

SIBCA Referee Examination Syllabus

Singapore International Billiards & Cue Sports Adjudicators

1. Introduction

This syllabus outlines the examination structure and content for SIBCA referee certification at all three levels. Candidates should study all materials thoroughly and ensure they meet the prerequisites for their desired level.

2. Examination Structure

Level 1 - Club Referee:

- Written Examination (50 questions, 60 minutes)
- Practical Assessment (30 minutes)
- Passing Score: 70%

Level 2 - National Referee:

- Written Examination (75 questions, 90 minutes)
- Practical Assessment (60 minutes)
- Viva Voce (15 minutes)
- Passing Score: 75%

Level 3 - International Badge:

- Written Examination (100 questions, 120 minutes)
- Practical Assessment (90 minutes)
- Viva Voce (30 minutes)
- Case Study Presentation
- Passing Score: 80%

3. Written Examination Topics

3.1 Official Rules of Snooker (40%)

- Definitions and terminology

- Fouls and penalties
- Frame and match procedures
- Ball spotting rules
- Time limits and extensions

3.2 Chinese 8-Ball Rules (25%)

- Pocketing rules
- Ball-in-hand regulations
- Foul and miss interpretations

3.3 American 9-Ball Rules (25%)

- Break shot rules
- Push-out procedures
- Three-foul rule

3.4 Code of Conduct (10%)

- Professional ethics and standards
- Dress code requirements
- Conflict resolution protocols

4. Practical Assessment Criteria

- Correct ball spotting accuracy
- Hand signal clarity and consistency
- Scoreboard accuracy
- Positioning and movement efficiency
- Communication with players
- Match management skills
- Handling of difficult situations

5. Prerequisites

Level 1:

- Minimum age: 18 years
- Basic knowledge of cue sports

Level 2:

- Hold Level 1 certification for minimum 6 months
- Officiated minimum 50 club matches

Level 3:

- Hold Level 2 certification for minimum 12 months
- Officiated minimum 20 national tournament matches
- Recommendation from 2 certified referees

6. Examination Dates 2026

Level 1: June 15, 2026

Level 2: July 20, 2026

Level 3: August 25, 2026

All examinations held at SIBCA Headquarters, Singapore.