



National Scoring Re-accreditation Guidelines

DIVERSITY COMMUNITY FUN EXCELLENCE ENGAGEMENT TEAMWORK



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



Official's Code of Conduct

- 1 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people, and refrain from any discriminatory practices against any person regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 2 Place the safety and welfare of the players/participants above all else.
- 3 Be fair and impartial.
- 4 Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- 5 Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- 6 Refrain from any form of personal abuse. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
- 7 Refrain from any form of sexual harassment. This includes explicit, implicit, verbal and non-verbal sexual harassment.
- 8 Make a commitment to providing a quality service to softball, to your affiliated club, association and State, and to Softball Australia by continually improving your officiating knowledge and skill.
 - Maintain and improve your accreditation
 - Seek continual self-improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing education
- 9 Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for your actions.
 - Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation
 - Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with softball, including opponents, coaches, officials, umpires, scorers, administrators, the media, parents and spectators
 - Encourage others to demonstrate the same qualities
- 10 Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport.
 - Abide by and respect the policies governing softball and sport generally and the organisations and individuals administering those policies
 - Reject the use of performance enhancing drugs in sport and abide by the anti-drugs policies of the relevant national and international sporting organisations and government regulatory bodies
- 11 Value the individual in sport.
- 12 Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- 13 Encourage inclusivity and access to all areas of officiating.
- 14 Refrain from engaging in any behaviour that is in breach of Softball Australia's Member Protection Policy.



Why update your scoring?

Softball Australia requires all accredited scorers to participate in a variety of education and practical scoring activities to maintain their accreditation status.

- Ensures accredited scorers keep up-to-date with current scoring techniques and methods
- Ensures accredited scorers stay abreast of rule changes
- Ensures the National Scoring Committee and State Scoring Directors have a current list of accredited scorers

How to use your logbook and re-accredit

- It is important that you record the details of all scoring related activities in your logbook. This includes practical involvement, attendance at approved courses and seminars and updating activities.
- When you attend or complete an approved activity, you should fill in the appropriate details. If you are completing your Logbook manually, your Logbook activity may be signed off by a scoring coordinator/representative, Association Secretary or State Director. If you are completing your Logbook electronically, no signature is required.
- The logbook will be used as a guide for your eligibility for re-accreditation when it falls due.
- You may wish to use the logbook as evidence of experience and ongoing education when you apply for a scoring position.
- To find out more about your re-accreditation / updating requirements contact your State Scoring Director.

Updating guidelines

- Scorers must re-accredit every four years
- Scorers can update their accreditation by completing the next level of accreditation OR by achieving the total number of games required for updating relevant to the level
- Scorers must use the scoring logbook to validate their updating activities
- When updating is complete, the scorer must forward the scoring logbook, the re-accreditation form and fee to their State/State Director of Scoring.
- **An authorised official including scoring coordinator/representative, State Director or National Scoring Committee member has the right to assess/review the previous years' scorebook and statistics prior to endorsement.**
- Scorers accept the Softball Australia Officials Code of Conduct by signing the re-accreditation form
- New updating requirements commence immediately once re-registration is received

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – if your accreditation has expired

- If updating requirements are not completed within four years, you are given an additional twelve months to meet the re-accreditation guidelines
- If the additional twelve months has expired and you wish to re-accredit before twenty-four months from your date of expiry, you will be required to re-sit the level and all assessments
- If due to unforeseen circumstances, twenty-four months has passed since your expiry date, please contact the National Scoring Committee (NSC) via nsc@softball.org.au with details. The NSC will then provide options for re-accreditation



LEVEL 1 – RE-ACCREDITATION

Re-accreditation requirements

- Provide e-learning certificate showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection and Safeguarding
 - Harassment & Discrimination

Via https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?c1=Courses

Note: badges are valid for 2 years from date of completion

- 20 games of practical scoring within 4 years of the completion date of level 1 accreditation or previous re-accreditation
Games can be undertaken with any level of team; on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as tournaments (number of games to be documented in your logbook)

OR

- Re-sit the level 1 assessment



LEVEL 2 – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accreditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
<https://courses.softball.org.au/courses/scoring-rules-exam/>
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook
- Provide e-learning certificate showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection and Safeguarding
 - Harassment & DiscriminationVia https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?c1=Courses
Note: badges are valid for 2 years from date of completion
- 24 games of practical scoring within 4 years of the completion date of level 2 accreditation or previous re-accreditation
Games to be completed over a 4-year period on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as tournaments (number of games to be documented in your logbook)
- 1 additional game to be scored with a mentor holding a higher level of accreditation



LEVEL 3 – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accreditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
<https://courses.softball.org.au/courses/scoring-rules-exam/>
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook
- Provide e-learning certificate showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection and Safeguarding
 - Harassment & DiscriminationVia https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?c1=Courses
Note: badges are valid for 2 years from date of completion
- 30 games of practical scoring within 4 years of the completion date of level 3 accreditation or previous re-accreditation
Games to be completed over a 4-year period on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as tournaments (number of games to be documented in your logbook)
- 1 additional game to be scored with a mentor holding a higher level of accreditation



LEVEL 4 AND ABOVE – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accreditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
<https://courses.softball.org.au/courses/scoring-rules-exam/>
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook
- Provide e-learning certificate showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection and Safeguarding
 - Harassment & DiscriminationVia https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?c1=Courses
Note: badges are valid for 2 years from date of completion
- 40 games of practical scoring within 4 years of the completion date of level 4 accreditation or previous re-accreditation
Games to be completed over a 4-year period on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as tournaments (number of games to be documented in your logbook)

If you wish to be deemed “Nationals Compliant” and used as an Official Scorer at a National event;

- 10 of the above mentioned 40 games of practical scoring must be scored in the 12 months prior to re-accreditation
- Complete one of the following two requirements:
 - Official Statisticians at Softball Australia tournaments must demonstrate competency and hold a current pass in Quality Assurance Assessment through the NSC Quality Assurance Team. A minimum of 4 games must be scored, QA'd and deemed competent to meet this requirement.
 - Statisticians who have not attended Softball Australia tournaments as an official scorer within the previous 4 years (or who have been assessed as non-compliant for national participation by QA assessment) are required to submit a colour copy of 2 games** with completed batting/fielding/pitching statistical summary sheets undertaken within the twelve months prior to re-accreditation

Note: scorers may re-accredit without meeting the requirements to be Nationals compliant. These scorers are unable to be an official paper scorer at National Championships and other Softball Australia events.

Where a scorer has received a team appointment from Softball Australia, undertaken a role or carried out tasks for Softball Australia or the National Scoring Committee and have demonstrated the required competency and currency of The National Scoring Program, the NSC may use its discretion in relation to the above listed requirements.

**** The two games required should be either 7 innings or the run ahead rule imposed. Across the two games, the following components must be demonstrated:**

- High number of times on base (at least 1/4 of plate appearances)
- Pitching, batting, fielding changes (in both games)
- Use of pinch, designated or temporary runner
- Mixture of earned and unearned runs
- Sacrifices (bunt and/or fly)