

Summary

What is the standard about?

This standard describes the competence an official in any capacity needs to manage competition 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:

Self-Control

1. Maintain present and singular focus and concentration
2. Control emotional response to achieve positive outcomes
3. Show resilience and consistent performance under pressure

Applying the laws/rules within the spirit of the sport

4. Make judgments according to the rules/laws and the nature and spirit of the sport/activity despite external pressures
5. Judge situations in their context, maintaining fairness and consistency in decision-making
6. Project authority and confidence in managing competition
7. Demonstrate impartiality

Knowledge and understanding

You must know and understand:

- K1. Self-management techniques to maintain concentration and focus
- K2. Self-management techniques for emotional control
- K3. The dangers of performance collapse and strategies to avoid this
- K4. Contextual judgment and how to use it to achieve positive outcomes during competition
- K5. Behaviour that shows confidence and authority in decision making
- K6. Factors that may affect your impartiality and strategies to deal with these