



## Photofinish as a Discrete Discipline

Since its first introduction to athletics, photofinish in the UK has largely been operated by those officials, usually from timekeeping or track judging, who expressed an interest. With the increasing availability of computerised systems, more and more officials have been able to try this work, and more and more are being needed. It will be useful to have a recognised qualification in this area.

Nevertheless, the establishment of Photofinish as a totally stand alone discipline is not felt appropriate, as nationwide the position remains very patchy, and while some officials are able to work more than they might wish, most have only rare opportunities. However, it is felt that all senior timekeepers and track judges need at least an understanding of the principles.

It has therefore been decided to introduce three awards in Photofinish, which will be available to officials who are already at least level 2 in another discipline.

1. Photofinish Awareness. This covers what all senior timekeepers and track judges need, and is mandatory for level 3 accreditation, but does not make them a qualified photofinish official.
2. Photofinish Level 2 (Regional) Endorsement. This qualifies officials to work as a photofinish operator at meetings below national level. (Equivalent to any other level 2)
3. Photofinish Level 3 National. This qualifies the official to work as a photofinish operator at national meetings, and as Chief of Photofinish at lower meetings. (Equivalent to any other level 3 National)

## PHOTOFINISH COURSE OPTIONS

**PHOTOFINISH  
AWARENESS**



**ATTEND COURSE**



**GAIN POSITIVE REPORT TO  
SHOW THEY CAN READ A  
PHOTOFINISH PICTURE  
COMPETENTLY**

**PHOTOFINISH LEVEL 2  
ENDORSEMENT**



**WORK IN 4  
PHOTOFINISH TEAMS &  
RECORD ON  
COMPETITION  
EXPERIENCE FORMS**



**MINIMUM OF ONE POSITIVE  
REPORT CONFIRMING THEIR  
EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS  
OF OPERATION**

**LEVEL 3**  
(pre-requisite – must hold  
the level 2 endorsement)



**ATTEND COURSE  
GENERIC MODULE  
DISCIPLINE MODULE  
TECHNOLOGY MODULE**



**MINIMUM OF 30 MEETINGS**



**MINIMUM OF 6 POSITIVE REPORTS**

- **MIN 2 AS TEAM MEMBER**
- **MIN 1 AS CHIEF/REFEREE  
COUNTY LEVEL**
- **MIN 1 USING TECHNOLOGY**
- **MIN 1 CLERK OF COURSE**

**PLUS COMPLETION OF LOGBOOK**

After level 3 was introduced, a number of officials were granted exemption from the photofinish technology module; this is now the Awareness award.

However, a significant number of these officials are well above this level. A list has therefore been prepared of those who will be awarded the Level 2 PF Endorsement.

Above this, there are a number of officials who have already demonstrated that they fulfil the requirements of the new level 3. A further list has therefore been prepared of those who will be allowed a fast-track route to Level 3 PF once they have attended the Level 3 courses (generic and PF). They will not be expected to meet the full requirements for reports and meetings.