

Umpires Grading - 2020

Grading was introduced to enable umpires to know what level of cricket they were currently umpiring and, for those with ambitions to progress, to advise them what the next step up would be on the progression pyramid.

It also gives appointers an indication of those who may be able to stand at a higher level, either because they are ready to progress or because they have umpired successfully at that level in the past and are still considered capable of doing so.

All grading is evidential based on where an umpire has officiated with in the previous season.

There are now 7 grades from C1 to C7 and these are used as follows:-

C1 - has been appointed to a minimum of six matches in ECB Premier Leagues.

C2 – has been appointed to a minimum of six matches in a league designated by the ACO as the second tier of cricket in the county

C3 - has been appointed to a minimum of six matches in a league designated by the ACO as the third tier of cricket in the county.

C4 - has been appointed to a minimum of six matches in a league designated by the ACO as the fourth tier of cricket in the county.

C5 - has been appointed to a minimum of six matches that are in a league designated by the ACO as the fifth tier of cricket in the county or are deemed by the CDO to be of an equivalent standard.

C6 – we are unaware of the level of league in which the umpire is standing. The umpire should contact his/her County Development Officer to advise them of which league he/she is standing in so that the correct grading can be given.

C7 - they are no longer actively umpiring.

There are also some umpires who have umpired at a higher level but now, for whatever reason, choose to stand at a lower level. If these umpires are still considered capable of officiating at that higher level this should be made clear in the grading. Thus an umpire standing in a C3 league but who has previously officiated at C1 level, and is still capable of doing so, would be graded C3+2.

Please note that ECB ACO Performance & Development Committee have decided to remove the option of adding a * to the grade.

Please note also that the ECB ACO Development Committee have confirmed that the highest grade that can be given for any umpire **only** officiating women's cricket is **C3**.

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