



## Gloucestershire Umpiring Courses – 2011/2012

Dear Club

The development of umpires is a key priority within Gloucestershire's Workforce Development Plan and is also a key objective and requirement for Leagues throughout the county. As a Cricket Board, Gloucestershire is very committed to seeing an increase in the number of active qualified umpires and this is why we have joined forces with the local leagues and the Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Officials (GACO) to implement a plan that will see the number of league matches officiated by qualified umpires increase steadily over time.

As a result the GCB is launching a recruitment initiative alongside the ECB advertising campaign 'Stay in the game' designed to encourage players and volunteers to move into umpiring/scoring. This initiative is supported right from the top down, through WEPL, the Bristol and District and the County Leagues and the local District Leagues.

The GCB and GACO are providing four ACO Level 1 courses over the coming months, in preparation for the season. These courses will be delivered by qualified ECB instructors and following successful completion of the course will give candidates a formal ECB recognised qualification, the first step on the pathway for any individual who wishes to officiate ECB Premier League Cricket, Multi-Day Cricket and First Class Cricket.

It is important for all prospective Umpire and Scorer candidates in our area to understand that the **only training** available that will enable a route to the very top of the Officials ladder is exclusively provided by ECB, and the ECB training programme. For all aspiring Officials, whatever level they wish to attain, the ECB pathway provides them with a structured route, and support from Cricket's National and International body.

We are hoping to see strong support from clubs in nominating candidates for the training. At the bottom of this letter are the details of the courses we are running and an application form for clubs or candidates to complete. The cost of the course will be £70 which will include an ECB workbook, a CD Rom and

membership to the ECB ACO for a year. **On the successful completion of the course, candidates will qualify for a 50%, or higher, reimbursement of the course fee through their local league (criteria apply).**

Please note that we will only accept applications with full payment attached. It would be much appreciated if you could forward this letter on to any interested candidates at your club.

For more information on training and the ECB pathway, please visit the ECB Officials Website at - [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/)

The ECB Officials pathway can be viewed at - [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/officials-pathway,1765,BP.html](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/officials-pathway,1765,BP.html)

In the meantime if you have any queries or would like any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch and we look forward to receiving your applications.

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*'Our priority is to recruit new Umpires and Scorers to actively participate and enjoy standing in local recreational cricket. If they can be motivated through our training and gain enthusiasm for officiating, there will be more Umpires and Scorers involved in our game'.*



The Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Officials (GACO) is running a number of ECB Umpiring Courses during 2011/2012 across the County. Each course will culminate in the ECB Level 1 exam which will provide the successful candidate with a foothold on the first rung of the ECB Officials ladder.

Please find details of these courses below.

**Course 1 (Bristol)**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November – 10:00am to 16:00pm

Assessment – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue – **Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol, BS7 9EJ**

**Course 2 (Gloucester) - 6 Tuesday Evenings**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> February

Timings - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Assessment – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue – **Gloucester City Winget CC, The Spa, Spa Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire. GL1 1UY**

**Course 3 (Bristol)**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10:00am to 16:00pm

Assessment – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue – **Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol, BS7 9EJ**

**Course 4 (Cheltenham)**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April – 10:00am to 16:00pm

Assessment – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue – **Hatherley & Reddings CC, North Park, Shurdington Road, Shurdington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL51 4XA**

COST - £70

Lunch will not be provided; candidates will need to bring their own. However, there will be tea and coffee facilities and drinking water available.

If you are interested in attending a course please complete an application form and return with a cheque for £70 made payable to 'Gloucestershire Cricket Board' to Steve Silk (Umpires), GCB, The County Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol, BS7 9EJ



**GACO Umpire's Course Reply Slip**

NAME.....  
ADDRESS.....  
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E-MAIL.....CONTACT NUMBER.....  
D.O.B.....CLUB.....

**Please circle the course that you are interested in attending:**

1. Course 1 Bristol @ GCCC CC (6<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> November 2011)
2. Course 2 Gloucester @ Gloucester City Winget CC (17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/ 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> Feb)
3. Course 3 Bristol @ GCCC (18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March)
4. Course 4 Cheltenham @Hatherley & Reddings CC (25<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April)

**If you have any previous qualifications in umpiring then please note them down in the space below:**

**If you have a current CRB form through the ECB then please state your unique number below: CRB .....**

**Please attach a cheque for £70 with your application form made payable to the Gloucestershire Cricket Board and forward to the Steve Silk (Umpires), The County Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol, BS7 9EJ**

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