

# LINE JUDGE PATHWAY

GRADE	EVENTS *		
BWF ITO	Olympic Games Commonwealth Games Youth Olympic Games World Tour Finals	World Championships World Junior Championships Thomas/ Uber Cup Finals	Sudirman Cup     (and all rows below)
INTERNATIONAL	BWF World Tour Events Badminton Europe Events, inc Individual & Team Events	National Championships in Europe All England Championships	Invitations from outside Europe, e.g. USA, Canada     (and all rows below)
NATIONAL	All England Championships English Senior National Championships	National Under 19 Championships National Under- 17 Championships	Regional Under 19 and Under 17 Gold Regional Senior Gold  (and row below)
LINE JUDGE	Regional Senior Gold Regional Under 19 and Under 17 Gold	Under 19 & 17 Nationals* *If considered capable of doing these events	Senior Nationals* All England* *If considered capable of doing these events

\* If an event such as the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or World Championships takes place in the UK, then BLJAofE line judges of the required ability of any grade may be selected to attend, as they were at the London Olympics in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022.

## **Line Judge Pathway- A Guide to Progression**

1. Line Judge to National - 2 years, depending on ability and number of events attended.
2. National to International - 2 years, depending on ability and number of higher grade events officiated, as defined above in the Table.
3. International to BWF - An International grade line judge will be considered for nomination for BWF International Technical Official status, depending on their line judging ability as demonstrated at

international level events, their attitude and focus on their officiating role, and their ability to represent the BLJAofE and Badminton England at major world events.

**Note:** These timescales are for guidance. The BLJAofE Assessment Subcommittee, led by the National Training Coordinator, will make the decision as to when it would be appropriate for a line judge to be upgraded. This could be sooner, or later, than the timescales indicated.

There are assessments of a line judge's performance at the English Senior Nationals and at the Yonex All England Championships. Assessments and mentoring will also take place at other major national events, for e.g. at the Under 19 Nationals and the Under 17 Nationals.

All newly trained line judges are mentored during their initial stages of officiating and given guidance to improve and progress through the grades.