



WPA Education Transition Guide

Transition of current coaches and referees into new National Accreditation Scheme

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Paper Purpose: To outline how currently active coaches, referees and officials transition into the new National Accreditation scheme as new courses are released.

Please refer to the new **WPA Education Framework** overview to identify the new Coaching and Officiating (Refereeing) levels then refer to the below respective section for the transitional requirements.

The new accreditations cater to dedicated groups/levels of athletes/competition and require common standards of knowledge and compliance. As well as realigning existing coaches and officials to the new framework and terminology, the transitional strategy looks to ensure the upskilling of current coaches and officials to align with current best practice and compliance standards for the sport.

1. Community Stream

- Community Coach
- Community Referee
- Competition Official

Transition into Community level not available – as this is a new level of course for the sport, all course modules and requirements must be completed.

2. Development Stream

- Development Coach
- Development Referee

Within the new National Accreditation Scheme, the Development stream of courses corresponds to past Club or Level 1 water polo courses.

Development stream courses will be available from December 2017. Transition information into these new accreditations will not be available until closer to this date.

3. Advanced Level

- Development Coach
- Development Referee

Within the new National Accreditation Scheme, the Advanced stream of courses corresponds to past State or Level 2 water polo courses.

Advanced stream courses will be available from April 2017. Transition information into these new accreditations will not be available until closer to this date.

4. Elite Level

Elite stream courses are by-invitation only and will require candidate to hold an Advanced accreditation prior to being invited to commence, when the course is released June 2018.