



North West Cricket Union Affiliate Umpire Policy (Effective from 20th April 2024)

It is North West Cricket Unions objective that cricket matches are played fairly and under the Laws of the game. Ideally all matches would be umpired by an official who is not directly involved in the game, such as:

- Members of the Umpires & Scorers Association
- NWCU Affiliate/Pathway Umpires (appointed by their club / school).

UMPIRE STAGES

1. **Affiliate Umpire**
2. **Pathway Umpire**
3. **Association Umpire**

AFFILIATE UMPIRES

- A method of formalise the status of umpires who umpire from time to time on an ad hoc basis.
- Are an umpiring resource (aged 16+) within their own club/school only. Responsibility for their appointment rests with their club/school.
- Are not available for appointment to matches by the North West Umpires & Scorers Association.
- Affiliate umpires role is to administer the laws of the game in during matches & not responsible additional umpire roles such as pitch reports or inspections.
- Affiliate Umpires qualify by:
 - Register & Complete the ICC or Cricket Ireland umpire e-learning
 - www.edapp.com/icc
 - www.mycricketlearning.ie
- Complete Access NI/Garda Vetting
 - [Access NI | North West Cricket Union](#)
- Register with the North West Affiliated Umpire Database
 - <https://form.jotform.com/240883566889377>
- Qualification will be valid for 3 years from date of course completion.

AFFILIATE UMPIRE NOTES

- Appointed by a school or club, to which they are affiliated, to umpire a match or training session, in which that school or club is participating, home or away.
- It is the club or school responsibility to ensure that all affiliate umpires appointed, are qualified and suitable.
- Any school or club with an affiliate umpires aged 16 and under the age of 18 must meet the criteria below. Exception – North West Development staff, who hold an affiliate umpire qualification may, in the course of their duties, umpire matches outside of their own club or school.



- Affiliate umpires aged 16 and under the age of 18, must only be appointed to games within their school or club at an agreed level. Regardless of ability, no affiliate umpire will officiate a game at a higher age grade than identified.
 - A 17 year old affiliate umpire can umpire up to U15 games.
 - Umpires must be appointed by their club / school to games that reflect their ability and not just linked to their age.

ESSENTIAL COMMITMENT FROM SCHOOL OR CLUB

- Be familiar with safeguarding responsibilities as per NWCU & Cricket Ireland's guidelines.
 - [2023-SAFEGUARDING-COMPLETE.pdf \(northwestcricket.com\)](#)
- Ensure 'Best Practice Guidelines are implemented:
 - [PowerPoint Presentation \(northwestcricket.com\)](#)
- Appoint a suitable delegate to attend every game umpired by an affiliate umpire aged 16 and under 18 years of age to assist with monitoring of welfare of all those involved.
- The appointed delegate will also monitor the behaviour of players, coaches, parents etc towards the umpire and act accordingly if necessary.
- Have an up-to-date risk assessment.
- Have up to date insurance for activities on their premises.

GETTING ACTIVE

1. Complete the Foundation Course with ICC or Cricket Ireland
2. Have a valid Access NI Certificate
3. Complete the registration form for affiliated umpires
4. Make your club or school aware of dates you are available for.
5. Clubs contact travelling clubs to offer affiliated umpire assistance per game.

SUGGESTED DONATION

To assist the development of the affiliated umpires and cover their development CICA membership, and clothing we suggest the below donation payable to the home affiliated club on the day of the game.

Match Type	Umpire	Cost per umpire/team
Youth T20	Affiliate	£15
Midweek	Affiliate	£15
School T20	Affiliate	£20
League 1-4	Affiliate	£30
School >T20	Affiliate	£30
Any Match	Pathway	£tbc



FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PATHWAY UMPIRES

- May also apply, if they wish, for full membership of North West Umpires & Scorers Association.
- Potential to be involved in umpire appointments and receive mentoring from Umpire association in field trainers.
- Pathway Umpires qualify by:
 - Affiliate Umpire Training (as above)
 - CICA Membership

ASSOCIATION UMPIRES

- Available for all North West Umpires & Scorers Association Appointments
- Continuous Professional Development & Performance Pathway Included
- Pathway Umpires qualify by:
 - Stage 1 & 2 Umpire Courses Completed
 - CICA Membership