



WINN FAMILY T-20 LEAGUE

Module: Umpire Level 1

Module Number: WFA301

The Winn Family Association (WFA)

Module Objectives: Learn core umpiring duties with confidence and integrity. Apply key Laws of Cricket to make fair decisions. Use strong communication to manage safe, enjoyable matches.

WELCOME TO WFA301 – UMPIRE LEVEL 1 COURSE.

This module is the first step towards becoming an accredited Winn Family Association Umpire. Umpires play a vital role in ensuring every match is played safely, fairly and in accordance with the Laws of Cricket and the WFA Playing Conditions.

Whether you are officiating your first match or looking to build your confidence, this course will provide the knowledge and skills needed to officiate league matches professionally.

During this course you will learn:

- The role of an umpire.
- Matchday responsibilities.
- Official umpire signals.
- Communication with scorers and players.
- Basic decision-making.
- Player safety.
- Match management.

Key Message: Every decision you make should protect the integrity of the game and the safety of everyone involved.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- ✓ Explain the role and responsibilities of a WFA umpire.
- ✓ Prepare correctly before a match.
- ✓ Use official umpire signals confidently.
- ✓ Communicate effectively with scorers and captains.
- ✓ Apply the basic Laws of Cricket.
- ✓ Make fair and confident decisions.
- ✓ Recognise unsafe playing conditions.
- ✓ Complete post-match duties.

THE ROLE OF AN UMPIRE

What Does an Umpire Do?

An umpire is an independent match official responsible for ensuring that every match is played fairly, safely and according to the Laws of Cricket.

The umpire must remain impartial throughout the game and treat every player and team equally.

Main Responsibilities

- Apply the Laws of Cricket.
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- Apply WFA Playing Conditions.
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- Protect player safety.
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- Manage the match.
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- Communicate with scorers.
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- Control the flow of play.
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- Make fair and consistent decisions.
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- Complete match reports if required.

Professional Standards A WFA umpire should always be:

- ✓ Honest
- ✓ Fair
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Calm
- ✓ Confident
- ✓ Professional

BEFORE THE MATCH

Preparing for the Match - Good preparation helps ensure the match starts safely and runs smoothly.

Arrive Early - Aim to arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start.

Inspect the Ground

Pitch condition.

Boundary markers.

Stumps and bails.

Playing surface.

Sight screens (if used).

Weather conditions.

Safety hazards.

Meet the Captains

Introduce yourself.

Confirm the toss result.

Explain any local playing conditions.

Answer questions before play begins.

Equipment Check

Ensure:

- The match ball is suitable.
- Players have appropriate equipment.
- Any damaged equipment is replaced before play starts.

Remember: A well-prepared umpire helps prevent problems before the first ball is bowled.

DURING THE MATCH

Match Responsibilities

During the match, the umpire is responsible for keeping the game safe, fair and moving at an appropriate pace.

Your Duties

- Start play on time.
- Watch every delivery carefully.
- Signal all decisions clearly.
- Monitor player behaviour.
- Apply the Laws consistently.
- Communicate with scorers.
- Stop play if conditions become unsafe.

Match Management

A good umpire:

- Stays focused throughout the match.
- Does not rush decisions.
- Communicates calmly.
- Treats every player equally.

AFTER THE MATCH

Post-Match Responsibilities

Once the match has finished, the umpire's responsibilities continue.

Confirm the Result

- Check the final score.
- Confirm the winning team.
- Ensure scorers agree on the result.

Complete Reports

If required:

- Match report.
- Incident report.
- Disciplinary report.
- Weather report.

Review the Match

Think about:

- What went well?
- Were there difficult decisions?
- What could be improved next time?

UMPIRE SIGNALS

Why Signals Matter

Scorers cannot always hear the umpire, so every decision must be communicated using clear and recognised signals.

Signals You Must Know

- Four Runs
- Six Runs
- Out
- Not Out
- Wide Ball
- No Ball
- Bye
- Leg Bye
- Dead Ball
- Short Run

Good Practice

- ✓ Face the scorer.
- ✓ Hold each signal for several seconds.
- ✓ Make signals clearly and confidently.
- ✓ Repeat if necessary.

