



Umpiring Courses – 2018/2019

Dear Friends

This is a great time to start Umpiring.

The development of umpires is a key priority within Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset's Development Plans and is also a key objective and requirement for Leagues throughout the county. All Cricket Boards are very committed to seeing an increase in the number of active qualified umpires and this is why we have joined forces with all the local leagues, to implement a plan that will see the number of league matches officiated by qualified umpires increase steadily over time.

As a result, a recruitment initiative alongside the ECB advertising campaign 'Stay in the game' has been designed to encourage players and volunteers to move into umpiring/scoring. This initiative is supported right from the top down, through WEPL, the Bristol and District and the County Leagues and the local District Leagues in Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

GACO, SACO and WACO are providing ACO courses over the coming months, in preparation for the 2019 season. These courses will be delivered by qualified ECB instructors and following successful completion of the course, candidates will receive a formal ECB recognised certificate of attendance. This is the first step on the pathway for any individual who wishes to officiate ECB Premier League Cricket, multi-day cricket and First Class cricket.

It is important for all prospective Umpire and Scorer candidates in our area to understand that the **only training** available, that will enable a route to the very top of the Officials ladder, is exclusively provided by ECBACO, and the ECBACO training programme. For all aspiring Officials, whatever level they wish to attain, the ECB pathway provides them with a structured route, and support from Cricket's National body.

With the new Laws now in place for the 2019 season the training courses have been amended to both update them with the new Laws and current umpiring techniques.

We are hoping to see strong support from clubs in nominating candidates for the training. At the bottom of this letter are the details of the courses we are running and an application form for clubs or candidates to complete.

These new ACO courses are now bookable on line and the website link can be found below. The course content will include all the course delivery and administration together with an ECB workbook, an MCC official on-field Law booklet, a CRB check and Insurances.

It would be much appreciated if you could forward this letter on to any interested candidates at your club.

For more information on training and the ECB pathway, please visit the ECB Officials Website at - <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/>

The ECB Officials Courses can be viewed at - <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/find-a-course>

In the meantime if you have any queries or would like any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch and we look forward to receiving your applications.

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“Our priority is to recruit new Umpires and Scorers to actively participate and enjoy standing in local recreational cricket. If they can be motivated through our training and gain enthusiasm for officiating, there will be more Umpires and Scorers involved in our game’.

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GACO/SACO/WACO are running a number of ECB ACO Umpiring Courses during 2018/2019 across the Region. Each course will provide the successful candidate with a foothold on the first rung of the ECB Officials ladder. Please find details of these courses below

Stage 1 Somerset

Sunday 20th January 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **County Room, County Ground, Taunton**

Stage 1 Somerset

Tuesdays 29th January and 5th February 2019 – 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm approx

Venue – **Bath CC, Bath**

Stage 1 Gloucestershire

Sunday 10th February 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Optimum Room, County Ground, Bristol**

Stage 1 Gloucestershire

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Hatherley & Reddings CC, Cheltenham**

Stage 1 Wiltshire

Sunday 27th January 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Beaversbrook , Calne**

Stage 1 Wiltshire

Sunday 17th March 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Beaversbrook , Calne**

Stage 2 Somerset

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **County Room, County Ground, Taunton**

Stage 2 Gloucestershire

Sunday 17th February 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Optimum Room, County Ground, Bristol**

Stage 2 Gloucestershire

Sunday 10th March 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Hatherley & Reddings CC, Cheltenham**

Stage 2 Wiltshire

Sunday 3rd February 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Beaversbrook , Calne**

Stage 2 Wiltshire

Sunday 24th March 2019 – 9.00 am to 6.00 pm approx

Venue – **Beaversbrook , Calne**

If you are interested in attending a course please complete the application form by following the link below.

Candidates applying for courses should apply directly via the web link to book a place on a course. Any issue please contact one of the Education Officers listed below.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/find-a-course>

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