



UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAYBOOK

For the love of
Community Umpiring



INTRODUCTION



How to mentor and shape the next generation of cricket-loving umpires.

Without you, our great game would not be what it is today. Not only is your sharp decision making, communication and adaptability essential on the field, but your leadership beyond the boundary line is paramount in helping players, other umpires and officials develop a lifelong love of cricket.

Before you take the centre seat, read this playbook to help prepare for your best summer of cricket yet. Here you will find an overview of the important role community umpires play at each level and the resources available for your kit bag to support your ongoing development and fulfilment.

Whether you're stepping into umpiring for the first time or you are a seasoned professional, follow and share this guide with your peers to make sure community umpires across the country are officiating from the same playbook!

For more information get in touch with your S/T contact.

JUNIOR CRICKET UMPIRE

What role will you play?



Your role

- Create a fair, fun and inclusive playing environment.
- Facilitate a love of the game, but also help kids understand the rules and **Spirit of Cricket**.

On the pitch

- Junior Cricket Stage 1-3.

What you need

- A passion to inspire the next generation to understand and love the game.
- Ability to communicate clearly, support development and build confidence.
- A positive approach – mentor others through optimism and encouragement.

How to be a respected umpire

- Build confidence by communicating clear decisions; take the time to explain 'the why'.
- Be your authentic self when managing the game.
- Be prepared; know the teams you're officiating.
- Understand the different levels of junior formats so that you can help guide the game effectively.
- Safeguard the health and safety of all participants.

Gauging success



- The game was played to completion in fair and good spirits.
- Positive engagement – players are enthusiastic and having fun. There are plenty of smiles, laughs and good times.

Before you start



- Obtain a current **Working with Children Check** (if required).
- Obtain **Working With Vulnerable People** registration (if required).
- Understand local Child Safety practices – see **Safeguarding Children**.

Learn more



- Umpiring Junior **Cricket Digital Learning Module**.
- **ICC Foundation Umpire Course**.

In your kit bag



- MCC Laws of Cricket App (download the free app on **Apple** or **Google Play**).
- CA Coach App (download for free on **Apple** or **Google Play**).
- **Officials HQ**, Australian Cricket's umpire management platform.
- Local Association resources.
- Equipment: Umpire ball/over counter and bowler over cards.

LOCAL COMPETITION UMPIRE

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Your role

- Create a fair, respectful and inclusive playing environment.
- Facilitate a love of the game, but also help participants/players understand the rules and **Spirit of Cricket**.

On the pitch

- Competitive Club and Senior Cricket.

What you need

- Ability to communicate clearly, support development and build confidence.
- A positive approach – mentor others through optimism and encouragement.

How to be a respected umpire

- Ensure play is conducted in the **Spirit of the Game** and within the **Laws of Cricket**.
- Manage the game efficiently, including keeping track of time, ensuring breaks are taken in line with the rules and maintaining a steady pace of play.
- Make fair decisions.
- Understand local playing conditions.
- Communicate clearly and effectively to players using the relevant signals.
- Safeguard the health and safety of all participants.
- Champion teamwork – work closely with your peer umpire and other officials to make sure everyone has a great experience.

Gauging success



- The game was played to completion in good spirits.
- Positive reflection and self-assessment.

Before you start



- Obtain a current **Working with Children Check** (if required).
- Obtain **Working With Vulnerable People** registration (if required).
- Understand local Child Safety practices – see **Safeguarding Children**.
- **Community Umpire Accreditation program**.

Learn more



- State/Territory **Umpire Workshops**.
- State/Territory Umpire Law Classes.

In your kit bag



- MCC Laws of Cricket App (download the free app on **Apple** or **Google Play**).
- **Officials HQ**, Australian Cricket's umpire management platform.
- Australian Cricket's **learning management system**, a comprehensive suite of resources to help enhance your umpiring skills based on the latest umpiring resources.
- CA Coach App (download for free on **Apple** or **Google Play**).
- Equipment: Umpire ball/over counter, bowler over cards, bowler's markers, notepad and pen/pencil.
- Get in touch with your S/T contact for **more information**.

PREMIER CRICKET UMPIRE

For the love of the action.



Your role

- Umpire and manage the cricket game, both on and off the field.
- Ensure play is conducted in the **Spirit of the Game** and within the **Laws of Cricket**.
- Help create a fair, respectful and inclusive playing environment.

On the pitch

- Premier Cricket competition in your State and/or Representative Cricket.

What you need

- Strong value of teamwork and a willingness to consistently communicate.
- Ability to communicate clearly, support development and build confidence.
- A positive approach – mentor others through optimism and encouragement.

How to be a respected umpire

- Have a comprehensive understanding of the **Laws of Cricket**.
- Understand the relevant Playing Conditions for your competition.
- Communicate clearly and effectively to players using the relevant signals.
- Manage the game efficiently, including keeping track of time, overseeing breaks are taken in line with the rules and maintaining a steady pace of play.
- Safeguard the health and safety of all participants.
- Champion teamwork – work closely with your peer umpire and other officials to make sure everyone has a great experience.

Gauging success



- The game was played to completion in good spirits.
- You experienced positive and constructive interactions with players and officials.
- Positive reflection and self-assessment.

Before you start



- Obtain a current **Working with Children Check** (if required).
- Obtain **Working With Vulnerable People** registration (if required).
- Understand local Child Safety practices – see **Safeguarding Children**.

Learn more



- **Representative Umpire Accreditation program**.
- State/Territory **Umpire Workshops**.
- State/Territory Umpire Law Classes.

In your kit bag



- MCC Laws of Cricket App, specifically the e-learning modules (download the free app on **Apple** or **Google Play**).
- **Officials HQ**, Australian Cricket's umpire management platform.
- Australian Cricket's **learning management system** for a comprehensive suite of resources to help enhance your umpiring skills based on the latest umpiring resources.
- Work with an umpiring mentor to improve your knowledge and skills.
- Equipment: Umpire ball/over counter, bowler over cards, bowler's markers, notepad and pen/ pencil, scissors, spare bail, spike tightener.

WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY *THIS SEASON?*



