

BCA Pool League Referee Program

Entry Level Requirements and Promotion Guidelines

Effective December 2008

The BCA Pool League's Referee Program uses a structured progression sequence for its new candidates and existing referees. From the moment you enter the program you will receive the best professional training in the industry. And we'll provide you with continuing education as you progress through our program and achieve new levels of experience and expertise. The following material briefly describes the BCAPL Referee Program.

BCAPL National Referee-in-Training is the entry-level position. Everyone starts here. Candidates enter the program by taking the BCAPL National Referee Class. Check the BCAPL web site or call the BCAPL National Office for upcoming class locations and dates.

The class requires you to take 20 hours of classroom instruction, then perform 8-12 hours of floor time (live refereeing at the event under the supervision of a qualified observer), pass a written examination and demonstrate the skills and abilities necessary to be a National Referee. Your instructors and other BCAPL referees and officials will perform your evaluations.

At the BCAPL Nationals: Upon successful completion, you will be promoted to ***BCAPL National Referee***. You will receive a Certificate of Recognition and an official BCAPL National Referee insignia identifying your level of achievement. You are immediately subject to the BCAPL Referee's Code of Conduct and have additional duties and responsibilities, which are included in the accompanying material. As you achieve promotions, you will acquire more additional duties and responsibilities, which are also included in the accompanying material.

At other locations: The class you take may be at a site without an associated tournament. Upon successful completion, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition and retain the title of ***BCAPL National Referee-in-Training***. You will then have one year to complete the required floor training time at a qualifying BCAPL event under the supervision of selected observers. The instructors at your class will have information about upcoming events, and you may always complete your floor training time at the first BCAPL National 8-Ball Championships following your class.

After you become a BCAPL National Referee, the next levels of the program are:

- ◆ **BCAPL National Senior Referee**
- ◆ **BCAPL National Head Referee**

Promotion to National Senior Referee or National Head Referee requires you to:

- ◆ be in good standing;
- ◆ have no delinquent dues;
- ◆ apply in writing to the Director of Referees.

Further details and requirements are listed in the chart below.

To achieve promotion to	Prerequisite	Education	Fee	Apply to	Promotion decided by	Notified within	Annual Dues
National Referee	None, but thorough knowledge of the BCAPL rules is suggested.	Complete a BCAPL National Referee Class, including observed floor training time.	\$125 (includes all materials) ¹	BCAPL Director of Referees ³	Trainers advise, Director approves	45 days after Nationals	\$35
National Senior Referee	Serve 3 out of 4 years at Nationals ²	Advanced written exam and Interview with at least one National Head Referee	None	BCAPL Director of Referees ³	National Heads advise, Director approves	90 days after request	
National Head Referee	Serve 4 out of 5 years at Nationals ²	Advanced written Exam and Oral Board with three National Head Referees	None		2/3 Vote of Oral Board required, final decision by Director		
Director of Referees	Appointed by BCAPL Referee Program Administrator						

¹ – You may repeat the course at no charge if you do not achieve successful completion. League Operators may take the class at no charge.

² - Service does not have to be in consecutive years

³ – Application for NSR or NHR must be in writing and should include a résumé or summary of refereeing activities and other billiards involvement, and a statement of justification.

If at any time your request for promotion is not successful, you will be contacted to discuss the reasons and to find solutions to help you be successful with your next request. You are also always free to contact the BCAPL Referee Training Staff for assistance.

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