



WABL Referee Development Program 2026 Information Pack





Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Basketball WA WABL Referee Development Program. This program is designed to develop referees with the potential to progress into the State Referee Development Program and beyond. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to excel at elite levels of officiating.

Program Objectives

The WABL Referee Development Program provides aspiring referees with structured training, mentoring, and opportunities to:

- Accelerate progression to elite officiating.
- Gain consistent on-court and off-court coaching.
- Engage in online learning and video review.
- Access national development opportunities (e.g., School Nationals, U14 Nationals).

Key Dates

- Friday 16th January 2026 – Candidates advised of selection
- Friday 13th February 2026 – Development Camp
- February 2026 – First scheduled meeting (TBC)
- March 2026 – WABL Grading

Program Structure

The program runs from February to November, aligning with the WABL season and State Championships. Duration varies from 1–3 years depending on age and development. Key components include:

- On-court evaluations and mentoring
- Monthly development sessions (minimum 75% attendance required)
- Online learning through video review and group discussions
- Opportunities to officiate at national tournaments

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on individual merit, potential, and ability to work in a team environment. Program facilitators may consult with association referee coordinators and coaches in the process.



Mandatory Requirements

- Currently accredited as a Level 1 Referee
- Active in local competitions and WABL (including finals)
- Participation in State Championships
- Demonstrated potential to progress to elite level
- Strong commitment to learning and improvement
- Ability to constructively engage in group learning
- Attend at least 75% of sessions
- Maintain an appropriate level of fitness

Expectations

Referees in the program are expected to demonstrate professionalism, respect for the game, and a strong commitment to personal and peer development. Participation does not guarantee future selection into the State Referee Development Program, but it provides the best preparation for that pathway.

Expression of Interest

If you are interested in joining the WABL Referee Development Program in 2026, please complete the online registration form no later than 5:00pm, Friday 19th December 2025.

Expression of Interest Form: [WABL Referee Development Program](#)

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