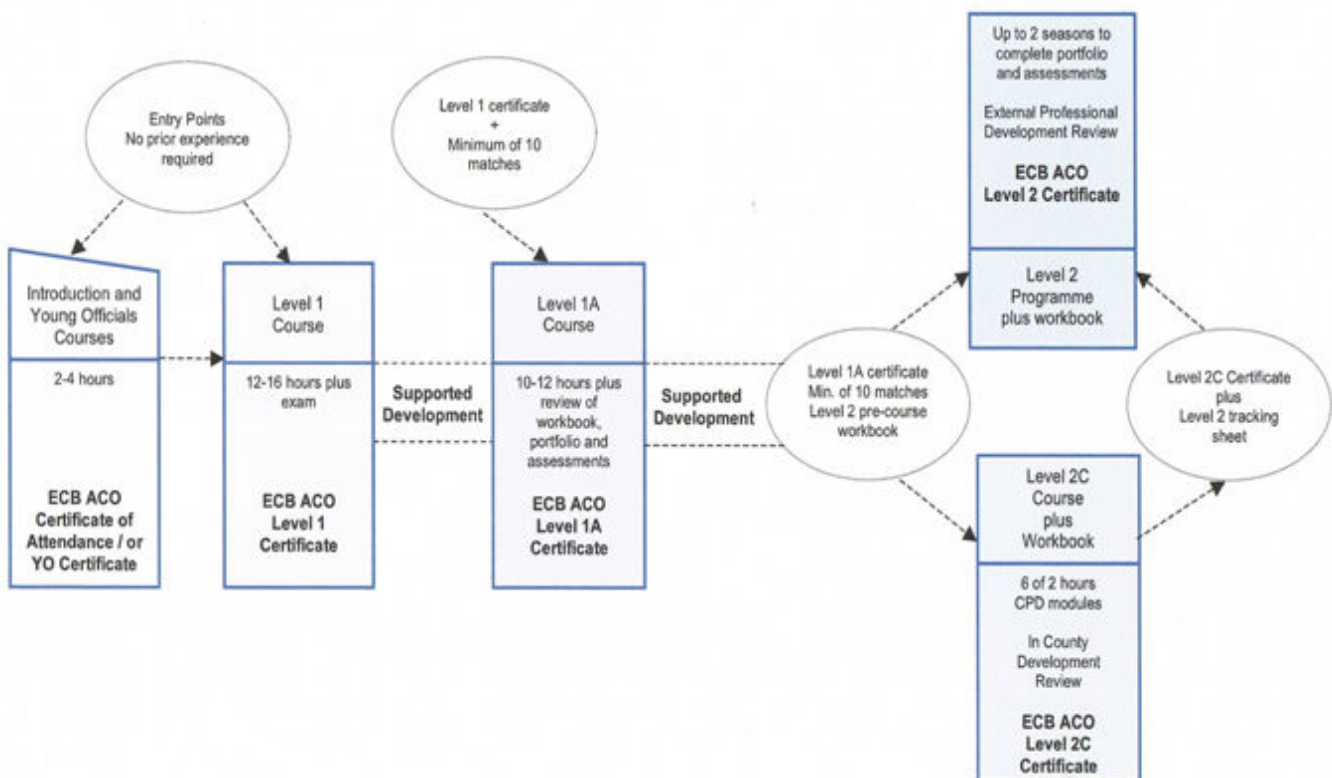


The Career Pathway for Umpires

The illustrated charts and information below explains the full national education programme that how all qualified umpires within the national recreational game are classified and graded. It will also help you to identify your own rung on the pathway ladder and to map out a suitable development programme, should you wish to do so.

Education and Supported Development for Umpires



The Courses

Introductory course

This course is 2-4 hours duration and is to assist individuals (players, parents, etc.) to gain a basic understanding of the Laws.

No prior knowledge required. A Certificate of Attendance is awarded on completion.

ECB ACO Level 1

This course is 12 – 16 hours duration and is for those who intend to umpire regularly for club or league. It covers the key Laws of Cricket and basic techniques of man and match management.

No prior knowledge required. A Level 1 Umpire certificate is awarded on successful completion of the course and multiple choice examination.

ECB ACO Level 1A

Of 10 – 12 hours duration (probably over two separate days), this is available to all Umpires who have successfully completed a Level 1 course. It is mandatory for the Umpire who wishes to target Level 2C or Level 2 as part of their development - either as a club or league panel umpire.



ECB ACO Level 2C

Nomination is by County and nominees will require Level 1 and 1A. Where offered, this course is a series of 6 modules of CPD (continuous professional development) with each of 2 hours duration. It is an in-County version of the Level 2 course. It is intended for any experienced official who wishes to refresh their knowledge and hone their skills with updates and interpretation of the Laws, field craft and techniques.

