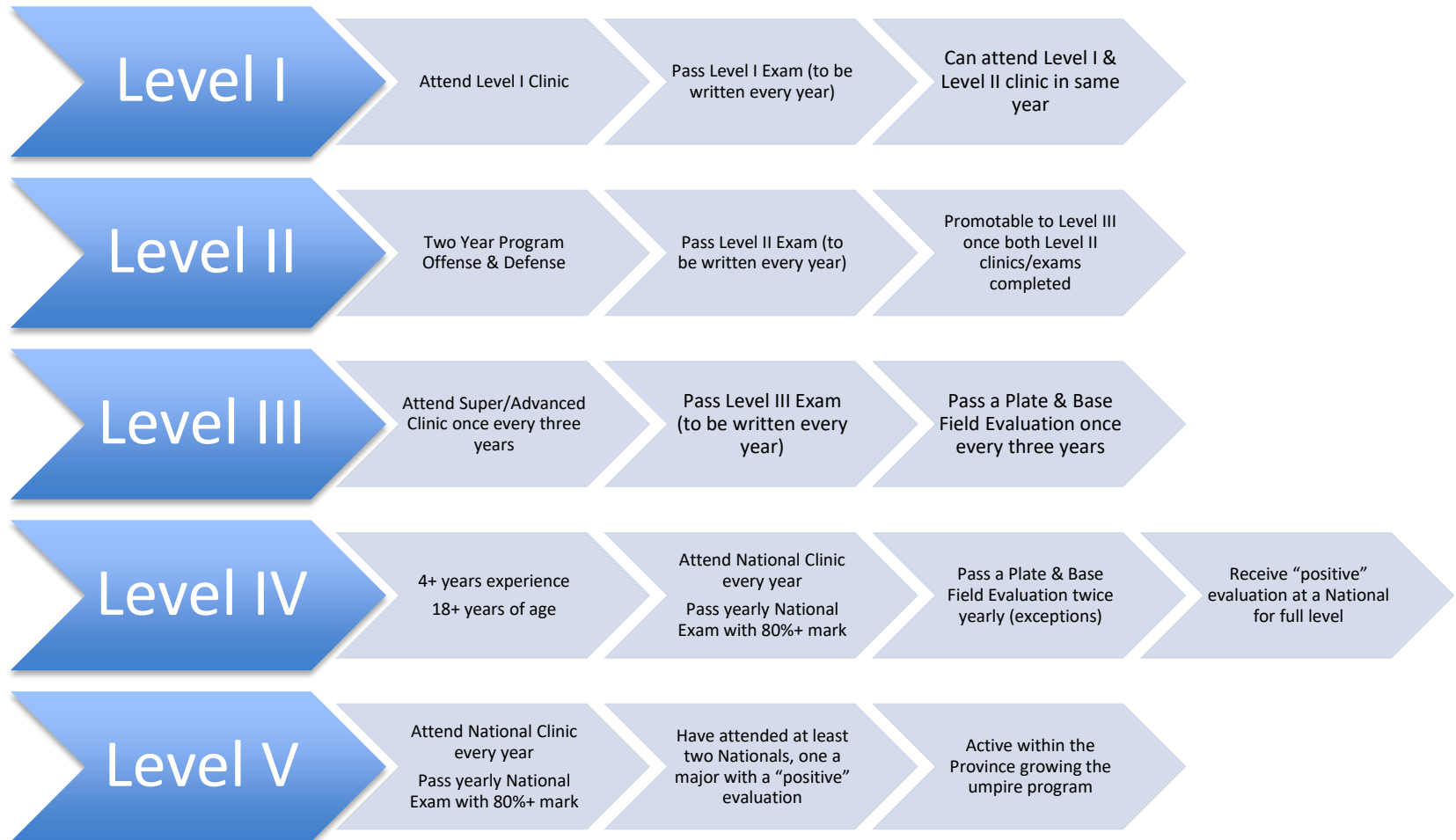


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Level I

- **ALL** umpires begin at this level, regardless of your age, unless you have been granted this level through some previous training. This Granting is only given by the Provincial Umpire Supervisor.
- All umpires who are 13 years old or younger pay the youth membership rate (\$25) and everyone else pays the regular membership rate (\$50). You need to:
 - attend a Level I clinic
 - write the online level I quiz (you can try as many times as you want to obtain a pass, but you must complete it successfully)
 - each umpire will be a level I for at least one year.
- If an umpire desires, they can take the level I clinic and then one of the level II clinics in the same year but it must be done in that order as each unit builds on the other.

Level II

- Level II is a 2 year program consisting of an Offence Clinic and a Defence Clinic. These clinics are offered in alternating years so any umpire who attends 2 consecutive years will complete them both. As there is only Defence or Offence offered in a single year, each umpire will be a level II for at least 2 years.
- It is also possible for an umpire to take Level I and the first of the Level II clinics in the same year.
- 1st year you need to attend whichever Level II Clinic is being offered that year
- write and pass the online exam (you can have as many attempts as you need to be successful)
- the successful completion of the 1st year gives you a Level II qualification
- the 2nd year you attend the other Level II Clinic (be it Offence or Defence)
- write and pass the online exam (again you can have as many attempts as you need to pass, but you must successfully complete it in order to be successful and complete in your training)
- successful completion of your 2nd year Level II makes you Level II "promotable" which allows you to attempt to advance to Level III the following year if you so choose.
- you must continue to write and pass the online Level II exam each year to maintain your Level II "promotable" status until you achieve Level III.
- if you do not wish to try for "promotion" to level III that's ok. Lots of people have no interest in that program. However, we ask that you write the level II test for practice every year and attend a local level II clinic. Once you complete all the training at level II, you will never drop to Level I.

