



# Messaging Update

## Clubs and Leagues

Hi,

In this edition of the bulletin, we're bringing you an ECB Officiating Update, information about a new ECB umpiring course, a scoring update, and more.

Best Wishes,

ECB, Participation and Growth Team

### *ECB Officiating Update 2023*



Over the course of 2023, the ECB's Officiating Department has been hard at work to support the community of volunteers who give up their time to officiate our sport.

Whether supporting your son or daughter's matches, doing a "stint" when your team is batting or dedicating your time as an umpire or scorer, the department's ambition is to make create a community of officials where they feel valued, supported, and have opportunities for all to get involved.

We are delighted to update you on the new offers and opportunities for individuals to get involved as an umpire, umpire developer, or as a scorer within our game.



We are pleased to announce a single-entry point for individuals to start their Umpiring Journey within Cricket. The new ECB Umpire Course is aimed for everyone who is looking to support their local club or league acting as an umpire.

The day course, delivered by a newly recruited and trained ECB Umpire Tutor team will provide confidence and knowledge to attendees, to arm them with the skills that are required to umpire a game of cricket successfully and enjoyably.

Delivered in both classroom and in practical, game playing environments, learners will learn about the key laws of the game, how to apply them and gain first hand tips and tricks on making and communicating decisions.

Courses are now available across the country, with courses being offered 12 months a year....it's never too late to start your umpiring journey.

To see what courses are available near you, please click below.

[COURSE FINDER](#)

### *New Umpire Progression Pathway*



In 2023, the ECB shared with the game a new [Umpire Progression Pathway](#), showing how individuals who join the umpiring community can see a way to go from operating in their clubs through to potentially becoming the next Professional or International Umpire.

The pathway is based on the gender of competition and individuals joining the pathway can progress at a pace that suits them, basing progression on performance and skill, not just down to the number of games that you umpire.

The pathway is open to all and whilst higher levels of the pathway are managed directly by the ECB, ACOs Leagues and County Cricket Boards are involved in providing opportunities for on-going learning, umpiring opportunities away from club and progression across both pathways.

To find out more about the Umpire Progression Pathway, please contact us by clicking below.

## *New Umpire Developer Programme*



The introduction of the Umpire Progression Pathway has given umpires a clear and transparent process on what they need to achieve to gain promotion. With this move to evidence-based progression, we are delighted to provide other opportunities to be involved in supporting Umpires across the game.

In 2023, the ECB launched the Umpire Developer Programme. Over 240 individuals have joined the programme and have been supporting umpires throughout 2023 at all levels of the game.

The role of the Umpire Developer is:

To watch umpires performing within a game

To make accurate notes on areas of performance that the umpire is doing well

To work with umpires on areas of performance where improvement could be made

To facilitate a positive de-brief where umpires get the chance to learn and develop their skills to enhance their performances.

These are voluntary roles (expenses paid) but provide a key service and support arm to umpires across the game.

We are hosting a number of Umpire Developer training sessions in early 2024 across the country. Attendance is free and for further information on this, please click below to contact [alan.dale@ecb.co.uk](mailto:alan.dale@ecb.co.uk).

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### ***Scoring Update 2023***

Earlier this year, Richard Glynne-Jones, ECB Head of Officiating, asked consultants Team You to carry out a review of scoring in the recreational and professional games. Team You, in 2021, had been responsible for developing an implementation plan, following a broader review into officiating.

In compiling their report, Team You interviewed scorers officiating across the game, as well as other people with a stake in scoring. This included people currently responsible for the organisation, training, development and deployment of scorers.

The report dealt principally with the areas one would expect: pathways, training and development, appointments, reward and recognition, and organisation/management.

Richard Glynne-Jones invited four people to then form a 'scoring working group' – Andrew Hignell, Heather Vernon, Sue Drinkwater and Andy Lynch. The group met for the first time at Edgbaston on Monday 3rd July.

The group's initial task was to review Team You's recommendations and to determine which of them should be implemented. They will be:

- a. To establish a competency-based pathway that allows for scorers to progress to the highest levels of the game and, within which, appointments policies are fair and easily understood.
- b. To review, and where necessary make changes to, the current training offer for scorers at every level.
- c. To put in place a registration system for scorers.
- d. To introduce a reward and recognition strategy for scorers.
- e. To introduce a standard fees and expenses matrix for scorers.
- f. ECB to lead on the design, administration and communication of pertinent Rules and Regulations.

To put scoring in a strong position for the next 5-10 years, the work that is now required will take some time to implement. We now need to prioritise what needs to be done, when, and by whom. For more information on the review, please contact David Elworthy (Senior Manager – Recreational Officiating) – [david.elworthy@ecb.co.uk](mailto:david.elworthy@ecb.co.uk)

In the interim, a full suite on scoring courses for new and experienced scorers are being delivered across the country by the ACO. These can be found by clicking below.

**SCORING COURSE**

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