



Guidelines Covering the Grading of International Umpires (Outdoor)

Effective as from 1 June 2006

Requirements to become an International Umpire: -

Please see the original Guidelines Covering the Grading of International Umpires (Outdoors), which are the definitive version, and which detail the basic requirements for Candidates before an application can be made by their National Association on their behalf

2.4 Umpire a minimum of 3 matches at: -

- (a). Inter-Nations matches, for which FIH receives a Match Result Form or Report
- (b). Events as detailed in 2.5

2.5 The Events from which this can be achieved are: -

- (a). Senior & Junior U-21 Inter-Nations Tournaments
- (b). Senior Inter-Nations Matches, including a Test Series (subject to provisions of 2.4(a))
- (c). Continental 'A' Division Club Championship or Continental 'A' Division Cup Winners Cup
- (d). Other events approved by the Umpiring Committee
- (e). Test Series of 3 matches or more, provided that a neutral Assessor is appointed

Position of active International Umpire ceases: -

- 2.6
 - (a) At 31 December following reaching the age of 47 years
 - (b) Upon own request or notification of retirement
 - (c) Upon ceasing to be regularly active at top level Nationally for more than 12 months
 - (d). After 3 consecutive years without umpiring an Inter-Nations match or Continental Club Tournament
 - (e) At the discretion of the Umpiring Committee upon receipt of a report of unacceptable actions/behaviour or poor performance or poor fitness
- 2.7 NAs may still nominate non-active International Umpires to matches or Tournaments, and they will be considered active again having umpired these matches or Tournaments to the appropriate standard

Requirements to achieve Promising Umpire List status: -

- 2.8 Umpires who show potential for progression to Grade 1 within a relatively short period, may be placed on the Promising Umpires List

Umpires who fail to achieve Grade 1 status within two Tournaments or within a period of 2 years will be returned to the list of International Umpires. PUL (and Grade 1) status may be achieved once again in the light of performances at subsequent events

Number of matches

(to be completed within a 2 year period)

Required Marks

Minimum 3 matches

At least 6.5 in each match, if part of a Tournament

2.5 Minimum 3 matches per event,

except: -
Games umpired under 2.5(c) will count as only 2 matches, with the third game to be an International 'A' Teams match as under 2.4

At least 6.5 in each match

Number of matches

Minimum 3 matches per event
(i). With a Tournament Director
(ii). Preferably with an Umpires Manager

Required Marks

At least 7.3 in each match, with consistent and promising performances shown at previous events



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Requirements to become an International Grade 1 Umpire: -

- 3.3 Umpire at least twice at: -
 (a). Senior Inter-Nations Tournament
 (b). Continental U-21 Nations Finals or Championships, and U-21 Tournaments with more than 5 teams participating
 (c). Other events approved by the Umpiring Committee
- 3.5 Umpire once at: -
 (a). Senior Inter-Nations Tournament

Position of active International Grade 1 Umpire ceases: -

- 3.7 As per the provisions of 2.6, except: -
 (d). After 3 consecutive years without umpiring an Inter-Nations match or Continental 'A' Division Club Tournament
- 3.8 Non-active Grade 1 Umpires will subject to the provisions of 2.7

Requirements to achieve and maintain World Panel Umpire status: -

- 4.2 Umpires may move on and off the World Panel to reflect their current standard, but will remain Grade 1 Umpires
- 4.6a Umpire once at: -
 (a). Olympic Games or World Cup or their Final Qualifying Tournaments
- 4.6b Umpire twice at: -
 (i). Olympic Games Continental Qualifying Tournament
 (ii). World Cup Continental Qualifying Tournament
 (iii). Champions Trophy
 (iv). Champions Challenge
 (v). Junior (U-21) World Cup
 (vi) Other events approved by the Umpiring Committee
- 4.8 World Panel Umpires are expected to umpire at a minimum of 1 Senior Inter-Nations Tournament per year, achieving the appropriate marks

Position of active World Panel Umpire ceases: -

- 4.9 As per the provisions of 2.6 and 3.7
- 4.10 Non-active WP Umpires will be subject to the provisions of 2.7 & 3.8

Requirements to achieve World Development Panel status: -

- 4.11 Grade 1 Umpires who show potential for progression to the World Panel, along with World Panel Umpires who suffer a drop in performance but who still have WP potential, can be placed on the World Development Panel
- Umpires who fail to achieve WP status with 3 qualifying Tournaments or within a period of 2 years will be returned to Grade 1 Umpire status. WDP (and WP status) may be achieved once again in the light of performances at subsequent events

Note to the Grading Guidelines: -

For the purposes of these Grading Guidelines, it should be noted that the final decision regarding all upgradings rests with the Umpiring Committee

Number of matches

- 3.4 Minimum 3 matches per event, at least one event must be: -
 (i). A Senior Inter-Nations Tournament
 (ii). With an Umpires Manager
- 3.5 Minimum 6 matches
 (or 5 in exceptional circumstances)

Required Marks

- At least 7.5 in each match, except one where 7.40 will be the minimum, and consistent performances at previous events
- At least 7.7 in each match

Number of matches

- 4.7 Minimum 4 matches per event
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Required Marks

- At least 8.0 in each match, except one where 7.85 will be the minimum
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Number of matches

- 4.11 Minimum 4 matches per event, as set out in 4.6

Required Marks

- At least 7.8 in each match, except one where 7.70 will be the minimum