

Summary

What is the standard about?

This standard describes the competence an official in any capacity needs to manage the competitive environment – physical and human – at the elite level in their sport.

Who is this standard for?

This standard is for officials working at the elite level of their sport. 'Officials' is a term with a very wide meaning. It includes, for example: referees, umpires, judges, race marshals and any others (apart from competitors) who are critical to the outcome of a competition.

Links to other standards

These standards are intended for officials operating at the elite level. There is also a set of standards for officials working at the level below. These are coded OF6 – OF16.

Standards also exist for those entering an officiating role. These are coded OF1 – OF5

Outcomes

You must be able to:

Health, safety and welfare

1. Ensure that relevant aspects of the competition environment, including competitors, comply with health and safety requirements for the sport at the elite level, including where necessary the assessment and management of risks
2. Ensure that all relevant aspects of competitor welfare are safeguarded as required by the sport at the elite level

Technology

3. Ensure relevant technology is in good working order
4. Make effective use of relevant technology in making and communicating decisions

Interface with Event Organisers and Key Personnel

5. Maintain effective lines of communication with event organisers and other key personnel
6. Communicate, liaise and negotiate with event organisers and other key personnel to achieve positive outcomes for the event
7. Check that any relevant local legislation is observed

Knowledge and understanding

You must know and understand:

- K1. Health, safety and welfare requirements for the sport at the elite level, including those for competitors
- K2. The procedures you should follow for health, safety and welfare at the elite level
- K3. How to assess and manage relevant risks in the sport at the elite level
- K4. The technology that applies to your officiating role in the sport
- K5. How to check and use the relevant technology effectively
- K6. The importance of effective communication with events organisers and other key personnel
- K7. Lines of communication and protocols you should follow when liaising with events organisers
- K8. The types of issues you may need to liaise with events organisers and key personnel on
- K9. Principles of effective negotiation when dealing with organisers and key personnel
- K10. The importance of observing local legislation and how to source information on relevant local laws