ over all events

5.5. Must complete 50% of games in a season of CBL and be evaluated on a minimum of 3 men’s games

To retain this grading, the referee should fulfil 2 of the below criteria

5.6. Nominate for and be observed at two (2) BVC events. U16 Div 1 and above

5.7. Referee and receive evaluations on CBL, with an evaluation average of 82% and/or 3 and higher

5.8. Nominate for and be observed on men’s games on Big V with an evaluation average of 82% and/or 3 and higher

Under extenuating circumstances, a BVC Level 2A accreditation may be obtain and/or retained, by a referee, provided the referee provides written correspondence to the BVC Referee Subcommittee.

6. **BVC Level 3 (3C)**

For the period of 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2014 a referee will be recognised as a 3C. After which time, the accreditation level will revert to a 2A unless the individual is accredited with the VBRA Level 3 (as per 7. Level 3 Referees).

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7. Level 3 Referees
To be graded to Level 3 referee applicants must satisfy the VBRA “Level 3 Referee Competencies” Document. Level 3 Accreditation is commonly referred to as ‘State Badge’.

8. Retired Referees
Retiring referees to retain their current grading of Level 2 and above must have held and retained that level for the past Five (5) years. The suffix R will be added to their grading when it is listed on the annual statements of grades.

Referee Coaches
All Referee Coaches shall pay a registration fee to BVC by 31 January each year.

9. Grade 1 Referee Coaches Course
To be obtain the Grade 1 Referee Coach accreditation, applicants must satisfy must satisfy the VBRA Grade 1 Referee Coach Course requirements

10. Grade 2 Referee Coaches Course
To be obtain the Grade 2 Referee Coach accreditation, applicants must satisfy VBRA Grade 2 Referee Coach Course requirements

11. Grade 3 Referee Coaches Course
Grade 3 Referee Coaches course will be conducted yearly by Basketball Australia (BA). The State Referees Administrator will nominate appropriate candidates to the National Referees Director at the beginning of each year. Criteria for selection will be based on the relevant BA policy.

12. Local Association Referee Adviser and Referee Coordinators
By January 31 of each year, all associations affiliated with Basketball Victoria Country shall nominate a Referee Adviser for that year, on the official nomination form to the Referee Development Officer.

Ideally persons nominated, as Referee Adviser must hold a current level 2 or higher referee's certificate and Grade 2 or higher Referee Coach's certificate, and are a current financial member of the Victoria Basketball Referees' Association (VBRA).

Referee Coordinators maybe those individuals who have a referee accreditation, however do not possess a Referee Coach accreditation, although possess a strong interest in referees within their local Association.

Due to the vary sizes and different operational aspects of Associations, there maybe a need for an Association to directly develop a role/position description directly with an individual as a prospective Referee Advisor or Referee Coordinators.
**Glossary**

BVC – Basketball Victoria Country  
BV – Basketball Victoria  
BA – Basketball Australia  

BVC Events – Basketball Victoria Country Junior Events including Junior Club Championships  
CBL – Country Basketball League  

Local – Refers to Local Association, commonly referred to as Domestic Competition  
Level – refers to Level of Referee accreditation  
Grade – refers to Grade of Referee Coach accreditation  

VBRA – Victoria Basketball Referees Association  

VJBL – Victorian Junior Basketball League  
Big V – Highest level of Victorian based Senior Basketball league  
SEABL – South East Australia Basketball League  
WNBL – Women’s National Basketball League  
NBL – National Basketball League  
FIBA – International Basketball Federation  

**EVENT RATINGS**  
The following BVC events are classified as BVC grading events for Level 1A and above  

**Level 1**  

Big V  
National Championships  
Southern Cross Challenge  
CBL  
VJBL  

**Level 2**  

Senior tournaments (grades to be awarded by an approved referee coach and forwarded to the Referee Development Officer)  
BVC junior Club Champs U18 and U20  
Association games-if appropriate standard approved by BVC RSC or RDO  

**Level 3**  

BVC junior Club Champs (u12 and U14)  
BVC division 3 and 4 U16 and U18  
U14 Gold Stars  
U12 Future Stars  
BVC Jamborees  

Nominated events to be reviewed annually by BVC RSC  

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