



National Scoring Re-accreditation Guidelines



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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 Scoring Director has a current list of accredited scorers

How to use your logbook and re-accredit

- It is important that you keep the details of all practical involvement, and attendance at approved courses and seminars, which will contribute to your re-accreditation.
- It is important that you keep details of updating activities in your logbook.
- 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.
- When you attend an approved updating activity, you should fill in the appropriate details. Your Logbook activity must be signed off by a scoring coordinator/representative, Association Secretary or State Director.
- 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 updating requirements are not completed within four years, you are given an additional twelve months to complete your logbook and submit to your State Director.
- If the additional twelve months has expired due to unforeseen circumstances, 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-accréditation requirements

- Provide certificates showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection
 - Discrimination and Harassment

Via <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

Note: certificates 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-accréditation
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 and signed off in your logbook)

OR

- Re-sit the level 1 assessment

Re-accréditation must be completed within 12 months of expiry date or you will be required to re-sit the level.



LEVEL 2 – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accréditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook
- Provide certificates showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection
 - Discrimination and HarassmentVia <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>
Note: certificates 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-accréditation
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 and signed off in your logbook)
- 1 additional game to be scored with a mentor holding a higher level of accreditation

Re-accréditation must be completed within 12 months of expiry date or you will be required to re-sit the level.



LEVEL 3 – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accreditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook
- Provide certificates showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection
 - Discrimination and HarassmentVia <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>
Note: certificates 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 and signed off in your logbook)
- 1 additional game to be scored with a mentor holding a higher level of accreditation

Re-accreditation must be completed within 12 months of expiry date or you will be required to re-sit the level.



LEVEL 4 – RE-ACCREDITATION

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Registered with Local/State Association

Re-accreditation requirements

- Softball Australia's Scoring Rules examination, 25 questions
Evidence of completion to be provided with your logbook

- Provide certificates showing completion of 'Play by the Rules'
 - Child Protection
 - Discrimination and HarassmentVia <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>
Note: certificates 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 and signed off in your logbook)
10 of these games must be scored in the 12 months prior to expiry date

- 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.
 - Statisticians who have not attended Softball Australia tournaments as an official scorer within the previous 4 years (or who have been assessed as non-competent for national participation by QA assessment) are required to submit a colour copy of 4 games with completed batting/fielding/pitching statistic summary sheets undertaken within the previous twelve months

Re-accreditation must be completed within 12 months of expiry date or you will be required to re-sit the level.