



LEVEL 3 AWARD

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CRITERIA

A Level 3 referee is qualified to officiate at senior national league level. Experienced Level 3 referees may be appointed up to Division 1/2 Men's and Division 1 Women's senior national league games. The candidates will need to be able to communicate verbally and have a good working knowledge of English.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 3 applicants must hold a Level 2 Referee Award. It is recommended that an applicant has held a Level 2 Refereeing Award for at least two years and gained the appropriate experience. The course is aimed at referees aspiring to the senior national leagues.

COURSE CONTENTS

This Award consists of 16 hours tutor contact usually covered over two 8 hour sessions and 10 hours home study. At the end of the course candidates will sit a one hour theory paper. Candidates who successfully complete the paper and practical during the course are required to complete 3 regulation games under the assessment of a Level 4 referee or above.

EXAMINATION & ASSESSMENT

The Level 3 Referee theory examination consists of four sections - multiple choice, mechanics, case study and philosophy of which the pass rate is 70%. Candidates need also to show their competence in the practical sessions to progress further on in the course.

The candidate needs to demonstrate in the practical sessions during the course they have the ability to referee and have the potential to pass the three regulation games at the appropriate level.

Having successfully passed the theory examination and the practical assessment during the course the candidate is required to complete a second practical assessment. The candidate must be assessed on three regulation games by a Level 4 referee or above which should be completed within one year of the theory examination.

In the event that a candidate fails the theory examination then they are entitled to re-sit a second paper (Paper B). If a candidate fails both papers then they have failed the course and can only re-attend a course after 12 months after further experience.

CERTIFICATION

Certificates will be issued to successful candidates once England Basketball has received the completed Technical Award Candidate List, successfully completed theory papers a completed Level 3 Practical Assessment sheet.

LICENSE & INSURANCE

Candidates should be informed that they need to be qualified and licensed, for insurances purposes, to referee ANY game of basketball whether it is local competitions or national competitions.

Competitions refereed must be affiliated to England Basketball for the insurance to be valid. Licensing information is included in this pack. (Please also refer to England basketball's website in the Officiating section)

Active referees who referee in National Age Group leagues, University and local leagues should keep a log of their games as proof of refereeing experience. This will assist when aspiring to a higher level. (Referees Appointment Records form attached)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

UNIT 1: GAME ADMINISTRATION

A Level 3 referee should be capable of administering and managing the game of basketball up to senior national league, working within the spirit and intent of the rules.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will:

- 1.1** Be aware and able to assist with the all administrative duties 1 hour prior and leading up to the scheduled tip.
- 1.2** Be aware and able to assist with the all administrative duties during the running of the game.
- 1.3** Ensure that administrative duties after the game are carried out correctly.

UNIT 2: MECHANICS

A Level 3 referee should have good understanding of the correct positions and correct court coverage for two person mechanics.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will be able to:

- 2.1** Have a good understanding and working knowledge of primary and secondary responsibilities of the lead and trail official.
- 2.2** Know and use the official FIBA basketball signals when required.
- 2.3** Understand the procedures in order for the game to be conducted efficiently and correctly.
- 2.4** Have a general knowledge of the principles of three person mechanics.
- 2.5** Use the whistle effectively when necessary.

UNIT 3: VIOLATIONS

A Level 3 referee should have a good understanding of the rules surrounding all violations and be capable of adjudicate accurately on any breach of these rules.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will:

- 3.1 Be able to judge and applying all violations in deciding whether it requires a call considering the philosophy of advantage/disadvantage.
- 3.2 Recognise, understand and make the appropriate decision regarding ball-handling violations in determining whether it requires a call.
- 3.3 Understand violations relating to out of bounds and the ball returning to the back court.
- 3.4 Recognise and understand violations relating to basket interference, jump balls and free throw situations.
- 3.5 Recognise and understand timing violations relating to the 3 second, 5 second, 8 second and 24 second rules.

UNIT 4: CONTACT

A Level 3 Referee should have a good working knowledge of contact situations and the application of the rules to determine whether a call is necessary.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will be able to:

- 4.1 Identify types of contact and making a decision as to whether this requires a call.
- 4.2 Be capable of judging contact between players and deciding if it requires a call, based on the philosophies of advantage/disadvantage.
- 4.3 Identify what type of contact has occurred and making a decision as to whether this requires a call.
- 4.4 Demonstrate good knowledge of what constitutes: disqualifying, unsportsmanlike, double foul.

UNIT 5: INFRACTIONS, PENALTIES AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS

A Level 3 Referee should have a good knowledge of special situations and know when to apply the rule to determine whether a call is necessary.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will be able to:

- 5.1 Be able to make decisions on situations that can occur but are not specifically covered by the rules or occur outside normal play.
- 5.2 Understand and implement the rules associated with a player in the act of shooting and free throws.
- 5.3 Understand implement the rules concerning correctable errors, ball alive, ball dead and team control.
- 5.4 Understand and implement appropriately the rules concerning technical fouls.

UNIT 6: COMMUNICATION AND MAN MANAGEMENT

A Level 3 referee should be able to manage a game of basketball using inter personal skills and knowing how to apply preventative officiating techniques when necessary.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 3 Referee Award will be able to:

- 6.1 Be capable of developing strategies to deal with conflict situations.
- 6.2 Understand and anticipate situations when preventative officiating can be used.
- 6.3 Communicate to legitimate player/coach requests, using the philosophy of preventative refereeing.
- 6.4 Be capable of verbally expressing what decisions have been made to players, coaches and table officials.

UNIT 7: OFFICIATING IN GENERAL

A Level 3 Referee should operate a good working knowledge of how the basketball game is played, coaching strategies and roles of all participants involved.

- 7.1 Demonstrate knowledge of basic coaching strategies used in the game.
- 7.2 Develop a greater understanding of the game and roles of the participants.
- 7.3 Demonstrate an application of such game knowledge through their officiating.