



UWH REFEREE STANDARDS

OVERVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

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This document is designed to provide an overview of Underwater Hockey Refereeing structure in terms of referee categories and associated courses.

It provides an overview for standards for each UWH Referee Levels and which types of events each of these levels can officiate at.

Further guidance is provided in the additional information section.

REFEREE STANDARDS

UWH REFEREE CATEGORIES

	LEVEL 1 REFEREE	LEVEL 2 REFEREE	LEVEL 3 REFEREE
MAIN ROLE	The Level 1 Referee is the first level of the career and allows for refereeing at National Federation level during club or regional events.	The Level 2 Referee is a national level referee with competence to assume all referee roles at National Federation level and in Category B and C events and below.	The Level 3 is an international level referee with competence to assume referee roles in Category A events and below.
LEVEL OF COMPETENCIES	<p>Club or regional Federation level events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Referee • Water Referee • Timekeeper / Scorekeeper <p>Federation level events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timekeeper / Scorekeeper • Assistant Water Referee • Assistant Chief Referee 	<p>All Level 1 roles</p> <p>Federation level events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Referee • Chief Referee • Water Referee • Timekeeper / Scorekeeper <p>Category B and C events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Referee • Water Referee • Timekeeper / Scorekeeper 	<p>All Level 2 roles</p> <p>Category B and C events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Referee • Assistant Tournament Referee <p>Category A Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Referee • Assistant Tournament Referee • Chief Referee • Water Referee • Timekeeper / Scorekeeper
QUALIFICATION	<p>CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Certificate obtained from CMAS or by delegation from National Federation of the candidate after passing the level 1 referee course.</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Certificate obtained from CMAS or by delegation from National Federation of the candidate after passing the level 2 referee course.</p>	<p>TITLE</p> <p>Title awarded by CMAS or by delegation by National Federation of the candidate recognising their ability to referee category A events.</p>

	LEVEL 1 REFEREE	LEVEL 2 REFEREE	LEVEL 3 REFEREE
PRIOR EXPERIENCE (before training course)	<p>Minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played UWH • Good knowledge of the game of UWH <p>Recommended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played UWH in competition for 2 years • Careful reading of the UWH rules 	<p>Minimum Level 1 experience* (logbook)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 games as Water Referee • 10 games as Chief Referee <p>Recommended Level 1 experience* (logbook)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 games as Water Referee • 20 games as Chief Referee <p>Approval of NF Referee Director or delegate (after assessment).</p> <p>*: post Level 1 qualification</p>	<p>Minimum Level 2 experience* (logbook)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 games at Federation level events as Water Referee <p>Recommended Level 2 experience* (logbook)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 games at Federation level events as Water Referee • 10 games at Category B events (mixture of water, chief, score desk, under supervision of a Level 3 referee. <p>Approval of NF Referee Director or delegate (after assessment).</p> <p>*: post Level 2 qualification</p>
PHYSICAL STANDARD	Meeting the current Level 1 fitness criteria as set out in the Level 1 Referee Standard.	Meeting the current Level 2 fitness criteria as set out in the Level 2 Referee Standard.	Meeting the current Level 3 fitness criteria as set out in the Level 3 Referee Standard.
THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE	<p>Attendance at the theoretical course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules Level 1 - Referee Level 1 <p>Passing the NF Level 1 written and / or oral exam.</p>	<p>Attendance at the theoretical rules course.</p> <p>Passing the NF Level 2 written exam, optionally completed by oral tests and / or theoretical discussions.</p>	<p>Oral tests and / or theoretical discussions.</p> <p>Approval of NF Referee Director.</p>
PRACTICAL TRAINING / GAME SESSION	<p>Attendance at the practical training / game session under the supervision of a Level 2 referee or higher.</p> <p>Passing the NF Level 1 practical exam during a club or regional Federation level events.</p>	<p>Attendance at the practical training / game session under the supervision of a Level 2 referee or higher.</p> <p>Passing the NF Level 2 practical exam during a club or regional Federation level events.</p>	<p>Supervision of Level 3 referees during NF Nationals events and / or Category B events.</p> <p>Approval of NF Referee Director.</p>

Table 1: Referee overview

UWH REFEREE COURSES

The following courses are sanctioned by the CMAS UWH Referee Commission.

1.1 Referee Level 1

1.1.1 Rules

- Overview of game and procedures (National Federation level)
- Role and responsibilities of officials and referees.
- Playing area, player equipment, team composition
- Basic rules, puck placement
- Basic infringements, referees signs and corresponding actions.

1.1.2 Referee

To meet the standard of a Level 1 Referee*

- Referee code of conduct / ethical
- Referee clear communication (water referees, chief referee, timekeeper/scorer).
- Timekeeping accuracy, correct scoring.
- Basic referee positioning.
- Level 1 fitness tests

* Refer to Referee Level 1 standard for additional information.

1.2 Referee Level 2

1.2.1 Rules

- Overview of CMAS UWH structure and events
- Competition organization process, overview of CMAS Procedures and Obligations (P&O).
- Understanding and advanced interpretation of rules.
- Enhanced analysis of infringements
- Protests and appeals

1.2.2 Referee

To meet the standard of a Level 2 Referee*

- Referee clear communication (referees, players, officials, public)
- Enhanced referee positioning / moving with play.
- Game management (before, during and after)
- Level 2 fitness tests

* Refer to Referee Level 2 standard for additional information (under development).

