



## Grade 3 Umpire Award

Grade 3 umpires (Provincial C Panel umpires) are qualified to umpire up to and including the Irish Hockey Challenge, Irish Hockey Trophy, Irish Junior Cup (early rounds), Junior Inter-provincials and U16/U18 Inter-provincials.

### **Qualifying Criteria:**

- No umpire can be moved to the Provincial C Panel and gain their Grade 3 Award until they have successfully completed the Introductory Award Course. Umpires must have attained or renewed their Introductory Umpire Award within the last two years.
- Umpire must complete a minimum of one 'practice' game and have been coached / watched at least once prior to being appointed for assessment. The coaching requirement can be included in the practice game.
- A 'Club Umpire' who even though has regularly been appointed to games by their Provincial Association, must be assessed in one match prior to achieving movement onto the Provincial C Panel and their Grade 3 Award.

### **Assessment Procedure:**

The umpire must achieve a minimum mark of 4.00 when assessed in one match.

Assessments can be conducted by either an 'A' Panel or 'B' Panel Assessor. However, the use of 'B' Panel Assessor is preferable.

'Cross-pitch' assessments will be accepted should a 'pitch-side' assessor not be available. However, the umpire must be a registered Umpire Assessor.

Assessment will usually be conducted at provincial level involving neutral teams at the following minimum league levels: -

Ulster - Junior Two

Leinster - Division Four

Munster - Division Two

Connacht - Division Two

Umpires will also be assessed in national tournaments, when selected. See separate IHUA guidance in relation to assessment parameters.

If the appointed assessor is not satisfied with the performance of the umpire, one of the following shall apply:

- If an unsuccessful assessment (not umpiring to 'C Panel' standard) is obtained at any stage of the process, the umpire should be granted a further assessment within 8 weeks or the next available appointment.
- During any stage of the process, should an umpire obtain unsuccessful assessments (not umpiring to 'C Panel' standard) on two occasions, the umpire should receive at least one further coaching evaluation prior to re-assessment.

### **Registration Procedure:**

The assessor is responsible for completing and submitting all assessment forms via the Umpire Portal.

Following the successful completion of the assessment requirement, the umpire will be listed on the Provincial C Panel and registered as a qualified Grade 3 Umpire. The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for sending the umpire his/her certificate and a letter confirming their Grade 3 Umpire Award.

**Maintenance:**

The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for the administration and monitoring of the Grade 3 Umpire Register.

The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for submitting to the Irish Hockey Umpires Association (IHUA) any amendments or changes to their Grade 3 Umpire Register.

IHUA is responsible for the maintenance/administration of the National Grade 3 Umpire Register and all associated amendments and enquiries should be addressed to them.