



Wales Region
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ACO Umpires Training Regime 2019

1. The ACO training regime has been completely revised and all the training courses rewritten. Education is now separate from Accreditation, which is the responsibility of County Development Officers. Consequently, there are no examinations at the end of any of the courses. There is a new Accreditation programme for 2019.
2. All courses and requests for Accreditation are made online using the CVENT booking system. This also allows for payment to be collected centrally, so removing an administrative burden from local branches of the ACO.
3. The ACO will not teach “pure Law”. Candidates are expected to enrol on the MCC E-Learning Course and take the tests at the end of the course in order to acquire and check their knowledge of the Laws..
4. The course structure is now as follows:
 - a. Stage 1 - a one day course intended to equip an umpire with sufficient skills and knowledge to officiate for his own club or in junior cricket.
 - b. Stage 2 - a one day course building on Stage 1 and offering some more advanced training including the concept of working with a colleague. A Stage 2 umpire will be equipped to stand in League matches
 - c. Stage 3 - a two day course involving more in-depth study of man management and self-management and preparation, as well as further skills training. A Stage 3 umpire will be equipped to stand in Premier League matches.
 - d. Stage 4 - (still in preparation) - will comprise a number of CPD Modules and is designed to equip umpires to deal with the issues relating to multi-day cricket.
5. All these courses will be available to anyone who wants to attend them. There is no threshold of experience or other entry criterion. All the courses will soon be available on-line as well as live.
6. Courses must be done sequentially. The previous Level 1 is equivalent to Stage 1; Level 1A to Stage 2 with accreditation; Level 2 to Stage 3 with accreditation; and Level 3 to Stage 4 with accreditation