

Umpire Grading Structure

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**CRICKET
IRELAND**

1. REQUIREMENTS TO ATTAIN THE GRADE

Grade 1 (Introductory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend and complete an ICC Level 1 Training Course. 2. Become a member of ECB ACO (NI Only) or ROI equivalent or have appropriate insurance cover. 3. Have Access NI or Garda Vetting. 4. In the season immediately following the completion of the ICC Level 1 Course: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 6 matches. b. Receive positive feedback or gain acceptable marks in captains' reports. c. Gain two on-field observations from higher-graded colleagues or boundary observations from a Cricket Ireland accredited observer.
Grade 2 (Intermediate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Umpire a minimum of 8 matches. 2. Receive positive feedback or/and gain good marks in captains' reports. 3. Receive a peer observation from a higher-graded colleague or a boundary observation from a Cricket Ireland accredited observer.
Grade 3 (Premier League)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been Grade 2 for at least one full season. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches; (of which at least 5 should be top division) b. Receive positive feedback or/and good marks in captains' reports from the higher-level matches. c. Gain two on-field/boundary observations appropriate to grade level from equal-or higher-graded colleagues or boundary observations from a Cricket Ireland accredited observer.
Grade 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been Grade 3 for at least two full seasons. Have completed or be undertaking a Cricket Ireland Stage 3 Training Course. 2. Have completed or be working on your Stage 3 portfolio. 3. Have umpired outside their cricket union area within the past two years on an Exchange. 4. Individuals must fully demonstrate commitment to officiating above umpiring their provincial union and club commitments. 5. In each of the previous two seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches. b. Consistently gain very good feedback or/and marks in captains' reports. c. Receive two positive on-field/boundary observations, at least . one of which shall be from a Cricket Ireland accredited observer from outside their home union area.

2. REQUIREMENTS TO ATTAIN THE GRADE

<p>Grade 1 (Introductory)</p>	<p><i>Be a member of ECB ACO (NI Only) or ROI equivalent or have appropriate insurance cover.</i></p> <p><i>Have Access NI or Garda Vetting.</i></p> <p><i>2. Attend at least one Cricket Ireland Annual Conference within the past two years.</i></p> <p><i>3. Attend any special training course following revision of the Laws of Cricket.</i></p> <p><i>4. In at least two of the past three seasons:</i></p> <p><i>a. Umpire a minimum of 6 matches.</i></p> <p><i>b. Receive acceptable feedback or/and acceptable marks in captains' reports.</i></p> <p><i>c. Gain one on-field/boundary observations appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or a Cricket Ireland accredited observer.</i></p>
<p>Grade 2 (Intermediate)</p>	<p><i>5. Demonstrate satisfactory knowledge and application of playing and disciplinary regulations in consultation with Umpire Mentor.</i></p> <p><i>6. In at least two of the past three seasons:</i></p> <p><i>a. Umpire a minimum of 8 matches per season</i></p> <p><i>b. Receive satisfactory feedback or/and satisfactory marks in captains' reports.</i></p> <p><i>c. Receive one on-field or boundary observations appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or an Cricket Ireland accredited observer.</i></p>
<p>Grade 3 (Premier League)</p>	<p><i>7 In at least two seasons of the past three seasons:</i></p> <p><i>a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches per season</i></p> <p><i>b. Receive very good feedback or/and very good marks in captains' reports.</i></p> <p><i>c. Gain two on-field or boundary observation appropriate to grade level from equal- or higher- graded colleagues or a Cricket Ireland accredited observer.</i></p>
<p>Grade 4</p>	<p><i>8. Take advantage of opportunities for continuous professional development.</i></p> <p><i>9 (a) Individuals must fully demonstrate commitment to officiating above umpiring their provincial union and club commitments.</i></p> <p><i>10. In at least two of the past three-seasons:</i></p> <p><i>a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches per season</i></p> <p><i>b. Gain consistently good feedback in representative fixture(s).</i></p> <p><i>c. Receive two positive on-field or boundary observations, at least one of which shall be from outside their home union area.</i></p> <p><i>11. Attend any Cricket Ireland Training Workshops for CI panel umpires</i></p>

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