Level III

- Level III is the highest Provincial Level and has several differences from Level II. It is more difficult to achieve and maintain in that it takes continuous effort to maintain the higher standard. You must fully achieve Level III before you can be considered for Level IV -which is a National Qualification.
- Level III requires 3 different qualifications to be held simultaneously and continuously. If one of these should lapse then the umpire reverts to Level II "promotable" until the deficiency is corrected. The qualifications become valid immediately upon completion.
- The 3 requirements are as follows:
- Attendance at an Advanced Clinic at least once each 3 years. There is an Advanced clinic offered somewhere in the province every year in various regions so as to reduce the costs of attendance on the members.
- Each time an umpire attends an Advance Clinic it resets this qualification for 3 years.
- Arrange for and successfully complete an On Field Evaluation on both Plate and Base work at least once every 3 years.
- It will be up to the individual umpire to keep track of when they require an Evaluation and to initiate the process. This is done by contacting their BCBUA Area Representative who will then start the process. The umpire will be contacted by the assigned evaluator to arrange the schedule for the evaluation. The level of play must be a minimum of Peewee AAA or U-13. When the umpire is successful in their evaluation the rating will depend upon the level of baseball in which they were evaluated. For instance, Bantam games would result in a rating of "Meets Standards Bantam" and may well include a recommendation for a higher level of baseball. Each time an umpire receives a "Meets Standards evaluation his 3 year requirement resets.
- Write and pass the online Level III exam EACH YEAR.
- Each umpire may make 2 attempts at the online Level III exam each year and the pass mark is 80%. Until the umpire reaches the point where they are in the Level IV program AND are writing the National exam annually, they must still write and pass the Provincial Level III exam each year!
- If, at any time, the umpire fails to hold all 3 of these requirements simultaneously they will automatically revert to Level II "promotable" until the shortfall is corrected.

Level IV

- Level IV is the National Certification level and requires a level of skill and dedication to obtain and maintain.
- The following is the necessary criteria for an umpire to attain national certification:
- Have previously attained Level III certification within a province
- Have a minimum of four (4) years experience
- Be eighteen (18) years old or older during the current season
- Attend a national certification clinic each year. Failure to attend the National clinic will preclude an umpire from receiving a National Championship assignment in that year.
- Pay the annual national certification fee
- Must write the Level IV exam each year and score a minimum of 80 percent. Failure to do so will preclude an umpire from being eligible for a National Championship assignment in that year. There is only one chance per year to write the exam.
- Must be field evaluated twice annually (1 plate, 1 base) at either the provincial level or at a Baseball Canada Championship by a Senior or Master Course Conductor and receive a positive evaluation on both plate and base evaluations. After his first participation at a Baseball Canada Championship, the umpire does not have to be evaluated as long as he umpires or supervises at a Baseball Canada Championship within 3 years and he receives a positive evaluation.
- The Baseball Canada Umpire Development Committee recognizes that an umpire may not be able to umpire due to personal, professional or other reasons. When that situation occurs, the umpire will appear as inactive on the list. In order for the umpire to keep his actual status, he will still have to pay his certification fee for that year. - After an umpire achieves all of these credentials they will become a “Level IV – Trained” and eligible for selection to a National Championship. Until this time an umpire is simply a “Member” of Baseball Canada and a Provincial Level III.
- Once an umpire attends a National Championship and receives a “positive evaluation” the umpire will be considered a “Level IV”

Level V

- Level V is the pinnacle of the umpire program and the designation is reserved for the finest and most experienced umpires in the country. The men and women who have worked long and hard at improving their game and have competently displayed their skills at the highest levels of National Championships.
- The following is the necessary criteria for an umpire to attain Level V certification:
- Have previously attained the Level IV classification
- Have participated in at least two Baseball Canada Championships with the last one in a major category (i.e. Canada Summer Games, Junior or Senior)
- Have received a positive recommendation from their most recent Baseball Canada Championship (Major category)
- Annually attend a national certification clinic.
- Write the National exam annually.
- An umpire with the Level IV classification can attend any Baseball Canada Championship.
- Once an umpire has attended a Canada Games Championship, he will not be eligible for another Canada Games Championship assignment as an umpire.
- On top of these requirements, an umpire with the Level V classification must be active within his province. This means that he is required to umpire at least 15 games during the regular season with 10 of them at a major category.
- An umpire who leaves the program and then wishes to return will have to follow the same criteria for getting invited to a national certification clinic as all other umpires. He would need to be evaluated on the plate and bases and if they receive a positive evaluation he will then be invited to next season's clinic.
- If an umpire has been out of the program for more than 5 years (i.e. – missed 5 national certification clinics) before returning, then his status will start from the beginning as with any Level IV umpire.
- If an umpire returns to the program within 5 years of leaving the program, he will be granted the same status that he had when he left the program (i.e. – if an umpire held a Level V classification before leaving the program, he would be reinstated with a Level V classification).