
MATCH OFFICIAL PROGRAMS

SEASON 2026

ADVANCED

STATE LEAGUE

ACADEMY

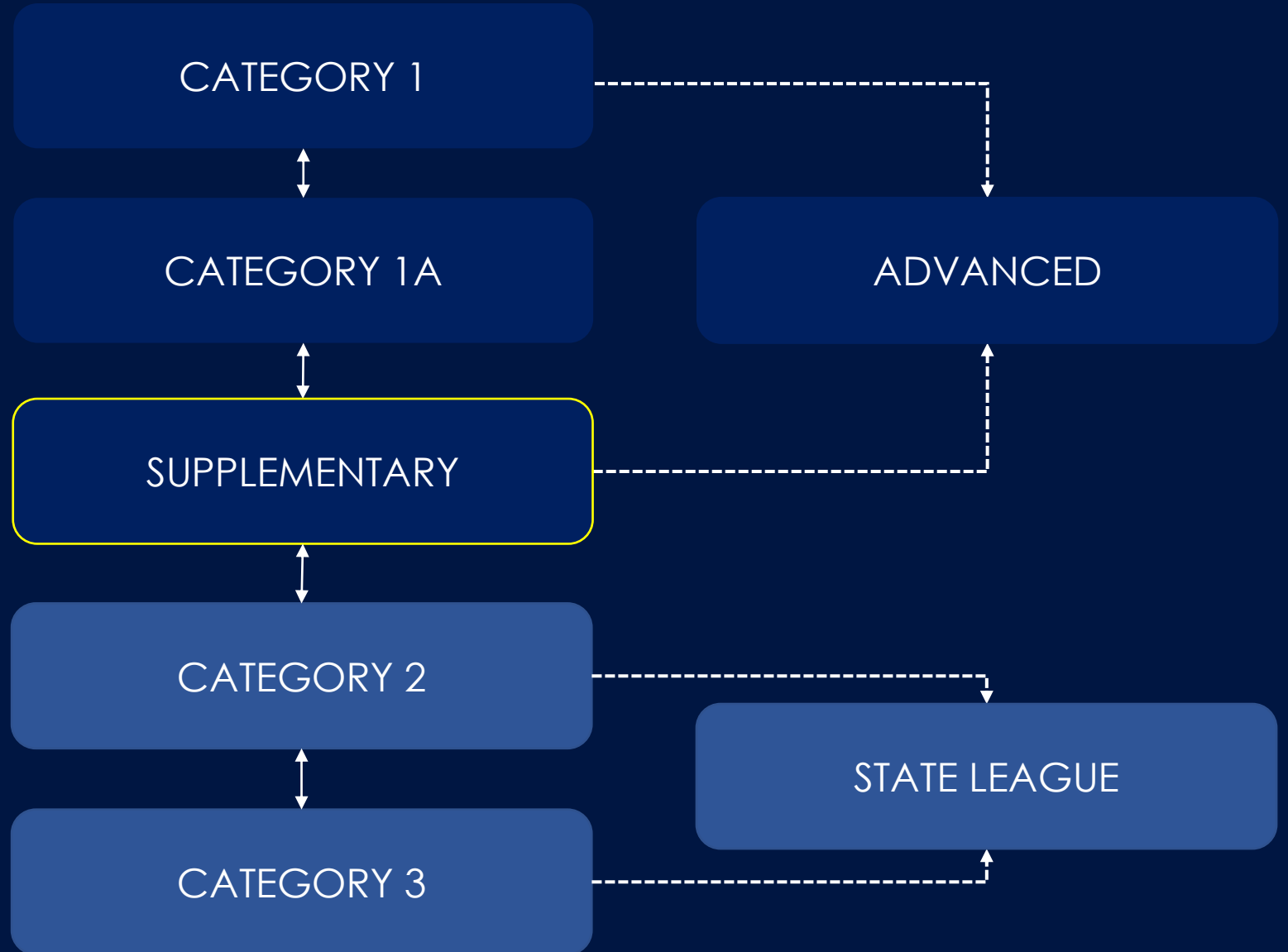
COMMUNITY

2ND YEAR REFEREES

NEW REFEREES

MATCH OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

REFEREE ONLY



ADVANCED



Please note, the above-mentioned categories are outline the competitions which you may be appointed to throughout the season. Your selection into a category will include, but not be limited to, appointments to other competitions.

For example, match officials selected in Category 1 may be required to officiate in other competitions where necessary. This same principle applies across all categories.

Match officials selected in the supplementary panel will primarily officiate in MSL and NPLW, with opportunities provided in cup competitions and in Category 1.

STATE LEAGUE

CATEGORY 2

MSL1, MSL2, VPLW

CATEGORY 3

MSL3, MSL4, WSL1, WSL2

DEVELOPING

NPLM 23s, VPLM1 23s

ACADEMY

In addition to our Academy program, Football Australia will select match officials aged 16-18 to be a part of their National Referee Academy.

EMERGING

VPLM2 23s, NPLW 20s

Please note, the above-mentioned categories outline the competitions which you may be appointed to throughout the season. Your selection into a category will include, but not be limited to, appointments to other competitions.

For example, match officials selected in Category 2 may be required to officiate in other competitions where necessary. This same principle applies across all categories.

Match officials selected in the Academy programs will be appointed in various competitions, including JBNPL, JGNPL, MSL, WSL, Reserves, NPLW and VPLW.

COMMUNITY

SENIORS

MSL5-7, WSL3-5, Reserves

JUNIORS

JBNPL, JGNPL, U13s-U18s

2ND YEAR REFEREES

JUNIORS

JBNPL, JGNPL, U13s-U18s

NEW REFEREES

JUNIORS

U13s-U18s

Please note, the above-mentioned categories outline the competitions which you may be appointed to throughout the season. Your selection into a category will include, but not be limited to, appointments to other competitions.

For example, match officials selected in Community Seniors you may be required to officiate in other competitions where necessary. This same principle applies across all categories.

Match officials selected in the Community programs will be appointed in various competitions, including JBNPL, JGNPL, Metros, Masters and Juniors.