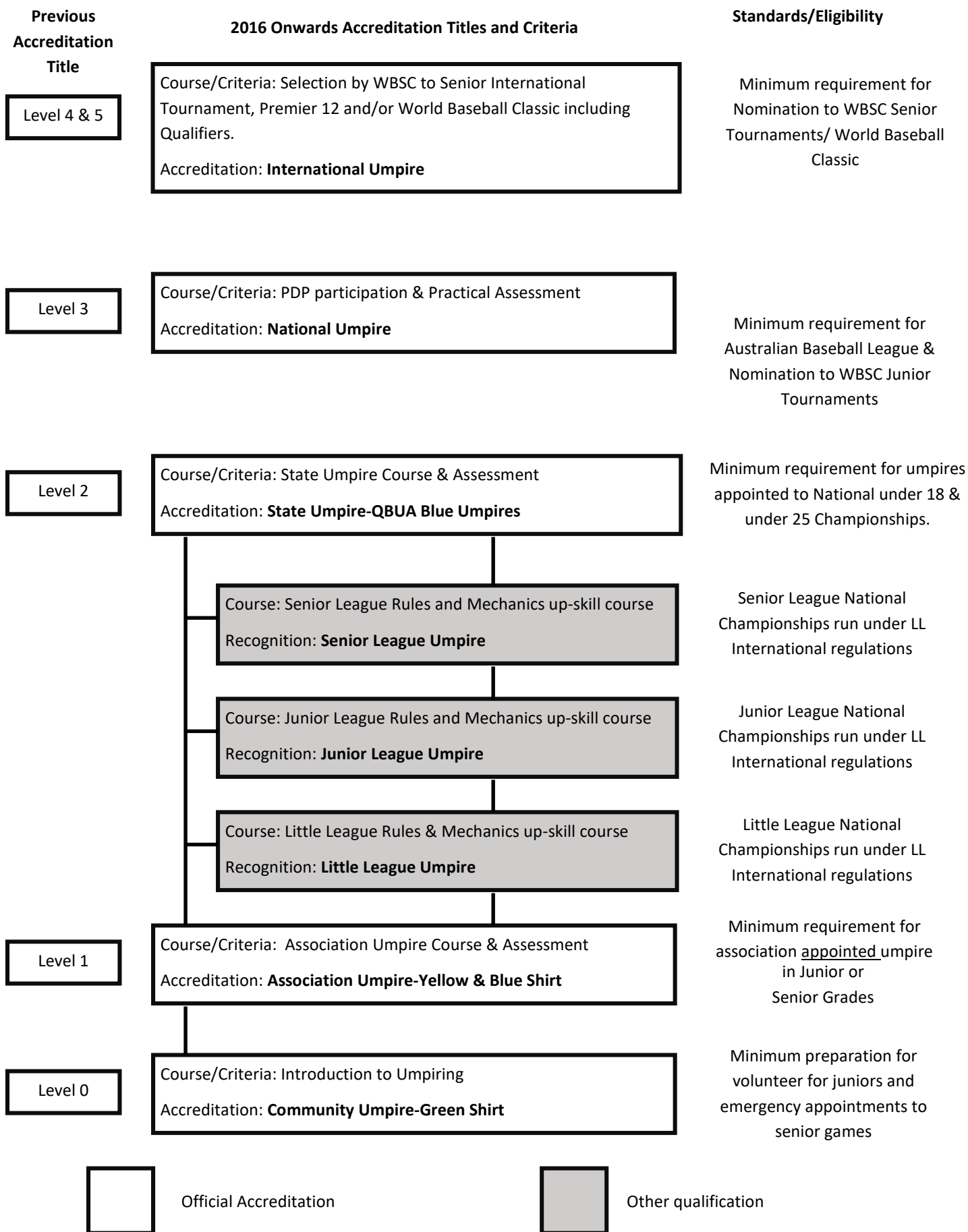


THE UMPIRING PATHWAY



ACCREDITATION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Community Umpire Course & Accreditation-Green Shirt

- Completion of ASC Officiating General Principals course- <https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/resources/officials/onlineofficial>
- 2hr practical instruction session
- Written exam

Association Umpire Course & Accreditation- Yellow Shirt

- Successful Completion of Community Umpire Program as pre-requisite (Recognition of Prior Learning and/or Current Competency will be available).
- Proper registration on BA's recognised National Sporting Database.
- 6 hours of Instructor led or self-paced training on baseball rules and interpretations
- 6 hours of Practical Instruction based on the Two-Umpire System
- Completion and pass of Association Umpire theory exam 70% Pass Mark
- Two practical game assessments by qualified umpire assessor- **Blue Shirt Umpires**

Additional Suggested Learning Material (Not required)

- The Virtual Umpire Camp-

Courses will also be specially conducted to equip umpires with the specifics of those programs that come under the umbrella of Little League International. There will be no ASC accreditation for these: the courses are additional training designed to help those wishing to officiate in these events.

1. Little League Umpire Education

- 2hr Little League rules and mechanics update
- Completion and pass of Little League theory exam

2. Junior League Umpire Education

- 2hr Junior League rules and mechanics update
- Assessed as competent by qualified umpire assessor

3. Senior League Umpire Education

- 2hr Senior League rules and mechanics update
- Assessed as competent by qualified umpire assessor

State Umpire Course & Accreditation

- Successful completion of Association Umpire Program.
- 6hrs of Instructor led or self-paced training on baseball rules and interpretations
- 6hrs of practical instruction
- Completion and pass of State Umpire theory exam
- Two practical game assessments by qualified umpire assessor

National Umpire Accreditation by Assessment

- Successful attendance and performance at U16, U18 or U23 National Youth Championship.
- Evidence of participation in National Umpiring Professional Development Program
- 4 Practical Assessments at U16, U18 or U23 National Youth Championships by SDU, NYC Umpire Coordinator, NYC Umpire Mentor or HTO. These assessments can also be carried out at the ABL Level should an umpire be elevated to this level prior to satisfying the above requirements at the NYC Level.

