



Umpire Certification Program

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The "Level 1 Umpire" program has now been implemented. The core of this process is the delivery of a training program, and Bowls Canada Boulingrin has now published a Level 1 Umpire Training Manual which is a key component of the training process.

The course is divided into two half days.

PART ONE - CLASSROOM: Candidates will be issued with the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Umpire Training Manual. The duties of the Umpire, Points of play and Laws of the Sport will be discussed as well as measuring equipment used by the Umpire.

At the end of **Part One**, Candidates will be required to answer a 25 question Test paper and forward the test paper to the instructor for marking. No time limit. The pass mark required is 90%. Those successful candidates will be eligible to take the measuring test.

PART TWO -

The time and date for the Measuring test will be arranged when the successful candidate has passed the Part One test paper.

Candidates will be shown a World Bowls DVD on Umpiring Skills. This will be followed by the instructor showing the candidates how to use the measuring equipment required to be used by an umpire. To qualify to Level 1 the candidate must take the World Bowl Measuring Test consisting of 11 measures on the green and have a pass mark of 90%. This will be followed by a 5-question oral test.

As from February 2020 Bowls Canada Boulingrin made it mandatory all Umpires and Coaches must be certified in Respect of Sport or Safe Sport which is an online course.

To complete the course the candidates will then be required to apprentice with an existing umpire over a minimum of two games before they can receive their accreditation as a Level 1 Umpire, after which, Bowls BC provides free of charge Bowls Canada umpire shirt.

A Level 1 umpire can officiate at Provincial, District and Club level.

After a minimum of 12 months officiating and with a minimum of 25 hours officiating duties Level 1 Umpires are eligible to qualify to Level 2. To qualify to this level the candidate must take the World Bowl Measuring Test consisting of 15 measures and have a pass mark of 90%. A Level 2 umpire can officiate at National, Provincial, District and club level.

The cost of the Level 1 course is \$50. Registration for the course is on the Bowls BC website. Click on the Program drop-down menu and find 'Officiating' to register. Candidates will receive a copy of the training manual. They are expected to already own a rule book. **Candidates must be 19 years of age and have at least 2 years of bowling experience prior to this year.** There is an application form that each candidate must complete and have signed by an Executive member of their club, to be submitted to Bowls BC with their \$50 payable online.

The ideal Course would have 6 or more candidates (flexible) depending on circumstance. Candidates can be from different clubs and a venue for the course would be arranged to suit. They should be in possession of the current Crystal Mark 4 Law Book.

My highest provincial priority will be to teach the Level 1 Umpire Course for Bowls BC in each District and have at least 1 umpire in each club.

Ideally the courses could be run at the start of the season.

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