



Fencing Victoria Incorporated  
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## **Referee Levels/Qualifications**

Referee levels have been created by the board of Fencing Victoria and are reviewed in conjunction with the Head Referee position every two years.

For a referee to progress they must have the following qualifications and attributes. This will be decided on by both the Head Referee and the board of Fencing Victoria

The Head Referee is appointed by the Fencing Victoria board.

### **Head Referee**

Has been a state accredited referee for at least 10 years.

Has been a nationally accredited referee for at least 5 years

Has state and national accreditation in all three weapons, for at least 3 years.

Referees at least one major international competition a year.

This can include Friendship Cup, Oceanic competitions, Commonwealth competitions or any higher-level competition.

Qualified to referee open national finals.

Understands all rules for refereeing with an in-depth knowledge.

Able to provide feedback to lower-level referees that demonstrates an intellectual knowledge about refereeing rules.

Demonstrates confidence when refereeing and interacting with athletes and coaches.

### **A Grade Referee**

Has been a state accredited referee for at least 8 years.

Has been a nationally accredited referee for at least 3 years

Has state and national accreditation in at least two weapons, for at least 3 years.

Qualified to referee open national events.

Understands all rules for refereeing with an in-depth knowledge.

Able to provide feedback to lower-level referees that demonstrates an intellectual knowledge about refereeing rules.

The head referee is confident that they could be acting head referee for a competition.

Demonstrates confidence when refereeing and interacting with athletes and coaches.

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## **Referee Levels/Qualifications cont..**

### **B Grade Referee**

Has been a state accredited referee for at least 4 years.

Has state accreditation in at least two weapons or nationally accredited in at least one weapon.

Able to referee school competition finals.

Understands all rules for refereeing with an in-depth knowledge.

Demonstrates confidence when refereeing and interacting with athletes and coaches.

### **C Grade Referee**

Is a state accredited referee in at least one weapon.