HOW TO BECOME A REFEREE

Overview

This handbook explains how Western Australian Referees access training and resources on etrainu, complete the Community level 1 (C1) – Online Theory, and progress to Action Day.

This information can be distributed to Beginner referees, parents/guardians, and association contacts.

Start your refereeing Journey

Basketball WA is now ultilising Basketball Australias online learning and accreditation platform known as etrainu. It's where all officials education, courses will now be managed. The platform will also serve as a central database for resources and learning materials.

All officials must have an etrainu account to access training, update their qualifications, and stay current with their accreditation.

New Officials

1. Go to etrainu – LMS | custom eLearning
2. Register new account by clicking Sign up here
3. Create account and complete all required fields
4. Region select "WA Accreditations & Education"
5. Role Select: Officiating Referee Stream

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Create or access your etrainu account
2. Go to Training Library
3. Select BA Officiating - Referees
4. Enrol in:
    - C1 online course
    - Complete all 4 quarters
    - Complete Safeguarding Children in Basketball
5. Once your association/BWA is running an Action Day, you'll be able to register to attend via the training event page in etrainu

Need Help?

6. Email: officials@basketballwa.asn.au – Include your full name, email address, and any certificates or relevant details when contacting support.

Course Modules & Pathways

Course components:

1. Online Theory completed via etrainu
2. In-Person C1 action day – classroom + on-court fundamentals at your local association/BWA Event

What to bring to Action Day:

Athlectic shoes, black shorts/track pants, plain top or association polo, water bottle. Ensure you arrive early to ensure day starts on time.

Pathway after Action Day:

- Shadow (mirror senior ref; practice signals)
- Co-Ref (low intensity games; shared calls)
- Independent (own games with coaching)
- Ongoing Development and assessment

The speed and progression through this pathway will be determined by the senior coaches and association staff running the course, based on your readiness and performance.

Assessment & Accreditation

Your status before assessment

Untill you are signed off by an approved referee coach, you are in Training. You are not yet an accredited C1 Referee and should only be appointed in support roles (shadow / co-ref) with mentor oversight.

When does assessment happen?

After you complete the Online Theory and attend the in-person beginner session, you'll be rostered shadowing/co-ref games. Your mentor / presenter will determine when your are ready for assessment.

What is the assessment?

A live game observed by an approved Referee Coach, using the C1 Competency Checklist in this handbook.

Outcomes & sign-off

- Accredited – C1 Referee: Your local association completes the sign-off and records your accreditation (and may update your etrainu Skills Passport where applicable).
- You will need to upload the competencty checklist to etrainu
- Not Yet – You'll receive targeted feedback and a short plan (more shadow / co-ref reps) before a re-assessment.

Who books the assessment?

Your association's referee coordinator / coach will schedule it once you're ready. If you're unsure about readiness, ask your mentor.

On-Court - Competency Assessment

Skill	Competency *(consistently demonstrated)*
Professionalism	Exhibits a willingness to listen and implement feedback
	Wears correct uniform neatly and keeps it in good condition
	Arrives at venue 10min prior to game & notifies supervisor of their arrival
	Arrives on court (w/ whistle & water) prior to warm-up commencing
	Attempts to make position for majority of plays
	Demonstrates good teamwork with partner and scoretable
Communication	Attempts to use voice when signaling to the bench
	Aims to use FIBA signals to communicate calls
Mechanics	Attempts to throw jump ball straight and to the appropriate height
	Attempts to make front court position in lead, adjusting to have open angle
	Attempts to make front court position in trail, adjusting to have open angle
	Attempts to trail play in transition at an appropriate distance
	Attempts to lead play in transition, in a straight line to baseline
	Stands in the correct positions in lead and trail during free throws
	Officiates their closest active match up by maintaining open angle
Violations	Whistles all out of bounds, with direction of play correctly judged most times
	Calls the travels where many steps are taken illegally
	Calls double dribble violations where there is a clear first & second dribble
Fouls	Calls a foul on all heavy contact and clear illegal contact situations
Game Control	Shows confidence in their decisions and communicates them clearly
	Referee checks equipment at the start and end of the game. (ball/court/etc.)
	Referee administers substitutions and timeouts correctly
Administration	Checks scoresheet, court and ball size before game and
	Signs off sheet / scoring system at end of game
	Attempts to administer subs and timeouts correctly throughout the game

Off-Court – Verbal Confirmation of Knowledge

Skill	Competency *(consistently demonstrated)*
Mechanics	Identify the coverage areas for each referee during free throws
	Identify lead and trail primary coverage areas

Online Assessment Form

BWA C1 REFEREE ASSESSMENT FORM