

BCBUA LEVEL 3

Current to: March 29, 2013

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

In order for an umpire to achieve a Level 3 rating in British Columbia they must:

1. be a member in good standing of the BCBUA
2. be at least 16 years of age
3. have been a Level 2 umpire for at least 2 years
4. write the Level 3 exam and achieve a mark of 80% or better
5. attend an Advanced Clinic
6. be field evaluated and meet the Standards for Level 3

In order for an umpire to maintain a Level 3 rating once it has been achieved they must:

1. pass the written exam with a mark of 80% or better each year
2. attend an Advanced Clinic at least every 3 years
3. be field evaluated and meet the Standards for Level 3 at least every 3 years

The written exam is a combined True/False and short answer exam that can be downloaded off the BCBUA website or is available at any Advanced Clinic and is a take home exam with a strict deadline for submission.

Advanced Clinics are presented each year and sometimes more than one in a given year. We try to make sure there is an Advanced Clinic in reasonable geographic proximity to all our members sometime in the 3 year requirement. The cost of the Advanced Clinics vary depending on the costs of presenting one but usually in the neighbourhood of the membership fee plus about \$125. They consist of approximately 12 to 15 hours of instruction over a 2 day period including both fieldwork and classroom sessions. The social aspect is an important component of the Advanced Clinics; it's neat to meet the umpires from around the province.

Evaluations for either Level 3 (maintenance or promotion) or for educational purposes are now available in two different ways. You may either contact your Area Rep and they will endeavour to set something up with an evaluator or you can contact the Level 3 Coordinator directly and they will forward your request to the local evaluation coordinator who will set the evaluation up.

All National umpires are required to perform 2 mentorships or (for those who are qualified and trained) 2 evaluations per year. This gives us a larger pool to draw from so get proactive and contact your Area Rep or Level 3 Coordinator.