

JA DEVELOPING REFEREES POLICY

Aim:

The JA Referee Committee are actively seeking to create opportunities for developing State/Territory level referees to gain exposure and experience with a focus on developing future JA National level referees.

In an effort to facilitate this aim JA Referee Committee has adopted the following Policy.

Introduction:

As per current procedure: JA Referee Commission will forward notification seeking 'Expressions of Interest' from States/Territories to nominate referees to officiate at the JA National Event Series.

Included in this 'Expression of Interest' will now be an opportunity for States/Territories to nominate developing referees (as defined below) from their State/Territory:

Developing referee:

- Current State/Territory 'A' level referees who are preparing, but not yet considered ready by their State/Territory, for National referee 'C' grade assessment
- Young (aged 18-25) State/Territory 'B' level referee who are deemed to have potential to progress to National 'C' referee within the next 2 years

Policy details:

- This Policy will only be applied at the JA National Event Series
- This Policy does not apply to State/Territory level referees who have been nominated for National 'C' referee assessment, by their individual State/Territory, at one of the identified events. However, if a State/Territory did nominate a referee for National 'C' referee assessment, this would subsequently reduce the number of 'Developing' State/Territory level referees referred to in this Policy
- Each State/Territory is encouraged to nominate a set number of 'Developing Referees' (as defined above) to officiate at the JA National Event Series. The total number of selected 'Developing Referees' would be capped at one 'Developing Referee' per competition mat-area.
- Minimum (referee) age: 18 years old
- In the final selection of 'Developing Referees' JA Referees Committee will give first preference to those 'Developing Referees' from the host State/Territory for that specific event.
- Selected 'Developing Referees' would be rostered to participate as both mat and table referees
- State/Territory 'B' level referees: Selected 'Developing Referees' would only be invited to officiate contests involving the following Junior Boys/Girls and Senior Boys/Girls divisions
- State/Territory 'A' level referees: Selected 'Developing Referees' may be invited to officiate contests at all age-levels
- Referees will be supervised and mentored by a JA appointed mat Committee member in close consultation with the relevant State/Territory Referee body representative