

CAMS Officials Licencing Structure

During 2006 - 12 initiatives were identified for the CAMS National Officiating Program Review.

By the end of December – all States had received a visit from Senior CAMS people with a preliminary introduction to Initiative 5: - the NEW Officials Licensing and Training Structure – with significant changes designed to simplify the processes.

Implementation will be the second quarter of 2007.

STRUCTURE CHANGE

The changes have been approved and a simple solution has been designed to more effectively meet the needs of CAMS accredited officials and event organisers.

NEW GRADES and CATEGORIES

Trainee: Officials with no current motor sport officiating experience who are capable of officiating under **direct** supervision at all events.

General Official: Officials with motor sport officiating experience who are capable of officiating under **indirect** supervision at all events.

Club Chief: Officials with motor sport officiating experience who can perform the role of - Clerk of Course/Event Director at Club / Multi-Club events (excluding race, rally & off road events); or any other **team leadership** role (except Chief Scrutineer) at Club / Multi-Club events (excluding race, rally & off road events); or be nominated as Club Steward at Club / Multi-Club events (excluding race, rally & off road events).

Bronze (renamed from Grade 3): Officials with motor sport officiating experience who are capable of officiating as Chief up to and including State level events - assuming a team leader role & may take responsibility for other officials, officiating without supervision, acting as a “General Official” at any level event.

Silver (renamed from Grade 2): Officials with motor sport officiating experience who are capable of - officiating as Chief up to and including National level events, assuming a team leader role & taking responsibility for other officials, officiating without supervision, acting as a “General Official” at any level event.

Gold (renamed from Grade 1): Officials with motor sport officiating experience who are capable of - officiating as Chief up to and including International level events, assuming a team leader role & taking responsibility for other officials, officiating without supervision, acting as a “General Official” at any level event.

OLD GRADES	NEW GRADES
Trainee	-----
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Grade 4	-----
	General Official
	NEW Club Chief
Grade 3	-----
	Bronze

Frequently Asked Questions – for both current and new CAMS Accredited Motor Sport Officials.

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I'm under the age of 18 years and hold a General Official's licence. How will officials at my next event know that I am a junior?

If you are a junior official [under the age of 18] and you hold a General Official's licence, your licence passbook will have *General Official Junior* printed on it. Additionally, all licences show your date of birth

I currently hold an Event Assessor [EA] Endorsement; will this apply to the new structure?

Yes, the EA Endorsement will still apply to the new licencing and category structure. It will also become compulsory to hold an EA endorsement to conduct event assessments from 1st January 2008.

My licence used to have a B3- Steward and now only has Bronze Steward. Why have the licence codes not been printed on my licence?

The old licence codes [e.g. A1,F2,V3] will no longer apply to the new structure. By using the licences full name, everyone in motor sport will now instantly recognise what an official is qualified to do.

I currently hold a F3, O3 licence and in the new structure they both fall under the new Circuit Officials category. What will I have on my licence?

Your official's passbook will show *Bronze Circuit Official*. A number of existing categories have been combined to include discipline specific categories which better identifies an official's activity. These new discipline specific categories allow officials to multi-skill in a number of roles.

I currently hold an International Endorsement [Int] and an Emergency Vehicle Driver [EVD] Endorsement; will these apply to the new structure?

These two endorsements are no longer applicable in the new licencing and category structure. It was a common misconception that it was compulsory for officials to hold these endorsements to perform certain roles. For this reason it was felt that they were not needed any longer.

How do I apply for an FIA Endorsement?

To hold an *FIA Event Endorsement*, you have to be appointed by the CAMS Board. A copy of the Board appointment should accompany a signed and completed Officials Licence Application.

More details can be found on the CAMS website: www.cams.com.au and follow the links.

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