

Level 2 — Advanced Accreditation

Level 2 – Advanced (Stadium Commentary)

Building on Level 1, this stage demonstrates enhanced timing, vocabulary, and audience awareness. Commentators can manage higher-pressure situations and deliver consistent quality throughout a live match environment.

Learning Objectives

A Level 2 graduate will be able to:

1. Deliver Professional-Grade Real-Time ADC

- Provide continuous, unbiased, accurate descriptions without drift or opinion.
- Maintain clarity and composure under pressure, including crowd noise and rapid visual change.
- Demonstrate consistent delivery during extended match/game durations.
- Accurately track multiple simultaneous visual elements and prioritize them in real time.

2. Apply Advanced Descriptive Structures and Techniques

- Use refined descriptive hierarchy for player movement, ball trajectory, tactical actions, and spatial relationships.
- Manage complex multi-action sequences (e.g., Soccer breakaways, NFL 2-minute drills, MLB bases-loaded scenarios).
- Integrate subtle non-play elements such as referee signals, substitutions, formations, and off-ball behavior.
- Use advanced temporal cues, transitions, and sequencing language suitable for broadcast environments.

3. Perform at Broadcast-Ready Communication Standards

- Execute smooth handovers, co-commentator timing, and booth discipline in two-voice or multi-voice environments.
- Maintain consistent microphone technique, volume control, and breath pacing across long-form delivery.

4. Demonstrate Advanced Ethical, Inclusive, and Audience-Centered Practice

- Apply strict neutrality and avoid unintended bias or evaluative language.
- Use accessible vocabulary that supports diverse, global audiences.
- Handle sensitive incidents (injuries, stoppages, misconduct) with precision and care.
- Uphold professional standards of fairness, accuracy, and inclusive representation.

5. Complete a Full Professional Live Assessment

- Demonstrate the ability to deliver a full-match ADC performance, assessed by certified evaluators.
- Show endurance, consistency, and clarity across the entire match/game window.
- Display the ability to self-correct, stabilize under pressure, and maintain quality through fatigue.
- Pass the Level 2 Advanced Rubric threshold to receive accreditation.

Level 2 Advanced Portfolio Requirement (Mandatory for Accreditation)

After classroom instruction, and the initial simulation assessment, candidates enter a performance-based development program completed over 6–8 weeks consisting of advanced homework assignments demonstrating continuous improvement.

Purpose of Performance Development

The performance development phase ensures:

- Consistent application of high-level ADC standards
- Ability to perform under varied sport-specific and situational contexts
- Demonstrated readiness for real in-stadium or broadcast deployment
- Professional stability and improvement over time

Structure

- Delivered via online portal
- Each assignment uses a 15–20-minute match scenario, containing complex sequences
- Candidates submit a recorded ADC performance + complete written prep notes

Assessment Criteria

Each submission is scored on:

- Accuracy and Precision
- Noise and Pressure Resilience
- Prioritization of Complex Action
- Booth Communication
- Describing all key game action and ball locations
- Long-Form Consistency and Stamina
- Professional Conduct and Ethical Compliance
- Overall Broadcast-Readiness

Accreditation Decision

To earn Level 2 Advanced Accreditation, candidates must:

- Complete all 5 assignments
- Achieve a consistently high professional standard
- Demonstrate professional composure, accuracy, and reliability across all assessments
- Demonstrate continuous improvement

Candidates who meet the standard receive the Level 2 Advanced Accreditation.

Candidates who meet the standard may apply for representation through the Hear Sport Talent Agency.

Those who exceed it are invited to enroll in Level 3 – Professional (Stadium & Broadcast Commentary).