

STANDARD



UWH REFEREE LEVEL 1

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UNDERWATER HOCKEY REFEREE COMMITTEE

PART A – LEVEL ONE REFEREE - STANDARD

The Level 1 Referee is the first level of the career and allows for refereeing at Federation Level Events either in an assistant role (provisional) or in an autonomous role (once signed off).

	LEVEL 1 REFEREE - STANDARD
RULES	Has a good understanding, of the core rules of the game and applies them in a fair and consistent manner in the respective roles.
WATER REFEREE	Sees basic infringements and applies the appropriate action efficiently and effectively. All signals are clear and concise. Puck placement is correct for all circumstances.
CHIEF REFEREE	Effectively manages the game, with clear communication as required. Time penalties are well managed
TIMEKEEPER / SCORER	Timekeeping is accurate and scoring is correct. Clear communication with Chief referee as required.
FITNESS	Is clearly able to keep up with play and has acceptable time refereeing at the bottom of the pool.

For a detailed description of the standard please refer to the latest version of the UWH Referee Standard Matrix

LEVEL 1 REFEREE - OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE			
MAIN ROLE	The Level 1 Referee allows for Chief and Water Refereeing along with scoring and time keeping at Federation Level Events (Club or School level) either in an assistant role (provisional) or in an autonomous role (once signed off) ¹		
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THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE	Completion of the full Level 1 Referee Course including passing the written exam and /or oral test		
PHYSICAL STANDARD	Meeting the current Level 1 Fitness criteria		
Prerequisites to Course	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Rules Course 1 Recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played UWH • Good knowledge of the game of UWH 		

¹ The qualification required for each tournament shall be determined by the National Federation or Tournament Organiser at their sole discretion.

PART B – LEVEL ONE REFEREE COURSE – TRAINING PROGRAM

1. AIM OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM

- 1.1 This training program aims to introduce the fundamentals of underwater hockey refereeing to new underwater hockey referees, which, on successful completion of the course, will allow the candidate to:
- Exercise the role of scorer and timekeeper.
 - Initially exercise the roles of assistant chief referee and assistant water referee under the supervision of a Level Two (2) referee or higher or an experienced Level One (1) (“Provisional Level 1”)
 - Exercise the roles of chief referee and water referee once signed off from provisional status.

2. CLASSIFICATION

- 2.1 The CMAS Underwater Hockey Referee Level 1 is classified as an entry-level of underwater hockey referee and able to referee along with scoring and time keeping at Federation Level Events (Club or School level) either in an assistant role (provisional) or in an autonomous role (once signed off).

3. TEACHING TEAM

- 3.1 The CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 1 training program must be presented by a minimum of CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 in active status² that complies with the requirements of the national federation and should be called the ‘Course Director’.
- 3.2 The Course Director may be assisted by a minimum CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 in active status that complies with the requirements of the national federation.

4. RATIO CANDIDATE / TEACHING TEAM

4.1 Theory lessons:

- Recommended - One (1) CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 for up to fifteen (15) students.
- Maximum - One (1) CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 for up absolute maximum thirty (30) students.

4.2 Practical lessons:

- One (1) CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 or higher for up to ten (10) students.

4.3 Game sessions:

- One (1) CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 2 or higher for each (1) student.

² “Active Status” is defined in the UWH Referee Standards- Overview document.

5. COURSES STRUCTURE AND DURATION

5.1 Theory (minimum hours): 4 hours

Subject		Est Hours
1. General Aspects	SN ³	0,25
2. Introduction to Refereeing Underwater Hockey	INT	0,25
3. Game Procedures	INT	0,5
4. Roles and Responsibilities of the Officials	INT	0,25
5. Rules	INT	1,0
6. Basic positioning/moving with play	INT	0,25
7. Call Fouls and procedures	INT	1,0
8. Course Review	SN	0,5
TOTAL		4,0

5.2 Practical Training (recommended hours): 2 hours

Subject		Hours
Practical session (including fitness test) (SN discretion whether this is held as a separate session or only section 5.3 is used. If only section 5.3 is used a fitness test must be incorporated at some point)	SN	2

