

UMPIRE GRADING CRITERIA:

* The following criteria need to be reached before the relevant level can be reached / awarded.

** Old equivalent grades are indicated.

New Grade	(Mark) / Comment	Old Grade/s	Criteria / Requirements for next grade to be awarded	Comments	What events /tournaments?	Who can Grade?	RECOMMENDED Level of Umpire able to Grade
Mini-Level 0	-	-	Attend a Mini-Level 0 Course. Write & pass national exam.	Course must be presented by accredited presenter.	In the Province, mini hockey event	Provincially Appointed &	At least a Level 1 grade
	-	-	Attend a Level 0 course. Write & pass national exam.	Course must be presented by accredited presenter.			
Level 0	(4) / Ready to be assessed at U/12 & U/13 level	Provincial 4	Proper umpire attire Uses basic umpire signals Elementary whistle use Basic idea of positioning Can manage U/12 & U/13 matches	Must wear the official umpire attire, stipulated by SAHA Makes primary decisions with the appropriate signals Can manage a game with a loud enough whistle tone Positions him-/herself in basic areas on the field Are able to manage local U/12 & U/13 games in the local league	In the Province, primary hockey event	Provincially Appointed & Accredited UM	At least a Level 1 grade
Mini-Level 1	(4.5) / Shows interest to progress to U/14 & U15 level	School 3 Provincial 3 School 2	Early recognition of technical infringements Effective use of the whistle Good positioning that enables accurate decision making Grasping the idea of game flow / advantage Can manage top U/13 & /14 matches	Starting to differentiate between basic stick clashes & stick Whistle tone variation is evident Positioning that enables accurate decision making Allowing easy advantage inside the circle Are able to manage top local U/13 & U/14 games in the local league & can be awarded to deserving umpires a	In the Province, primary, high school event / match	Provincially Appointed & Accredited UM	At least a Level 1 grade
Level 1	(5) / A level of competence in the province up to U/18 level	Provincial 2 School 1	Experiment with possible management resources Recognition of "professional fouls" Implementing game flow Better decision making Achieve an 8(W) / 9(M) on the beep test	Using more than one means of management before resulting to cards Starting to differentiate between professional fouls & accidental fouls Trying to understand & starting to allow for some good advantage More consistent & accurate decision making Can be award to deserving umpires in local leagues and at U/16 IPT, USSA"B" & SACD Women	In the Province, or at least u16 IPT, club league fixtures	Provincially Appointed & Accredited UM	At least a Level 2 grade
Level 2	(5.5) / Has potential to be introduced to a career path in umpiring from U/18	Provincial 1 National 4	Basic recognition of personal & technical infringements Overall body language shows interest and confidence Managing complex situations more effectively Consistent & accurate decisions Achieve a 9(W) / 10(M) on the beep test	Starting to differentiate where different fouls may be committed Presents him/herself in a mature professional manner Shows understanding of what players are trying to accomplish Overall consistency & accuracy are evident over a number of games Can be awarded to the top umpires at U/18 IPT, Snr IPT"B" & SACD Men	RECOMMENDED: In the Province, however confirmed at National Tournament, u18, USSA B, IPT B, CD's	Provincially Appointed & Accredited UM / SAHA Appointed UM	N/A
Level 3	(6) / More direct & intentional approach to progress from U/21 to USSA	National 3 National 2	General "feel" for the game Shows technical appreciation ability Sense of management, uses different management tools Coachable Achieve a 10(W) / 11(M) on the beep test	Shows a real understanding of the play Displays "sensible" decision-making ability Ability to keep a match "flowing sensibly" both evident and demonstrated Prepared to listen/take on new ideas Can be awarded to deserving umpires at U/21 IPT	RECOMMENDED: National Tournament, u21, USSA A, Senior IPT	SAHA Appointed UM	N/A
Level 4	(6.5) / The final preparation phase at USSA & Snr. IPT"A"before assesment for international level	National1			RECOMMENDED: National Tournament, Senior IPT, USSA	SAHA Appointed UM	N/A

Comments:

1. An umpire must be graded on the current level they are umpiring at, i.e. When they umpire an U/16 game they must be scored to a Level 1 Grade
2. Before a grade will be confirmed by SAHA, the R&T representative of the specific province or the UM must confirm the beep test result achieved where applicable to a grade.
3. An umpire can only be graded to Level 1 at provincial level, this includes festivals & other hockey clinics.