

Controller accreditation and reaccreditation

OA currently has two documents which detail controller accreditation and reaccreditation requirements – the Controller Accreditation policy (Operations Guide 2.19) and the Controller Framework (2.21). Some minor inconsistencies have been identified between these documents and it is proposed to address these (see accompanying tracked changes version of 2.19).

In addition to inconsistencies identified, it is proposed:

- To amend clause 3 such that applications for accreditation/reaccreditation are sent to State Technical Directors (or equivalent) for approval, then forwarded by the State Technical Director to OA for processing.
- To clarify in the table for initial accreditation that points for initial accreditation can be accumulated over 8 years (not 5), consistent with the text in clauses 4.2 and 5.2.

It is also proposed to add a footnote to the reaccreditation table to state the following:

- That controlling the most recent Australian Championships or Australian 3-Days in the controller's state can be included even if that event was more than 8 years ago. (This provides for the fact that, particularly with Covid-related postponements, in some cases more than 8 years pass between hosting – e.g. WA did not host an Australian Championships in the 8 years 2015-2022, and Queensland 2017-2024 – so a controller whose reaccreditation came up at an inopportune time may have had very few opportunities within the reaccreditation window).

(Feedback from states is that, in general, they have not found a lack of Group A controlling opportunities to be a bottleneck in allowing sufficient controllers to reaccredit in their state, although NSW noted a potential bottleneck at Group B level).

- That being an IOF Senior Event Adviser or National Controller at an IOF High Level Event will normally be considered as equivalent to controlling a Group A event. (A High Level Event is an event which has an SEA – Regional Championships or above – and does not include 'standard' WREs). These are major roles and definitely not a supplemental role to the Level 3 controller as would usually be the case at a 'standard' WRE.

These changes, if agreed, would also need to be mirrored back into the corresponding parts of 2.21.

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