




The purpose of the canoe polo referee accreditation policy is to provide a consistent approach to assessing and grading referees across Australia. There are three levels of accreditation.

1. Referee accreditation levels

The three levels of accreditation are:

Shirt colour	Level and description
	<p>Level A Australian canoe polo referee</p> <p>Able to confidently control any game at an international, Australian, or local level.</p> <p>Colour: grey sleeves Marking: 'REFEREE' on the back of the shirt.</p>
	<p>Level B Australian canoe polo referee</p> <p>Able to control most games at a local level and gaining experience to be the controlling referee at a national level.</p> <p>Colour: orange sleeves Marking: 'REFEREE' on the back of the shirt.</p>
	<p>Level C Australian canoe polo referee</p> <p>A less experienced referee gaining experience at a local and national level. Able to referee restricted categories with support.</p> <p>Colour: green sleeves Marking: 'REFEREE' on the back of the shirt.</p>

2. Assessment

Candidates wishing to become an accredited referee must successfully complete the following assessments:

- a. Australian Canoeing referees exam
A multiple choice written examination covering the rules as set out in the current revision of the *ICF Canoe Polo Competition Rules*.
- b. Practical assessment
Candidates are assessed on their performance in controlling several games of the appropriate standard.

3. Opportunities for assessment

There are two opportunities to be assessed:

- Levels A, B, C – at the Australian Canoe Polo Championships held each year
- Level C – at local competitions as arranged by the state canoe polo committee

4. Accreditation

On successful completion of the written and practical examinations, candidates will be given an AC canoe polo referee's shirt that must be worn when refereeing. The distinct coloured sleeves indicate the level of qualification, which is clearly indicated to players and spectators.

Accredited referees should take pride in their accreditation and set an example to aspiring referees and players. The shirt must be completely on and not draped over a shoulder. To complete the referee's presentation during a game, do not wear a PFD or spray deck when refereeing.

5. Upgrading

Accredited referees are encouraged to continue to develop their skills and upgrade to a higher level. Progression from one level to the next may be assessed at any Summer Series or Australian Championship event.

There is no cost to upgrade. However, referees are requested to return the previously awarded referee's shirt.

6. Assessors

Completed written assessments are assessed by the championship chief referee at the Australian Canoe Polo Championships.

Practical assessments are assessed:

- level A by a level A referee of at least two years accreditation
- level B by level A
- level C by levels A or B

7. Fees

The fee for initial assessment is \$20 per candidate. However, there is no charge for referees upgrading from one level to another.

8. ICF accreditation

Australian accreditation is not recognised by the ICF. Referees wishing to achieve ICF accreditation should refer to the ICF website for details.

9. References

The following material set out the canoe polo rules and their interpretation.

- ICF Canoe Polo Competition Rules
- ICF Referee's course (www.canoeicf.com/discipline/canoe-polo)

10. Further information

For further information contact the Australian Canoe Polo chief referee.
