

UMPIRE PANELS (aka GRADING STRUCTURE) CRITERIA

The S+CC regularly reviews the Umpire Panels as published on this website. With the amalgamation of the Open Leagues and the South League we now have a less complicated hierarchy on which we can base our Panel Criteria. In particular the Saturday Appointments Secretary takes note of these Panels when making appointments in order that the requirements of the Clubs we serve are met as fully as possible.

Our Umpire Panels are therefore based on the requirements of the league matches we are asked to umpire on any particular Saturday. All Panels assume the standard being that of the “senior” umpire on a game at any particular level. Games that fall outside the remit of the Associations Appointments Secretaries e.g. semi final and final of the Surrey Cup will continue to be S+CC appointments.

The Umpire Panel is published as a guide to the membership so that each member may have a more realistic goal to either maintain their performance or stretch themselves towards a promotion.

PANEL (GRADE) A

Umpires who have reached the standard to be appointed to any Saturday League game that SHUA appoints to. This includes the Hampshire Surrey Regional League Division 1 and the London League Premier Division.

- Grade A1** Umpires receiving Mens appointments from either SCHUA or the NPUA.
- Grade A2** Umpires **not** receiving Mens appointments from either SCHUA or NPUA and selected umpires receiving Ladies appointments from either of the aforementioned.
- Grade A3** Other selected Umpires not in A1 or A2.

PANEL (GRADE) B

Umpires who have reached the standard to umpire any other Saturday League game involving at least one Surrey club.

- Grade B1** Most games in the Hampshire Surrey Division 2 and Schools games.
- Grade B2** Most games in the Surrey Division 1.
- Grade B3** Most games in the Surrey Division 2 and the Ladies South Division 3B.
- Grade B4** Games in the London League Division One and the Surrey Ladies Premier Division.
- Grade B5** Ladies matches – any other games.

PANEL (GRADE) C

All Grade C umpires are NOT entitled to purchase and wear the Associations' Badge until Grade B is achieved.

Probationer umpires and Level 1s.

Movement between the Panels

To help us achieve (or maintain since 2007 – the previous review date) a high degree of competition between our umpires we are dispensing with the requirement that two successful assessments, within an approximate twelve month period – usually a playing season, will be necessary in all circumstances save for the jump from B to A. This jump is seen as the major step a member can take and will always now be associated with our SHUA nomination for SCHUA candidature. A quick review of the published Umpire Panel list will identify that there are some non current SCHUA members classified in the Grade A ranks and the S+CC is satisfied that all these members are suitably qualified to take the highest Saturday Appointments we currently make.

Our Grade B umpires will continue to have to successfully satisfy the S+CC in only one assessment until they reach B1 and they are now joined by the Grade C Panel. With the high quality of the Level 1 work being carried out in Surrey the S+CC is seeing a higher quality of umpire seeking to come on board with SHUA and thus the necessity to assess this new breed of umpire more thoroughly is much less than it was previously. In some cases the S+CC may reserve the right to ask a candidate to undergo a further assessment and in most cases this is done in the best interests of the umpire candidate and SHUA. In all such cases SHUA can, and will, offer a suitable level of coaching where potential is seen but has not materialized sufficiently on the day.

The flip side to the one successful assessment is that it applies in the opposite direction as well. A failure could mean a lowering of your grade!

Selection + Coaching Committee
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