



Officials can now learn online!

The Australian Sports Commission has developed an online course for beginner officials. The Introductory Officiating General Principles course has been developed to assist new officials improve their basic officiating skills.

A major benefit of the online course is that officials can complete it in their own time from the comfort of their home. Thanks to a subsidy from the Australian Sports Commission, the online course is initially available free of charge to Australian officials (officials must have an Australian postal address).

About the course

The course contains three modules of training — Self-management, Managing the Competition Environment, and People Management. The modules cover a range of general officiating topics, including ethical responsibilities of officials, preparation for officiating, safety, communication, dealing with conflict, and people management.

The course takes approximately four hours to complete, and there is assessment included at the end of each module. Officials have six months to complete the course after they register.

Becoming an accredited official

The Introductory Officiating General Principles course can provide the first step towards accreditation. Your national or state sporting organisation can provide more information on the sport-specific requirements to achieve accreditation as an official.

How to access the course

The Introductory Officiating General Principles course is available from the Australian Sports Commission's online learning portal.

<https://learning.ausport.gov.au>