5.3 Practical Game sessions (minimum hours): 5 hours (as tracked by the method determined by the respective National Federation)

Subject		Nº Games	Hours
1. Water referee role with supervision of two referees	SN	Minimum 10	4,5
2. Chief referee role with supervision of one referee	SN	Minimum 5	2,0
			6,5

5.4 Assessment (minimum hours): 1,0 hours

Subject		Hours
1. Theoretical exam and /or Oral Questions (if required)	SN / INT	1
		1,0

³ SN – Specific to nation INT - International

6. COMPETENCIES OF A CERTIFIED CMAS UNDERWATER REFEREE LEVEL 1

- 6.1 The CMAS underwater hockey referee Level 1 has the competence to all roles, with the roles of Water Referee and Chief Referee initially to be under the supervision of a Level Two (2) referee or higher or an experienced Level 1 referee.

7. PREREQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM

- 7.1 Minimum age 14 with written parental consent. Those under 16 may be restricted to referee games in their own grades and subject to Tournament Directors discretion.
- 7.2 Complete the medical history/statement form required prior to participating in any in-water activities.
- 7.3 Sign the appropriate form(s) as required by the national federation.

8. EXPERIENCE / KNOWLEDGE / CERTIFICATION

- 8.1 Water competence.
- 8.2 Ability to swim 100m without stop with fins, mask and snorkel.
- 8.3 Ability to swim underwater 12,5m.

9. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

- 9.1 Successfully complete the requirements described in sections 7 and 8 of this standard.
- 9.2 Successfully complete the theoretical assessment of this standard.
- 9.3 Successfully complete the practical assessment (Training and Game sessions) of this standard.

10. REQUIRED THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE AND REFEREE SKILLS

10.1 ADMINISTRATION AND REFEREE CAREER

- 10.1.1 The candidate should be informed of the administrative obligations and recommendations of the CMAS and national federation for underwater hockey referee Level 1.
- 10.1.2 The candidate should be informed about the international and national administrative structures and the referee career from underwater hockey referee Level 1 to Level 4.

10.2 GAME AREA; PLAYER EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL REFEREE EQUIPMENT

10.2.1 The candidate shall have an appropriate knowledge regarding the physical characteristics, operating principles and maintenance of all game area; player's equipment including materials and personal referee equipment.

10.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

10.2.1 The candidate shall have an appropriate knowledge regarding the rules and regulations including their application to the underwater hockey game.

10.2 ANTI-DOPING AND SPORT ETHICS

10.2.1 The candidate shall have an appropriate knowledge regarding the anti-doping rules, prohibited substances, sport ethics values and what is the role of the referee in the underwater hockey community.

11. PRACTICAL TRAINING PARAMETERS

11.1 SCORE KEEPER AND TIMEKEEPER SKILLS

11.1.1 The candidate shall demonstrate their mastery of the score keeper and timekeeper skills as prescribed in CMAS underwater hockey Level 1 syllabus, during one or more game sessions.

11.2 WATER REFEREE SKILLS

11.2.1 The candidate shall demonstrate their mastery of the water referee skills as prescribed in CMAS underwater hockey Level 1 syllabus, during one or more game sessions.

11.3 CHIEF REFEREE SKILLS

11.3.1 The candidate shall demonstrate their mastery of the chief referee skills as prescribed in CMAS underwater hockey Level 1 syllabus, during one or more game sessions.

12. ASSESSMENT

12.1 THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

- 12.1.1 The candidate shall demonstrate knowledge of all topics described in section 10 by taking and passing a written and or oral examination. This examination shall test entry-level theoretical knowledge of underwater hockey referee skills as prescribed in syllabus of underwater hockey referee Level 1.

12.2 PRACTICAL SKILLS

- 12.2.1 The candidate shall demonstrate knowledge of all topics described in 11 by taking and passing an evaluation game session. This examination shall test the entry-level score keeper, timekeeper and water referee skills as prescribed in the syllabus of underwater hockey referee Level 1.

13. CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the training program, the candidate shall be awarded CMAS Underwater Hockey Referee Level 1 Status.