

Title	Apply sport rules and regulations while officiating in a competitive sports event		
Level	3	Credits	6

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is designed primarily for people seeking to further develop their skills as a sports official.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are, while officiating in a competitive sports event, able to: identify information on which to base decisions; interpret and apply sport rules and regulations when making decisions; and communicate decisions and manage outcomes of decision-making.</p>
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Classification	Recreation and Sport > Sport Officiating
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard relates to the learning area *Rules and Laws of the Game* from *Calling the Game: Developing Quality Officiating*. This is the national framework for developing sports officials and is available at <http://www.sparc.org.nz/en-nz/communities-and-clubs/Toolkit-for-Officials/Learning-Areas/>.
- 2 Useful resources for this unit standard are the current versions of the Drug Free Sport NZ *Athlete Handbook* and the *Athlete Rights and Responsibilities* document available from <http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz> and follow link under Resources.
- 3 Legislation relevant to this standard includes but is not limited to – the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.
- 4 Performance criteria for assessment as an official are detailed in Assessment Guidelines for each sport code and can be obtained from Skills Active Aotearoa Limited info@skillsactive.org.nz on request.
- 5 Definitions
An *event*, in the context of this unit standard, may refer to a match, competition, race, game, tournament, or other competitive sporting fixture.
Participant primarily refers to the competitor but may also include spectators, coaches or other sport team members.
Sport rules and regulations relate to the rules and regulations of the sporting code used for assessment and also the rules and regulations of the specific sporting event used for assessment.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify information on which to base decisions while officiating in a competitive sports event.

Performance criteria

1.1 Relevant information is identified by observation of the competitive sports event in accordance with sport rules and regulations.

Range information may include but is not limited to – infringements, scoring, participant positioning.

Outcome 2

Interpret and apply sport rules and regulations when making decisions while officiating in a competitive sports event.

Performance criteria

2.1 The appropriate rule or regulation is selected for the given situation in accordance with the sport rules and regulations.

2.2 The rule or regulation is interpreted for the given situation in accordance with the sport rules and regulations.

2.3 The rule or regulation is applied for the given situation in accordance with the sport rules and regulations.

2.4 Decisions are made based on principles of equity and fair play and in accordance with relevant information identified in evidence requirement 1.1 and the sport rules and regulations.

Range principles of equity and fair play include but are not limited to – consistent interpretation and application of rules and regulations; elimination of biases towards one team, one participant, particular rules, particular regulations, and/or particular techniques; one team or participant not gaining an unfair advantage over another; appropriateness for level of event; safety.

Outcome 3

Communicate decisions and manage outcomes of decision-making while officiating in a competitive sports event.

Performance criteria

3.1 Decisions are communicated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the sport, the specific event regulations, and the level of event.

3.2 Reactions of participants to decisions are managed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the sport, and the specific event regulations.

Range reactions include but are not limited to – queries about decisions, appeals against decisions, abuse towards official and/or opponent, abuse of equipment.

3.3 Empathy and understanding of the competitive environment appropriate to the nature of the event are demonstrated in terms of managing participant reactions.

Replacement information	This unit standard was replaced by unit standard 31388. This unit standard replaced unit standard 4879 and unit standard 20674.
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.