



# Officials Development Model

## Introduction

In British Columbia, the development and governance of Cricket BC officials are carried out by two independent organizations: the **Vancouver Umpires and Scorers Association (VCU&SA)** and the **Vancouver Island Society of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (VISCUS)**. These associations, both recognized members of **Cricket BC**, are responsible for the recruitment, training, certification, and continued growth of on-field umpires and off-field scorers.

## Stage 1 – Recruitment

Potential officials are identified through nominations from local cricket clubs or by individuals applying directly to **VCU&SA** or **VISCUS**. Member clubs are regularly encouraged to recommend interested candidates to strengthen the officiating pool.

## Stage 2 – Foundational Training

Candidates begin by enrolling in the **Cricket BC Level 1 Officials Course**, which runs for 4–5 weeks at three hours per session. The program covers:

- The **Laws of Cricket BC**,
- **ICC Playing Conditions**, and
- Relevant **local regulations**.

At the end of the course, candidates complete a 60–80 minute exam, with a required pass mark of **75%**. Exams are evaluated in BC, and successful candidates are registered nationally through the BC Umpiring Coordinator and issued Level 1 certification.

## Stage 3 – Practical Experience

Certified **Level 1 officials** are assigned to matches within the **British Columbia Mainland Cricket League (BCMCL)** or the **Victoria and District Cricket Association (VDCA)**. Initially, they are appointed primarily to higher-division games to gain experience in competitive environments.

## Stage 4 – Intermediate Training



After gaining practical experience (typically one season and at least 9 matches), officials may advance to the **Level 2 BC Course**. This program deepens understanding of:

- MCC Laws,
- ICC Playing Conditions,
- Local league regulations, and
- Game management techniques.

The course runs 4–5 weeks with an 80-minute exam. Successful candidates are awarded **Level 2 certification** by Cricket BC.

## Stage 5 – Intermediate Experience

Level 2 officials are appointed to officiate at the **top division matches** within local leagues, expanding their expertise and exposure to high-level cricket.

## Stage 6 – Advanced Training

Officials who establish a strong record at Level 2 may pursue the **Level 3 BC Course**, which qualifies them to:

- Officiate in the highest levels of Canadian domestic Cricket BC, and
- Be considered for national representative matches.

The course consists of 5+ weeks of study with a two-hour exam, requiring a pass mark of **80%**. Successful candidates receive Level 3 certification from Cricket BC and are recognized as senior officials.

## Stage 7 – International Pathway (ICC Officials)

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** oversees the development of international umpires and scorers. Canada is represented at the **Associate Member level**, under the jurisdiction of **ICC Americas**.

At this level:

- Training is delivered in collaboration with the **West Indies Cricket BC Umpires Association (WICUA)**, beginning with intensive preparation for **Level I qualification**, the minimum requirement for regional panel consideration.
- Future planning includes reviewing scorer development programs and forming **regional scorer panels** to align with international standards.