

# Athletics Young Officials Award

## Level 1 officiating course

### Costs & Criteria



The Level 1 officials award is aimed at young people aged 14+. The course is a combination of practical and theory sessions designed to equip the Young Official with the necessary skills and a qualification that will allow them to assist a qualified official officiate at athletics events.

Following the completion of this Award the Young Official will be able to measure distances and record times, make share and record judgements, ensure athlete safety, follow procedures and apply basic rules. They should be encouraged to support local school competitions, local club and regional competitions and through the NGB they will be directed towards further opportunities including some being selected to officiate at high profile events such as the UK School Games.

**Course Content:** Roles and responsibilities of an official, measuring distances and heights, timekeeping, positions and roles of timekeepers at the finish, the Laws of Athletics, health and safety, identifying hazards and conducting risk assessments.

The YOA is delivered by accredited UK Athletics tutors. There is a database of tutors around the country, or there is the opportunity for tutor trainers to train new individuals/teachers to deliver the level 1. Delivery is supported by a dedicated Tutor CD Rom resource. Each candidate will receive a resource pack including a Young Officials student CD Rom, certificate and flash cards.

<b>Length of course</b>	3-4 hours
<b>Area required</b>	<b>Recommendation:</b> Theory to be delivered in a classroom with projector facilities. Practical <i>ideally</i> delivered on a running track, long jump, high jump and throwing facility.  If this is not available, the course can be delivered in a Sports Hall.
<b>Tutor to candidate ratio</b>	1 Tutor to 20 candidates
<b>Minimum &amp; maximum number of candidates</b>	12 – 20 candidates
<b>Equipment (based on a course of 20)</b> <i>To be provided by the organiser / teacher / tutor / coach</i>	Sports Hall / Indoor activity space Tape measures, Stop watches Indoor throwing implements (turbo javelin, bean bags) Projector / AV equipment
<b>Recommended Tutor fee</b>	TBC
<b>Cost of candidate pack</b> Includes Student CD Rom, certificate and flash cards	£15 per candidate Or School provision at cost – usually £2-3 per head (please contact UKA for more details)
<b>Registering the course</b>	Return the Application Form to the UKA via the Young Official Development Officer at least 30 days before the course commences

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