

Level 1 (Club) Umpire

This is the entry level training program to become an umpire and gain experience at your local events. The Club Umpire is certified to officiate at all club, local and provincial events.



Level 1 Accreditation Process

The accreditation process is comprised of training, evaluation and apprenticeship.

Training: Level 1 Umpire candidates complete a series of three half-day training sessions:

1. The laws of the sport (followed by a 25-question take home exam)
2. Measuring equipment and techniques.
3. Measuring practicum.

Evaluation

In addition to the written exam completed during the training, candidates must also successfully complete a measuring exam and an oral exam. All exams are based on World Bowls standards and a pass mark of 90% or better is required for each exam.

Apprenticeship

New Level 1 umpires must mentor with an experienced umpire for a minimum of 4 hours or 2 tournament games before they can officiate. New umpires will receive a BCB Umpire pin upon completion of their apprenticeship.

Re-certification

New Level 1 umpires, who have taken the prescribed training and passed all exams, are certified for four (4) years. At any time during their second, third or fourth years, they may get re-certified once they have 25 hours of umpiring experience and retake and pass the measuring exam. Upon achievement, they will become a certified Level 2 umpire, and may officiate for a further four (4) years before requiring re-certification.