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

Communicating Effectively

Good communication helps matches run smoothly.

Always communicate professionally with:

- Scorers
- Captains
- Players
- Other officials

Communication Tips

- ✓ Speak clearly.
- ✓ Stay calm.
- ✓ Be respectful.
- ✓ Listen carefully.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary arguments.

Remember:

You do not need to win an argument—you simply need to apply the Laws fairly.

BASIC DECISIONS – MAKING DECISIONS

Making Decisions

Every decision should be based on what you clearly see, not what players or spectators think happened.

Decisions You'll Make

- Out / Not Out
- Wide Ball
- No Ball
- Dead Ball
- Boundaries
- Runs Completed
- Byes
- Leg Byes

Good Decision Making

Take your time.

Observe carefully.

Make your decision confidently.

Signal clearly.

Never guess.

PLAYER SAFETY

Safety Comes First

The umpire has the authority to suspend or stop play whenever conditions become unsafe.

Examples include:

- ⚡ Lightning
- 🌧️ Heavy rain
- 🌪️ Dangerous wind
- 🌡️ Extreme heat
- 🩹 Serious injury
- ⚠️ Unsafe playing surface

If Play Stops

- Inform both captains.
- Inform the scorers.
- Move players to a safe location.
- Monitor conditions before restarting.

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

Managing Players

An umpire should always remain calm and professional.
If players disagree with a decision:

- Listen respectfully.
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- Stay calm.
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- Explain briefly if appropriate.
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- Do not argue.
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- Apply the WFA Code of Conduct. (YOU MUST KNOW)

Unsporting behaviour should be dealt with according to league regulations.

SPIRIT OF CRICKET

The Spirit of Cricket is one of the most important parts of the game.

As an umpire you should promote:

- Respect.
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- Fair play.
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- Honesty.
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- Teamwork.
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- Good sportsmanship.
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Lead by example throughout every match.

MATCH SCENARIOS

Scenario 1

A batter edges the ball and the wicketkeeper claims a catch, but you are not certain it carried cleanly.

What should you do?

Scenario 2

Lightning is seen in the distance during the 12th over.

What action should you take?

Scenario 3

A player repeatedly argues with your decisions.
How should you manage the situation?

Discuss each scenario before moving on.

SUMMARY

Today you have learned:

- The role of an umpire.
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- Match preparation.
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- Match responsibilities.
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- Official umpire signals.
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- Communication skills.
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- Basic decision making.
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- Player safety.
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- Professional behaviour
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- Spirit of Cricket.

Remember: A great umpire is fair, calm, consistent and always puts the safety of players and the integrity of the game first.

MATCH SCENARIOS

Slide 16 – Knowledge Check

Example Questions

What is the main role of an umpire?

Why is it important to arrive early?

Name five official umpire signals.

What should you do if lightning is seen during a match?

How should you communicate with scorers?

Why is impartiality important?

What should you do if you are unsure about a decision?

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

WFA301 Assessment

To complete this module, you must:

- ✓ Complete a 20-question multiple-choice assessment.
- ✓ Achieve a minimum pass mark of 80%.
- ✓ Successfully demonstrate the official WFA umpire signals.
- ✓ Show an understanding of the basic Laws of Cricket and WFA Playing Conditions.

On successful completion, you will receive:

🏆 WFA Level 1 Umpire Badge

📜 Official WFA Level 1 Umpire Certificate

- ✓ Accreditation to officiate regular Winn Family T-20 League fixtures as a WFA Level 1 Umpire.

Umpire Qualification Pathway

To become a Certified League Umpire or an Elite Match Official, all volunteers must first complete the WFA301 – Umpire Level 1 qualification.

Progression Pathway:

1. 🏆 WFA301 – Umpire Level 1 (Required)
2. 🏆 WFA302 – Umpire Level 2 (Required For Elite)
3. 🏆 WFA303 – Elite Match Official

Please Note: You cannot enrol on Level 2 or the Elite Match Official course until you have successfully passed WFA301 – Umpire Level 1.



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING

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Ready for Your Assessment?

If you feel confident that you have understood the content of this module, you can now complete the WFA301 Assessment.

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These will confirm that you have successfully completed this training module.

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