A Level 2C certificate is awarded on successful completion of all modules and review of their workbook via an in-County Professional Discussion.

ECB ACO Level 2

Nomination is through County to Region and nominees require a Level 1 and 1A and completion of a Pre-course Workbook. It is intended for the experienced official who aspires to, and is thought would be capable of officiating in an ECB Premier League. Candidates will already be officiating regularly and successfully in a top feeder league.

This programme is of up to 2 years duration which includes a 2 day workshop, maintaining a learning log, boundary assessment and a professional discussion. It covers the application and interpretation of the laws, personal man and match management, field craft and techniques.

A Level 2 certificate is awarded on successful completion of a portfolio, assessments and professional discussion.

ECB ACO Level 2C to Level 2

Umpires who have successfully completed Level 2C can convert to the Level 2 by completing the 2 day Level 2 workshop, together with assessments and professional discussion in the season following application.

ECB ACO Level 3

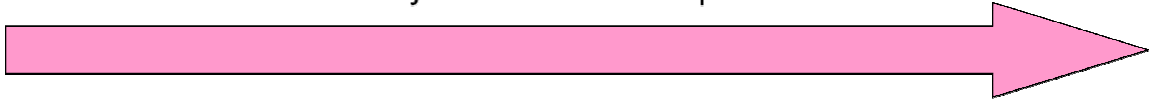
Nomination will be via the County and Regional Boards to the ECB ACO Level 3 Programme Manager.

CLASSIFICATION & GRADING FOR ECB UMPIRES IN RECREATIONAL CRICKET

Classification	Appointments	Grade
D	Women's ODI's	1
	2nd XI Multi day and trophy	2
	2nd XI Friendly/MCCA/MCC University multi day	3
	2nd XI T20 friendly/MCCA KO/Elite player development/ Cockspur T20 Regional/County U17 multi day	4
C	ECB Premier League	1
	Premier League feeder (tier 2)	2
	Premier League feeder (tier 3)	3
	Premier League feeder (tier 4)	4
	Premier League feeder (tier 5)/Schools/Club	5
	Newly qualified/Inactive (less than 6 matches)	6

THE ECB ACO STRATEGY FOR UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

To ensure every umpire can progress as far along this pathway
as they want to and are capable of



Match	Div. 4 East & West	Div. 3 East & West	Div. 2 East & West	County One	Cornwall Premier League			MCCA	2 nd XI	1 ST Class
ECB Grade	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1	D4	D3	D2	D1	E
Educ Level	1	1A	2C/2	3						

Education leads to = **Performance** leads to = **Grading**

N.B. ECB Grade with * = Fully meets grade requirement and is ready for and capable of further development

2011 Grades and Definitions		
2010 Evidential Grade	2011 Grade	Explanation
1	1*	Fully meets Grade 1 requirements and is ready for and capable of further development
	1	Appointed to a minimum of 6 ECB Premier League Div 1 matches in 2010
2	2*	Fully meets Grade 2 requirements and is ready for and capable of further development
	2	Appointed to at least 6 Tier 2 (ECB Premier feeder league) or higher matches in 2010
	2+1	Has umpired premier league level and could do so again if needed
3	3*	Fully meets Grade 3 requirements and is ready for and capable of further development
	3	Appointed to a minimum of 6 Tier 3 (ECB Premier feeder league) or higher matches in 2010
	3+1	Has umpired level 2 matches and could do so again if needed
	3+2	Has umpired premier league level and could do so again if needed
4	4*	Fully meets Grade 4 requirements and is ready for and capable of further development
	4	Appointed to a minimum of 6 Tier 4 (ECB Premier feeder league) or higher matches in 2010
	4+1	Has umpired level 2 matches and could do so again if needed
	4+2	Has umpired level 3 matches and could do so again if needed
	4+3	Has umpired premier league level and could do so again if needed
5	5*	Fully meets Grade 5 requirements and is ready for and capable of further development
	5	Appointed to a minimum of 6 matches in 2010
	5+1	Has umpired level 4 matches and could do so again if needed
	5+2	Has umpired level 3 matches and could do so again if needed
	5+3	Has umpired level 2 matches and could do so again if needed
6	5+4	Has umpired premier league level and could do so again if needed
	6	Newly qualified umpire and/or appointed to less than 6 matches in 2010
	6+2	Has umpired level 4 matches and could do so again if needed
	6+3	Has umpired level 3 matches and could do so again if needed
	6+4	Has umpired level 2 matches and could do so again if needed
	6+5	Has umpired premier league level and could do so again if needed