Junior International Umpire

- Must have umpired at the previous NYC for the age group nominating for at the WBSC Level
- Evidence of assessment at this level must also be provided by SDU to HTO before nomination can be accepted.
- Selection by WBSC to a junior international tournament (Not including Under 12).

Senior International Umpire

- Nomination for these tournaments are accepted by the HTO. This does not exclude the possibility that WBSC Director of Umpiring can contact an umpire directly for his/ her availability and accept that nomination directly. In this instance, the umpire shall inform the HTO immediately of this contact.
- Selection by WBSC to a senior international tournament, Olympic qualifier, World Baseball Classic and/or it's qualifiers.

Minimum requirements for maintenance of all accreditation levels

- Accreditation expires after **3 years** unless the umpire
 - Officiates at minimum level for that accreditation on a yearly basis and
 - Attends annual rules and mechanics update sessions (minimum 6 hours per year)
 - Junior and Senior International umpires will need to meet the criteria for National Umpire to retain International status
- An umpire who allows their accreditation to lapse for two or more years must complete all education and assessment requirements to re-gain their accreditation at previous level. The sole exception to this will be an umpire who has attained International status; these individuals may return to working at a National level even after the two years have elapsed.

Community Umpiring Course

- ASC Online Officiating General Principals Course-
<https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/resources/officials/onlineofficial>
- 2hr baseball specific on-field training on:
 - **Rules**
Practical knowledge, comprehension and application of rules to acquaint umpires with the reasons for rules, the means of defining and communicating them and to develop a spirit in the application of rules that raises the conduct, enjoyment and spectacle of Baseball.
 - **Positioning Mechanics.**
To familiarise umpires with the needs for, values of and correct mechanics to place an umpire in the best position to exercise a judgement or decision.
 - **Signalling Mechanics.**
To establish correct signal techniques and consistent knowledge of the reasons for same.
- Written exam

Association Umpire Course

Field Work topics to be covered in practical sessions

- Signals
- Fair/Foul
- Dead Ball/ Live Ball
- Play/ Attempted Play
- Angle/Distance
- Out/ Safe
- Pitcher's Cover
- Ball batted down first base line – no runners on
- Pivots
- Infield hits
- Outfield hits
- Pop-ups
- Clearing the catcher
- Bouncing ball through the catcher
- Two pitching positions
- Award of bases
- Plays at the plate
- Double play
- Runner 1st to 3rd
- Plate umpire responsibilities – batted ball
- Fly ball responsibilities
- Infield Fly
- Plate stance – soft toss drill – pitching machine – cage work

Topics to be covered in face-to-face training sessions

- Duty of Care
- Strike Zone
- Definitions
- Positions with runner/s on base
- Trouble balls
- Balks
- Pick-offs Rundowns
- Runner on 1st and 2nd

State Umpire Course*Field Work topics to be covered in practical sessions*

- Double play – reverse double play Time play
- Runner on 3rd tagging Runner on 2nd
- Runner on 2/3,
- 2 out – anticipation
- Runner on 3rd – ball down R/F line
- Visits
- Pop-up/pivot
- Infield hits (A/D) – outfield hits (Pivot) Runner on 1st tagging – reverse role Runner overtaking
- Interference; including home plate collision and double play slide interpretations.
- Obstruction
- Advance Cage Work (Live or machine pitching)
- Handling situations – simulated games – body language
- Handling bean ball situations – simulated games
- Game simulation – Pairs work

Topics to be covered in face to face training sessions

- Preparation – pregame – post game – four possible scenarios
- Appeal plays
- Umpire reports – ejection
- Umpire/Manager relations
- Umpire/Catcher relations – working with the catcher
- Handling situations
- Handling rain situations
- Handling protested game situations
- Batting out of order

National Umpire Professional Development Topics (2 per season)

To be done in group workshops, led by either SDU or International Umpire

- Vision dynamics
- Calling the “Perfect Game”.
- Game & Self Control
- Goal setting
- Personal preparation
- Refining the Strike Zone
- The Bottom Line - Mental Toughness
- Work/Baseball/Life Balance
- 3 Umpire System (must be done in 1st year at this level)

**The Blue shirt Association umpires will be nominated by each club.
Each umpire will then be assessed by the QBUA to assure they are capable of officiating at this level.
The QBUA will help train and work with these umpires on a regular basis, helping them become better Association Blue umpires capable of doing any Senior League Baseball game.
Each Association Blue shirt umpire will be required to pay the QBUA associated member fee of \$10 per year.**

**The Yellow shirt Association Umpires will be able to officiate at Senior ball up to Div 3 only.
There will be regular courses for these umpires to help with their advancement.**

The Community Green shirt umpire will be able to officiate at Junior ball level and possibly emergency Senior ball games if assessed by the QBUA and deemed capable of doing so.

The State Titles will require an umpire to hold a minimum Association Yellow shirt qualification along with the Little League specific accreditation.

Those umpires attending a National Titles will be required to hold a minimum Association Blue shirt accreditation along with the relevant Little League specific qualification and approved by the State Director of Umpires.

The approval of any umpire to another level can only be assessed by an accredited Instructor, SDU, Umpire Development Officer or Senior Umpire approved to do so.