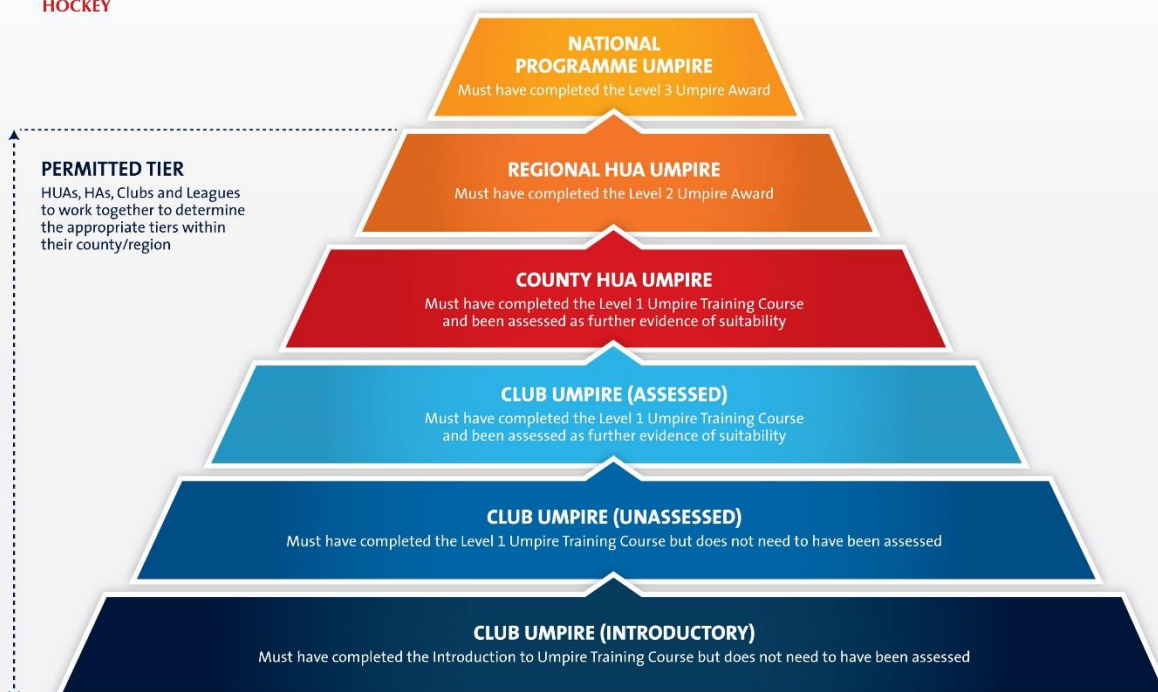


## Level 1

The Level 1 Umpire Award is a qualification that will give you an encompassing introduction to umpiring hockey and will equip you with the skills, knowledge and confidence to do so both competently and effectively. Level 1 umpires are permitted to officiate games at club level and, if the umpire displays further promise during assessments performed by qualified umpire developers, they may also then be neutrally appointed to higher-level County matches. If desired, the Level 1 qualification also offers a platform from which to progress on to Level 2 (Regional Umpire), Level 3 (National League Umpire) and beyond.



## THE UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



## Qualification Process

The process through which an umpire achieves their Level 1 award is outlined as follows:

### 1) Online Rules Test

The England Hockey website hosts an online learning module to support and test the knowledge of umpires. Completion of the Online Rules Test (<https://hockeyhub.englishhockey.co.uk/rules>) is the first step towards Level 1 accreditation.

- ✓ **Pass** - you are now able to book onto a Level 1 Umpire Course

## 2) Level 1 Course

These are 1-day courses organised by England Hockey which you can sign on to that include classroom and practical elements. They are organised throughout the year across the country: you can find a course [here](#).

- ✓ **Attend** - you will be accredited as a **L1 Club Umpire (Unassessed)**
  - you will also be issued with a unique **EH Umpire Number**

## 3) Practical Assessment

The 'last' step involves contacting the BHUA Coaching Coordinator, details of whom can be found on the website (<https://www.berkshirehua.co.uk/public/committees.php>), who will be able to organise for you to be assessed whilst you umpire a club (low level county) game to confirm your competency and ability.

- ✗ **Fail** - continue umpiring with coaching support for future assessment
- ✓ **Pass** - you will be accredited as a **L1 Club Umpire (Assessed)**, congratulations!

## Umpiring for Berkshire?

At this point, you can continue umpiring at club level however you may wish to consider taking your Level 1 qualification one final further step to be a neutrally appointed umpire for Berkshire HUA and officiate at the highest county level (i.e. MBBO Division 1+ for men and / or Trysports Premier 2+ for ladies). Therefore if you are regularly umpiring at a high club standard and would like to become a **L1 County Umpire**, you should:

1. Contact the BHUA Membership Secretary and / or L1 Umpire Coordinator at ([Committee](#)),
  - a. They will set you up with an account on the BHUA website.
2. Login and enter your availability along with the gender you would like to umpire going forward,
3. You will then be appointed for an assessment on a county level match with a BHUA Assessor:
  - Men: MBBO Division 1
  - Ladies: Trysports Premier 2
4. Following your game, the Assessor will inform you of the result:
  - ✗ **Fail** - continue umpiring at club level with coaching support for future assessment
  - ✓ **Pass** - you will be graded as a **L1 County Umpire**, congratulations!

If successful, you will be invited to join BHUA as a full member and placed on a County Appointment panel allowing you to claim expenses on future neutral appointments. In addition, a further very important benefit of BHUA membership is that you become automatically covered by an insurance policy which supports you for any liabilities when umpiring at ANY game at ANY location.