

Laws of Association Croquet

ACCREDITATION AND REACCREDITATION OF REFEREES

In November 2014 the ACA approved a major policy decision and approved a new Accreditation and Re accreditation Programme for ACA Referees and Umpires, in which the aim is for all candidates to be successfully accredited. The programme is intended to instruct candidates in communication skills, people management and how to cope with difficult situations on court. It includes how to manage appeals against decisions made by players against other referees, also instructions and examination in the practical techniques of refereeing and the Laws and Rulings of Association.

The requirement to undertake the on lawn questions and demonstrations remain with an expected pass mark of at least 80%. Upon meeting the examination requirements candidates will become ACA Accredited AC Umpires/Referees.

The most important change to umpire/referee qualification is the requirement for the candidate to have successfully completed the Australian Sports Commission – Introductory Level Officiating General Principles Course. This is an online course at <https://learning.ausport.gov.au>. It can be undertaken in stages or completed in one sitting.

To remain eligible to continue as an active ACA accredited official the umpire/referee is required to undergo reaccréditation after 4 years. Members need to keep an Official Activity Record of their officiating duties, which includes officiating at events, refresher courses etc.

Existing umpires and referees must complete the Australian Sports Commission – Introductory Level Officiating General Principles Course before they can be reaccrédited. If reaccréditation is not sought after 4 years members are placed on an inactive list. This however does not preclude them from seeking reaccréditation at some future time. Members may continue to umpire/referee as usual but without the official ACA accreditation they cannot umpire/referee at any ACA event.

The full policy is available for any member who wishes to study it.