

LEVEL 3 REFEREE EXAM ASSESSMENT ANNOUNCEMENT 2018

1. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

British Fencing is working with the Home Nations to pilot a new assessment system for Level 3 referee exams.

We are delighted to announce that the first pilot of a new Level 3 assessment will be held at the Cadet and Junior National Championships being held in Nottingham on the 8th and 9th September, with the theory seminar and assessment taking place on the Friday evening.

Candidates will be expected to attend a mini seminar and then be assessed on their theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge as well as their presence on piste.

As this is the pilot assessment the normal candidate fee of £15 will be waived.

To be awarded a Level 3 qualification candidates will be required to;

- hold a current Level 2 referee qualification (weapon specific)
- attend and pass the Level 3 theory seminar
- pass a practical assessment at a minimum of three BF or similar agreed level competitions within a 12-month period with a maximum of one fail within that time frame.

Referees who achieve this will also be offered the opportunity to apply to join the [GBR Referee Pathway Programme](#).

If you would like the opportunity to take part in the assessment, please complete the [attached application form](#) and email to refereeing@britishfencing.com. There are limited spaces that will be offered on a first come first served basis.

2. MORE INFORMATION

In September 2016 British Fencing started the process of reviewing the level 3 and 4 referee exams, in order to align them with the current expectations within both the domestic and international refereeing communities.

Applications for the Referee Working Group was announced and those that applied were some of our top-level active FIE and Domestic referees. They have all voluntarily given their time to review and draft a proposal for the updating of the Level3 and 4 referee exams.

A group of Home Nation representatives were then brought together to review the proposals and to assist in putting the system into place.

These pilot assessments are the first practical steps in re-establishing a regular system of assessments to enable referees to achieve the qualification standards necessary to demonstrate they can referee at top Domestic level and to be eligible to potentially start a future international refereeing career.