

Handball Maldives Technical Officials Grading Course – Guidelines

1. Introduction

This course is designed to evaluate and grade referees and technical officials who currently hold a verified referee course completion certificate issued by Handball Maldives at any time in the past.

Successful completion of the grading requirements will allow participants to obtain a **national ranking badge** (for referees) or a **grade classification** (for table officials), thereby defining their official level of competency.

2. Duration

The course duration will be as follows:

- **9th July – 15th July 2026**

It is **mandatory** for all current referee certificate holders to attend one of the Handball Maldives Technical Officials Grading courses.

3. Conductor

The course will be conducted by the following qualified officials:

- **AHF Referees:** Rafaahaa Ibrahim & Shizna Rasheed
- **National Gold Badge holders:** Ahmed Shaneef, Abdullah Sameeh, Yoosuf Ahzam Mujthaba, Shamin Ibrahim

4. Content

The course will cover the following:

- Explanation and implementation of the **new IHF Rules** (Rules effective 1st July 2025)

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- The latest updates on recording **match statistics** and completing **match sheets**

Participants will be assessed through the following tests:

1. **Shuttle Run Fitness Test**
2. **Video Test** (MCQs based on match situation clips)
3. **Written Rules Test** (MCQs based on described match situations)
4. **Match Sheet/Statistics Test** (based on accuracy in recording score/statistics)

5. Referee Badge Rankings

Referees will be awarded one of three badge levels: **Black, Red, or Silver**. Black represents the entry level, while Silver is the highest level awarded under this course. The badge level achieved will depend on test results.

Tests	Black Badge – Entry Level	Red Badge – Intermediate Level	Silver Badge – Advanced Level
Video Test	75% and above	85% and above	95% and above
Written Rules Test	75% and above	85% and above	95% and above
Shuttle Run Test	W: Level 4.5	W: Level 5.5	W: Level 6.5
	M: Level 5.5	M: Level 6.5	M: Level 7.5

5.1. Silver Badge – Advanced Level

The Silver Badge is awarded only to pairs of referees. To qualify, both individuals must independently meet the Silver Badge pass criteria. Upon fulfilling these criteria, the pair must also successfully complete the following additional assessments.

Additional assessments:

- Attaining a minimum score of 95% in the Video MCQ Test as a pair
- Attaining a minimum score of 95% in the Written Test as a pair
- The **final assessment** will be based on the pair's performance while officiating a minimum of four matches together at the upcoming Handball Championship or National Tournament.

Note: The Shuttle Run Test will not be required again once the individual criteria have been met.



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6. Referee Pairing Rules

- ❑ Two Black Badge referees **cannot** pair together
- ❑ A Black Badge referee **may** pair with a Red Badge referee
- ❑ Two Red Badge referees **may** pair together
- ❑ The Silver Badge must always be achieved as a **pair** (no Red–Silver combinations)

7. Table Official Grading

Table officials will be graded into four levels: **Grade A, B, C, and D**, with Grade A being the highest.

Before testing, participants will be trained in the updated procedures for completing match sheets and statistics. During assessment, each participant will individually complete a match sheet and record match statistics from a displayed match. Their results will be compared against the official record to determine accuracy.

Tests	Grade A – Highest	Grade B – Intermediate	Grade C – Basic	Grade D – Entry
Match Sheet	95% and above	85% and above	75% and above	70% and above
Statistics Sheet	95% and above	85% and above	75% and above	70% and above

8. Important Notes

- ❑ A course participation fee of MVR 500.00 will be collected from each participant.
- ❑ This course does not grade the current national Gold Badge holders.
- ❑ The **Gold Badge – Elite Level** represents the highest national ranking but is **not included in this course** as the Gold Badge is awarded based on international-level experience and recognition.
- ❑ Any referee certificate will be considered **invalid** if the holder fails to attend one of the grading course batches.
- ❑ Participants who complete the course but do not achieve the minimum pass level will **retain their existing referee certificate**, but it will not be graded.



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- Participants who hold only the referee certificate (without a badge or table official grade) may continue officiating at lower-level competitions, such as interclass etc.



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