



APPENDIX 5 BUCS MATCH OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

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This document should be read in conjunction with BUCS REG 10 ('MATCH OFFICIALS') and the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations.

Please note: BUCS deems it to be good practice that institutions check the qualification status of all officials with the relevant governing body, ahead of appointment.

*Items highlighted in **GREEN** have been lowered following the 2018-19 season, whereas those highlighted in **PINK** are either new additions or higher requirements.*

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	3	BAFCA LEVEL 1*	APPOINTED BY BAFRA	NO
<i>*ONLY TO BE USED WHERE BAFRA ARE UNABLE TO APPOINT OFFICIALS</i>				

BADMINTON

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
<i>*BUCS WILL APPOINT OFFICIALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND TROPHY FINALS</i>				

BASKETBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREE			UMPIRE			TABLE OFFICIAL		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1	LEVEL 3	YES	1	LEVEL 3	YES	3	LEVEL 2	NO
TIER 1	1	LEVEL 3	YES	1	LEVEL 2	YES	3*	LEVEL 2*	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 2	NO	1	LEVEL 2	NO	2	LEVEL 2	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	1	LEVEL 2	NO	1	LEVEL 1	NO	2	LEVEL 1	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREE			UMPIRE			TABLE OFFICIAL		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	1	LEVEL 3	YES	1	LEVEL 3	YES	3	LEVEL 2	YES
TROPHY	1	LEVEL 3	YES	1	LEVEL 2	YES	3*	LEVEL 2*	YES
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 2	NO**	1	LEVEL 1	NO**	2	LEVEL 2	NO**
*WHILST IT IS PREFERABLE THAT ALL TABLE OFFICIALS ARE QUALIFIED, WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, A COMPETENT AND TRAINED, BUT UNQUALIFIED, SHOT CLOCK OPERATOR IS PERMITTED									
**EXCEPT FOR FINAL WHERE ALL OFFICIALS MUST BE NEUTRAL									

CRICKET

TBC

FENCING

	REFEREES			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1*	NONE	LEVEL 2	NO*
<i>*WHILST INDEPENDENT REFEREES ARE PREFERABLE FOR ALL MATCHES, IF AN INDEPENDENT REFEREE IS NOT AVAILABLE THEN THE REFEREEING DUTIES SHALL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS.</i>				

FOOTBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREES				ASSISTANT REFEREES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1	L5	L4	YES	2	L6	NO
TIER 1	1	L6	L5	YES	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	L7	L6	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	1	L7	L6	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				ASSISTANT REFEREES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY	1	L5	L4	YES	2	L6	YES
CONFERENCE CUP	1	L7	L6*	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	2*	L7	YES
CONFERENCE PLATE/BOWL	1	L7	L6*	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	2*	L7	YES
<i>*REQUIRED FOR FINAL</i>							

FUTSAL

LEAGUES	REFEREES				TIMEKEEPERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1*	L2	L1	YES	1	N/A	NO
TIER 1	1**	L3	L2	YES	1	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	L4	L3	NO	1	N/A	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	1	L4	L3	NO	1	N/A	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				TIMEKEEPERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY	2	L2	N/A	YES	1	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	1	L3	N/A	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	1	N/A	NO
<p><i>*TWO REFEREES WHERE POSSIBLE. IF THE FA FUTSAL REFEREES APPOINTMENTS OFFICER IS ABLE TO APPOINT TWO REFEREES THEN INSTITUTIONS/PLAYING ENTITIES MUST ACCEPT BOTH APPOINTMENTS AND CANNOT DECLINE ONE OF THEM. (FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE BUCS WEBSITE FUTSAL PAGES)</i></p> <p><i>**TWO REFEREES WHERE POSSIBLE.</i></p>							

GAELIC FOOTBALL

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GOLF

	OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*		
<i>*BUCS WILL APPOINT OFFICIALS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TROPHY FINALS</i>			

HOCKEY

LEAGUES	UMPIRES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER (NATIONAL)	2	APPOINTED BY THE NPUA	
PREMIER TIER (NORTH/SOUTH)	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED	YES (LEVEL 2 OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)
TIER 1	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED	NO
TIERS 2-4	2	1 = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED 1 = LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED	NO
TIER 5 & BELOW	2	LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	UMPIRES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	2	APPOINTED BY THE NPUA	
VASE	2	APPOINTED BY THE NPUA	
TROPHY	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED	YES (LEVEL 2 OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)
CONFERENCE CUP	2	1 = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED 1 = LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED	NO
CONFERENCE PLATE/BOWL	2	1 = LEVEL 1 ASSESSED 1 = LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED	NO

