



LEVEL 4 AWARD

CRITERIA & LEARNING OUTCOMES

ENGLAND BASKETBALL LEVEL 4 AWARD CRITERIA & LEARNING OUTCOMES

CRITERIA

A referee who gains the Level 4 refereeing award will be qualified to officiate all matches at **senior national level (Currently BBL)**. The candidates will need to be able to communicate verbally and have a good working knowledge of English.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Level 4 applicant must hold a current Level 3 referee award and it is recommended that applicants have held this award for at least two seasons and gained the appropriate experience. Level 4 courses will run based on application forms received and accepted. Level 3 referees wishing to apply for a Level 4 qualification are required to complete the Level 4 application form and return to the **Officials Development Officer** at England Basketball. All applications will be brought to an approved England Basketball panel and will be advised as to whether they have been accepted or declined. A referee who has previously attended a Level 4 course will need to wait one full season before re-applying.

COURSE CONTENT

The course will last approximately twelve months. A candidate deemed competent will be awarded their Level 4 or those that are not yet competent will be given written feedback and they will need to re-apply using the application process.

When an applicant has been accepted on a course they will be given information such as times and dates which will involve the following sessions;

- Theory session in the classroom (1 day) to cover the subjects set in the syllabus
- Theory Test
- Fitness test throughout the season
- Observations throughout the season at BBL and EBL
- Assessments during a tournament

EXAMINATION & ASSESSMENT

The practical assessments will be during games at BBL & EBL Division 1 and in addition to this any approved tournaments. All candidates will be provided with a question paper consisting of three parts. Part 1 is 25 multiple choice questions, part 2 questions on mechanics and part 3 being 2 case study questions.

Candidates are required to answer all the questions on the question paper provided by the tutor. When the exam is finished all answer papers should be returned to England Basketball for marking. The pass rate is 75%. In the event that a candidate fails the theory test they are entitled to re-sit a second paper (Paper B). If a candidate fails the second paper, they fail the course and need to re-apply as above.

All qualified level 4 referees are required to complete 86 laps on the fitness test and also complete a rules test at the National Officiating Conference before each season as part of the criteria to officiate at the top level.

CERTIFICATION

At the completion of the course the candidate, based on the assessments and examination results, will be advised if they have passed the course. A full appraisal will be given to each candidate.

LICENSE & INSURANCE

Candidates should be informed that they need to be qualified and licensed, for insurance 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 4 referee as the referee should be capable of administering and managing the game of basketball up to and including BBL, working within the spirit and intent of the rules.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 1.1 As the referee, efficiently carry out the required administrative duties 1 hour prior and leading up to the scheduled tip.
- 1.2 As the referee, ensure that the administration is managed during the running game.
- 1.3 As the referee, ensure that administrative duties after the game are carried out and managed efficiently.

UNIT 2: MECHANICS

A Level 4 referee should have a clear understanding and working knowledge 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 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 2.1 Have a clear understanding and good 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 Carry out specific tasks procedures in order for the game to be conducted efficiently and correctly.
- 2.4 Understand and demonstrate the principles of three person mechanics
- 2.5 Use of the whistle effectively when necessary.

UNIT 3: VIOLATIONS

A Level 4 referee should have a clear understanding of the rules and philosophy of the rules surrounding all violations and be capable of apply this philosophy to adjudicate on any breach of these rules according to the spirit of the game.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 3.1 Accurately judge and apply all violations correctly, 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 Recognise and understand the infractions relating to out of bounds violations and the ball returning to the back court.
- 3.4 Recognise and understand the violation rules 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 4 Referee should operate an excellent 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 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 4.1 Make informed decisions to identify accurately what type of contact has occurred 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 Make informed decisions to identify accurately what type of contact has occurred and making a decision as to whether this requires a call.
- 4.4 Demonstrate knowledge of what constitutes: disqualifying, unsportsmanlike and double foul.

UNIT 5: INFRACTIONS, PENALTIES AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS

A Level 4 Referee should operate an excellent working 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 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 5.1 Make informed decisions on situations that can occur but are not specifically covered by the rules or occur outside normal play.
- 5.2 Understand and correctly implement the rules associated with a player in the act of shooting and free throws.
- 5.3 Understand and correctly 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 4 referee should competently manage a game of basketball using thorough 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 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 6.1 Demonstrate the capability for developing strategies to deal with conflict situations.
- 6.2 Understand and anticipate situations when preventative officiating can be used.
- 6.3 Communicate confidently 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 4 Referee should operate an excellent working knowledge of how the basketball game is played, coaching strategies and roles of all participants involved.

At the completion of this unit the basketball referee who gains a Level 4 Referee Award will be able to:

- 7.1 Demonstrate knowledge of 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.