



INVITATION FOR LEVEL 1 UMPIRES TO JOIN ACT CRICKET ASSOCIATION UMPIRES & SCORERS COUNCIL (ACTCAU&SC)

Cricket umpires are trained and encouraged to work in teams. One source of the support, encouragement, development and camaraderie fostered by umpiring teamwork is the ACT Cricket Association Umpires & Scorers Council¹ ('the Council'). The Council has been providing umpires for ACTCA Grade competition and Cricket Australia 'representative' matches since its foundation in 1953. 'Scorers' were formally added in 2008 in recognition of the need to extend this teamwork to those other indispensable 'match officials'.

The Council and Cricket ACT would like to extend services to involve and support Level 1 umpires. Some of the benefits offered to Level 1 umpires include:

- ✓ access to a body of 'like-minded peers' for support and camaraderie;
- ✓ continuing umpiring education and development;
- ✓ a potential 'pathway to an umpiring career'.

It has been 'traditional' for umpires to acquire a Level 2 qualification prior to being formally appointed to Grade competition matches. But umpiring, like every other aspect of our sport, is also subject to change.

At this early stage of extending its services, the Council can offer for Level 1 umpires Associate membership (\$10 per annum) which brings access to:

- its e-newsletter, *The Finger*, which is published monthly from September to April;
- opportunities for 'refresher' training;
- the support, educational and social benefits of attendance at its General Meetings, held monthly between September and April; and
- a local and inter-State network of other umpires and cricket officials.

The Council is continuing to explore the potential for providing other services for Level 1 umpires such as, for example, providing opportunities to stand with an experienced colleague in lower grade competition matches as a way of finding out more about the 'grade cricket umpiring experience' before committing to training as a Level 2 umpire.

¹ The 'Council' status means that the organization is, in effect, a 'sub-committee' of the ACTCA, rather than an entirely separate body.

Interested Level 1 umpires can find out more about the Council from its web site (www.actumpires.com), including details of its office holders.

Any Level 1 umpire interested in finding out more about such opportunities should contact Cricket ACT's Martin Garoni (tel 02-6228 0305; e-mail mgaroni@cricketact.com).

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