

Saco Ceo Report For Agm Mar 2023

DATE OF MEETING	13 th March 2023
REPORT FROM	David Brown, County Education Officer, Surrey ACO
<p>2023 Training Season</p> <p>Plans to run courses were much easier than last year when the pandemic meant there was a lot of uncertainty. We were able to book venues well in advance and most of our courses were available for booking before the end of the 2022 season. Bookings were received almost immediately, and demand has been so strong we have reached capacity on a number of our courses.</p> <p>At the time of writing we have over 115 people signed up for our 8 courses, 4 x Stage One and 4 x Stage Two, a very healthy average of c14 people per course. In addition it pleasing to see an increase in the diversity and gender of people attending our courses.</p> <p>Three of the Stage One courses have already been completed successfully.</p> <p>Stage Three</p> <p>We are running a Stage Three course in-conjunction with Kent ACO, who have taken the lead in organising and running the course. The course was promoted to a small number of suitable candidates in Surrey and pleased to advise most of these people have booked a place.</p> <p>Are You Ready to Call Play – new on-field Training event for new umpires</p> <p>We ran this event for the first time last year and we are looking to offer an event this year at Ewell CC on 8 May.</p> <p>Changes to Training</p> <p>You may have seen the new Officiating team at the ECB are making a number of changes, which will mean Stages 1, 2 and 3 will no longer be run after the current training season. A new Entry Level Course will be launched from August and will be delivered by Accredited tutors, with these courses organised by County Cricket Boards rather than County ACOs. This course will be run all year round and is designed to give new umpires the skills to be able to go and umpire matches. Following this a mixture of online and face to face learning will be provided to umpires. The face to face element will be delivered by County ACOs and whilst we are awaiting details on this I expect this will involve delivering workshops covering aspects of the Stage Two and Three courses.</p> <p>Education Officer role</p> <p>As mentioned in my report last year I am standing down from the Education Officer role this year mainly due to an increasing number of family commitments. I also think it is the right time for someone new to take on the role with new ideas. If you come from a Teaching or Training background and are interested in the role please let me know and I would be happy to give an overview of the role.</p> <p>Thanks to Surrey Cricket Foundation and our tutors</p> <p>I would like to thank the Surrey Cricket Foundation (SCF) and in particular Mark Babb for their continued support in promoting our courses via their club networks and social media. The support we receive from SCF is unparalleled.</p> <p>My report would not be complete without thanking our skilled tutors for their continued support that enables us to run a large number of courses across the county. Surrey ACO are indebted to them.</p> <p>IT Equipment no longer used</p> <p>We have 2 projectors and a projector screen we no longer use for training so if any member is interested in obtaining one or more of these items for no cost, please contact me by 30 April I can supply more information.</p> <p>The coming season</p> <p>In closing I have been seen a lot of enthusiasm from the people attending our courses and I hope they will be able umpire a number of matches as they either start or continue their umpiring journey. If you umpire with or observe some of these people please encourage them, share knowledge, tips and help them overcome any initial challenges.</p>	