1.3 Referee Level 3

1.3.1 Proof of experience validation

To meet the standard of a Level 3 Referee *

- Peers validation of experience (game management, judgment quality, communication)
- Level 3 fitness tests

* Refer to Referee Level 3 standard for additional information (under development).

UWH REFEREE ACTIVE STATUS

The standards set out the criteria to achieve the respective standard, however in order for a Referee to maintain this standard they must remain “active”.

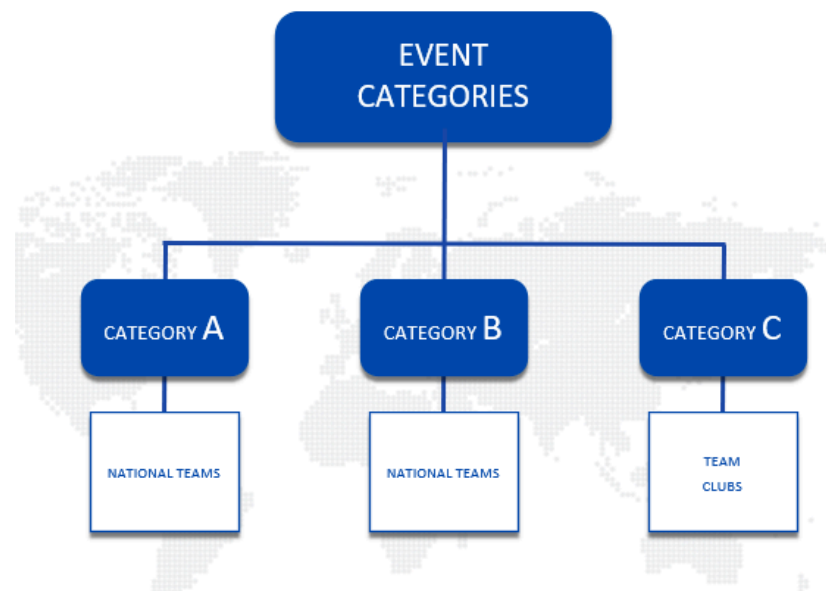
The following sets out the criteria to maintain an “Active” status of an UWH Referee:

	LEVEL 1 REFEREE	LEVEL 2 REFEREE	LEVEL 3 REFEREE
HOW TO MAINTAIN ACTIVE STATUS	<p>Validate a refereeing experience on the last 4 years cycle*, during club and regional events (logbook).</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 games as Water Referee • 10 games as Chief Referee • 15 games as Timekeeper / Scorekeeper <p>It's accepted to not referee during one (1) season during the last 4 years*.</p> <p>Passing the current Level 1 fitness criteria once during the last 4 years cycle.</p> <p>Approval of NF Referee Director or delegate.</p>	<p>Validate a refereeing experience on the last 4 years cycle*, during national events or category B and C events (logbook).</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 games as Water Referee** • 15 games as Chief Referee** • 15 games as Timekeeper / Scorekeeper <p>It's accepted to not referee during a season during the last 4 years*.</p> <p>Passing the current Level 2 fitness criteria once during the last 4 years cycle.</p> <p>Approval of NF Referee Director or delegate.</p>	<p>Required to be an active Level 2 referee.</p> <p>Validate a high-level refereeing experience during the last 2 years by refereeing the 1st national divisions or category B or C events.</p> <p>High-level referee skills are under approval of NF Referee Director or delegate.</p> <p>Passing the current Level 3 fitness criteria during the current season.</p> <p>Approval of NF Referee Director or delegate.</p>
RECLASSIFIED AS ACTIVE	<p>If a referee does not fulfill the above conditions, he becomes inactive (but keep Level 1 certificate). He can only referee under the supervision of a level 1 or higher referee.</p> <p>To become active again, he must participate in a refresher course. This refresher course includes several game sessions under the supervision of a level 2 or higher referee, completed by oral tests and / or theoretical discussions, in particular the latest rules evolutions.</p>	<p>If a referee does not fulfill the above conditions, he becomes inactive (but keep Level 2 certificate). He can only referee under the supervision of a level 2 or higher referee.</p> <p>To become active again, he must participate in a refresher course. This refresher course includes several game sessions under the supervision of a level 2 or higher referee, completed by oral tests and / or theoretical discussions, in particular the latest rules evolutions.</p>	<p>If a Level 3 referee does not fulfill the above conditions, he becomes Level 3 inactive (but could remain active Level 2).</p> <p>To become active Level 3 again, the referee shall fulfill the active criteria and receive approval of NF Referee Director.</p>

*: A 4 years cycle corresponds to a World Championship cycle and authorizes a break for personal or medical reasons.

** : Refereeing experience can also be acquired during referee training and national team training.

APPENDIX A: CMAS EVENT CATEGORIES EXAMPLES



	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B	CATEGORY C	FEDERATION LEVEL EVENTS
CMAS Sanctioned Tournaments	World Championships Zone Championships	World Cups IOC Multi-Sport Events	International Club Events Promo Events	
New Zealand example	InterContinental's / Asia & Oceania	SEA Games Trans Tasman's (if sanctioned)		Inter-Region Tournaments Inter-Club Tournaments School Tournaments
Canada example	InterContinental's / America's	America's Cup (if sanctioned)		Canadian Nationals
France example	European Championship	European UWH Tour (if sanctioned)		French Nationals French Regionals Regions Cup
Australia example	InterContinental's / Asia & Oceania	SEA Games Trans Tasman's (if sanctioned)		Aussie Nationals State Championships