LACROSSE

LEAGUES	OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	2	LEVEL 1	NO
TIER 1	2	LEVEL 1	NO
TIER 2	2	LEVEL 1	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	2	LEVEL 1	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	2	LEVEL 1	ONLY SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS
TROPHY	2	LEVEL 1	ONLY FINAL
CONFERENCE CUP	2	LEVEL 1	ONLY FINAL
<p><i>LEVEL 1 – PRE-OCTOBER 2016 = COMPLETION OF FACE-TO-FACE COURSE AND RULES TEST</i> <i>LEVEL 1 – POST-OCTOBER 2016 = COMPLETION OF ONLINE COURSE</i> <i>BOTH ARE ACCEPTABLE AT ALL LEVELS</i></p>			

NETBALL

LEAGUES	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER	2	B AWARD	A AWARD	YES
TIER 1	2	C AWARD	B AWARD	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY
TIERS 2-4	2	C AWARD	N/A	NO
TIERS 5-7	2	1 = C AWARD 1 = TRAINEE*	N/A	NO
TIER 8 & BELOW	2	TRAINEE*	N/A	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	2	B AWARD (MIN 12 MONTHS)	A AWARD	YES
TROPHY	2	C AWARD	B AWARD	1 ALL ROUNDS, 2 AT FINAL
CONFERENCE CUP	2	C AWARD	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE PLATE	2	1 = C AWARD 1 = TRAINEE*	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE BOWL	2	TRAINEE*	N/A	NO
<i>*TRAINEE = AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ATTENDED AN 'INTO OFFICIATING' OR 'C AWARD' COURSE WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS</i>				

RUGBY LEAGUE

	REFEREES			TOUCH JUDGES				
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER RECOMMENDED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1	APPOINTED BY RFL		N/A	2	N/A	RFL Qualified Match Official	NO

RUGBY UNION

LEAGUES	REFEREES				TOUCH JUDGES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER (BUCS SUPER RUGBY)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (WOMEN'S NATIONAL)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (NORTH/SOUTH)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2	N/A	NO
TIER 1	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 6 (MEN)* GRADE 7 (WOMEN)*	YES	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 7 (MEN)* GRADE 8 (WOMEN)*	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 8*	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				TOUCH JUDGES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
VASE	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2	N/A	NO
TROPHY	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2 (MEN) N/A (WOMEN)	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 6*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE PLATE	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 7*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE BOWL	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 8*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
<i>*THE LEVEL 2 (E.G. ENGLAND RUGBY REFEREEING AWARD) IS THE BASIC QUALIFICATION. OFFICIALS ALSO HOLD A GRADE 'LEVEL' (12 UP TO 1)</i>							

SQUASH

	OFFICIALS			
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TABLE TENNIS

	OFFICIALS			
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VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREES			LINE JUDGES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER	2	GRADE 4	NO	2	COMPETENT*	NO	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
TIER 1	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
TIER 2	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	COMPETENT*	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	COMPETENT*	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES			LINE JUDGES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	2	GRADE 3, GRADE 2 FROM QUARTER FINALS ONWARDS	YES	2	COMPETENT*	NO	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
TROPHY	2	GRADE 4	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	2	GRADE 4	FINAL ONLY	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
<i>*DO NOT NEED TO BE FORMALLY QUALIFIED</i>									

WATER POLO

LEAGUES	REFEREES				TABLE OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER	2	D GRADE	B/C	YES	2*	CTO	RTO FOR ALL	NO
TIER 1	2	D GRADE	C/D	YES	2*	CTO	AT LEAST 1 RTO	NO
TIER 2	2	1 = D GRADE 1 = P GRADE	D	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	AT LEAST 1 RTO	NO
TIER 3 & BELOW	2	1 = D GRADE 1 = P GRADE	D	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	AT LEAST 1 RTO	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				TABLE OFFICIALS			
KNOCKOUT	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
CHAMPIONSHIP	2	C GRADE	B OR ABOVE	YES	2*	CTO	RTO	IDEALLY
TROPHY	2	D GRADE	C/D	YES	2*	CTO	RTO	IDEALLY
CONFERENCE CUP	2	D GRADE	C/D	YES	2*	CTO	RTO	IDEALLY

**MINIMUM*

SCOTTISH AND WELSH OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION CONVERSION CHART

	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALES
AMERICAN FOOTBALL	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
BADMINTON	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
BASKETBALL	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
CRICKET	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
FENCING	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
FOOTBALL	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 2
	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 3A
	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 3B
	LEVEL 7	LEVEL 7	LEVEL 4A
FUTSAL	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
GAELIC FOOTBALL	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
GOLF	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
HOCKEY	LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED	LEVEL 1/C BADGE UNASSESSED	LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED
	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED	LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED
	LEVEL 2	B BADGE	LEVEL 2
LACROSSE	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
NETBALL	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
RUGBY LEAGUE	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
RUGBY UNION	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
SQUASH	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
TABLE TENNIS	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
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VOLLEYBALL	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
WATER POLO	ALL AS PER ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		