

Development Officer's report for SACO AGM March 2023

- Attended last day of three Spring Level Two training sessions in 2022 to advise Candidates on choices to apply (or not) for Accreditation.
- Emailed over 40 Candidates to ask whether they intended to register for Accreditation – less than a quarter indicated they wished to register at this point.
- Six Observations carried out for Accreditation purposes during the season – thanks to John Gray and David Brown for their assistance on these.
- Delighted that Anthony Blondell was appointed to umpire the National Village Final at Lord's in September.
- The main recent task has been working on the annual gradings for 392 Surrey ACO members to submit to the ECB.
- The summary below shows that we have an increase in the number of active umpires compared to 2021 – part of this increase may be due to more umpires returning after COVID:-
- The grading of C6 indicates that we do not know the Level of cricket officiated in 2022 or possibly that fewer than six matches have been officiated.
- The C7 grade is for Umpires who have retired or ceased to officiate.
- The number of active umpires from C1 to C5 is **205 in 2022 compared to 176 in 2021.**

Grading	Number as at 30 Sept	
	2022	Prior Year (Sept 2021)
ECB First Class	1	1
C1NP	3	4
C1	13	10
C2	18	28
C3	27	18
C4	33	29
C5	110	86
C6	119	122
C7	16	16
Scorers - no grade	52	48
Totals	392	362

- The ECB has indicated that there will be changes to the Grading categories next year and we wait to receive more details.

. I will be assisting John Flatley with the Umpiring appointments to **Surrey Age Group** games in 2023 up to Under 16's. This will provide potential opportunities for umpires of various levels of experience.

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