

Introduction

Summary

This unit is about observing performers during a sport/activity, making judgments based on the rules/laws and communicating these judgments to the appropriate people winning their agreement for what you have done. The unit also emphasises maintaining self-control while observing and applying rules/laws and managing the whole competitive situation including potential conflict situations.

The unit is divided into two parts. The first part describes the four things you have to do. These are:

- OFI 4.1** **Accurately observe and evaluate competition within the rules/laws of the sport/activity**
- OFI 4.2** **Make accurate judgments**
- OFI 4.3** **Communicate judgments consistently and clearly**
- OFI 4.4** **Maintain self-control**

The second part describes the knowledge and understanding you must have.

Target Group

This unit is for officials in a variety of sports and officiating roles at the higher levels in their sport/activity (usually at national level).

OF14 Accurately apply rules/laws and their interpretation during performance

OF14.1

Accurately observe and evaluate competition within the rules/laws of the sport/activity

The National Standard

What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. make sure you have all the necessary **resources** to carry out your role
2. demonstrate an understanding of performers and anticipate performers' actions
3. avoid unnecessary **interference** with the activity
4. anticipate and manage potential conflict
5. maintain your own health and safety

What you must cover

This element covers the following:

a resources:

- 1 dress
- 2 equipment
- 3 information

b interference:

- 1 physical
- 2 verbal
- 3 psychological

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Make judgments accurately

The National Standard

What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. make judgments according to the rules/laws and the nature and spirit of the sport/activity
2. prioritise judgments according to the level of the performers and the nature of the competition

What you must cover

You must meet the standard opposite.

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Communicate judgments consistently and clearly

The National Standard

What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. communicate judgments at the appropriate time to **relevant people**
2. maintain an authoritative and confident presence
3. manage the reaction of **relevant people** to your decisions

What you must cover

This element covers the following:

a relevant people

1. performers
2. performer representatives
3. co-officials
4. support staff
5. governing body representatives
6. spectators
7. media

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Maintain self-control

The National Standard

What you must do

To meet the national standard, you must:

1. make sure your own behaviour is consistent with the code of conduct for your role
2. interact with **relevant people** in a way which is consistent with achieving your desired outcomes
3. manage influences and pressures from **relevant people** and the situation

What you must cover

This element covers the following:

a relevant people

1. performers
2. performer representatives
3. co-officials
4. support staff
5. governing body representatives
6. spectators
7. media

What you must know and understand

To be competent in this unit, you must know and understand the following

- K1 The rules/laws of your sport/activity and why they are important
- K2 Relevant codes of conduct and/or guidance notes for your role as an official
- K3 Different types and levels of context for your sport/activity as appropriate to your role and their impact on rules/laws and their interpretation
- K4 The resources you need to carry out your role correctly
- K5 How to position yourself during the activity to maximise your ability to observe
- K6 How you can avoid unnecessary interference with the activity
- K7 Health and safety hazards to yourself and how to minimise these
- K8 Your responsibilities as an official and the specific aspects of the activity you need to observe according to those responsibilities
- K9 When and how to communicate judgments and to make sure they are understood
- K10 How your behaviour influences the behaviour of others and how to manage situations in a way that achieves your desired outcomes
- K11 How you should behave in a way that is consistent with your role in the sport/activity
- K12 The types of influences and pressures that you may experience and why it is important to cope with these