

Level 4 Officials Course

The UKA Athletics Level 4 course is a progression from Level 3 that both consolidates learning at Level 3 and prepares the official to operate at National and International level through the introduction of additional modules including the use of appropriate technology.

Officials who have satisfied the requirements of the level 4 accreditation will be listed as Level 4P for two years after qualification but will immediately become eligible to receive information regarding selection for national and International competition under the auspices of UKA. This is a probationary period during which positive assessments are required in order for the official to remain eligible for selection for such competitions.

Level 3 officials wishing to move to level 4

- Must attend the discipline specific and technology modules relevant to their discipline and read the Level 4 Generic Course Information carefully before the course.
- Must complete an Annual Record of Experience form in detail to include information about what has been learnt at the meetings listed.
- Show evidence of officiating at a minimum of 30 meetings over two years (three for photo finish). This must include meetings at county and area level as well as grassroots level. It should be recognised that moving from Level 3 to Level 4 is a big step and anyone seeking to do this should be gaining as much varied experience as possible which may well take several years before being ready to apply.
- Work with an appropriate mentor
- Undergo assessment of competence and knowledge and understanding of UKA and World Athletics/World Para Athletics (WPA) rules and the differences between them by answering a set of questions which will be found on the UKA website on June 1st each year.
- Submit reports of successful experience at a minimum of six events to include specific duties as given below:-

The reports;

- One as a chief official/Referee at a league match or county championship or similar equivalent event
- Two as a member of a team of officials (3 required for Timekeeping, Photofinish, Starter/SA)
- One from a reporter outside your region or other Home Countries equivalent.
- One as a clerk of course (Track and Field Disciplines only)
- One using relevant technology (Field Judges need to be able to show the ability to set up and operate EDM equipment).

Detailed guidelines for Level 4 are produced annually and displayed on the UKA website. It is essential that anyone intending to apply should read these carefully prior to doing so.