

Ireland Umpire Grading Structure

	Requirements to Attain the Grade
Grade 1 (Introductory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend and complete a Stage 1+2 IACUS Training Course. 2. Become a member of ECB ACO (NI Only) or have appropriate insurance cover. 3. Have Access NI or Garda Vetting. 4. In the season immediately following the completion of the Stage 1+2 Course: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Umpire a minimum of 10 matches. d. Generally, gain acceptable marks in captains' reports. e. Gain two on-field assessments appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or boundary observations from an IACUS accredited observer. f. Be appointed an Umpire Mentor.
Grade 2 (Intermediate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work closely with your Umpire Mentor to develop and provide sign off to proceed to Stage 3 course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 10 matches. b. Generally, gain good marks in captains' reports. c. Gain two on-field assessments appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or boundary observations from an IACUS accredited observer.
Grade 3 (Premier League)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been Grade 2 for at least one full season. 2. In the season immediately following having achieved mentoring assessment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches; (of which at least 5 should be top division) b. Generally, gain very good marks in captains' reports. c. Gain two on-field/boundary observations appropriate to grade level from equal-or higher-graded colleagues or boundary observations from an IACUS accredited observer.
Grade 4 (IACUS Panel nominee)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been Grade 3 for at least two full seasons. 2. Attend and be undertaking a Stage 3 Training Course. 3. Be working on your Stage 3 portfolio. 4. Have umpired outside their cricket union area within the past two years on an Exchange. 5. In each of the previous two seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches. b. Consistently gain very good marks in captains' reports. c. Gain two very good on-field/boundary observations, at least one of which shall be from an IACUS accredited observer from outside their home union area.

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	Requirements to Retain Grade
Grade 1 (Introductory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Become a member of ECB ACO (NI Only) or have appropriate insurance cover. 2. Have Access NI or Garda Vetting. 3. Attend at least one refresher training course within the past two years. 4. Attend at least one IACUS Annual Conference within the past two years. 5. Attend any special training course following revision of the Laws of Cricket. 6. In at least two of the past three seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 10 matches. b. Gain acceptable marks in captains' reports. c. Gain one on-field/boundary observations appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or an IACUS accredited observer.
Grade 2 (Intermediate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, 2, 3 ,4, 5 and 6 above, plus 7. Demonstrate satisfactory knowledge and application of playing and disciplinary regulations in consultation with Umpire Mentor. 8. In at least two of the past three seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 10 matches. b. Gain satisfactory marks in captains' reports. c. Gain one on-field or boundary observations appropriate to grade level from higher-graded colleagues or an IACUS accredited observer.
Grade 3 (Premier League)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 above, plus 9. Have umpired outside their home area within the past year. 10. In at least two seasons of the past three seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches. b. Gain very good marks in captains' reports. c. Gain two on-field or boundary observation appropriate to grade level from equal- or higher- graded colleagues or an IACUS accredited observer.
Grade 4 (IACUS Panel)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 above, plus: 11. Take advantage of opportunities for continuous professional development. 12. In at least two of the past three-seasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Umpire a minimum of 15 matches. b. Gain consistently very good grades in representative fixture(s). c. Gain two very good on-field or boundary observations, at least one of which shall be from a from outside their home union area. 13. Attend any IACUS/Cricket Ireland Training Workshops for IACUS Panel umpires.