**Information for Umpires Course**

The process for qualifying as a Cricket Umpire is through the England & Wales Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO). The UKAF ACO delivers these courses on behalf of the ECB ACO and if you successfully complete the course, you will gain a nationally recognised ECB ACO qualification as an ECB ACO Stage 2 Umpire.

The next course run by the UKAF ACO is a Face-to-Face Course hosted by the Army School of Physical Training (ASPT), Aldershot 24-28 Oct 22. There are normally a maximum of 16 places available on this course and those places are open to service personnel from all 3 services.

**Pre-requisite Requirement**

A pre-requisite in attending this course is that you need to complete the ECB ACO’s Stage 1 Online Course which is free and is completed at your own speed. The link to that course is as follows: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/r7qw03>

**Applying for the Stage 2 Course**

Once completed you will gain your Stage 1 Certificate and you can then register for the Stage 2 Face-to-Face Course at <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/t8qjc9>

Please do not register for Stage 2 without gaining the Stage 1 certificate and not before securing your place via the ASPT at [Cricket Application process - ASPT](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/teams/7259/CAV/SitePages/Cricket.aspx?csf=1&e=LFBhf3&cid=45ff6a2e-a0a6-4d22-a046-ac97f79ed2a4). The cost of Stage 2 is £30, and the fee includes one year’s membership of ECB ACO and a Resource Pack. On completion of the course, students may be able to claim back 75% of the fee through the Standard Learning Credits scheme. But please note an application for this MUST be made prior to the start of the course.

**Accommodation & Meals**

Personnel will be accommodated within St Omer Barracks, Aldershot and accommodation will be available from 23 Oct 22. The course will use the Army Cricket Ground and its pavilion on Fleet Road, Aldershot, GU11 2ET. Pay as you dine will operate using the facilities of St Omer Bks which is a 5 minute drive away from the pavilion. There are facilities at the pavilion to warm/store food so you can use the facilities including fridge etc if this suits better. When you have booked your Stage 2 place on the course with the ECB ACO and received confirmation of your place, then please e-mail the undersigned to confirm your space.

**Programme**

The programme for the course is as follows:

23 Oct 22 – Arrive at accommodation

24 Oct 22 – Stage 1 Revision

25 Oct 22 – Stage 2

26 Oct 22 – Stage 2

27 Oct 22 – Stage 2

28 Oct 22 – “Are you ready to call Play” (A one day practical preparing for match situations)

Days 1-4 of the course will be classroom based and day 5 will be held on the playing area/outdoor nets dependent upon the weather conditions.

**Dress**

Dress for the course is track suit or smart casual. Please be aware that Day 5 is scheduled to be outside, and it may be necessary to provide yourself with warm clothing and suitable footwear for both grass and artificial surfaces either indoor or outside.

**DBS**

To become a qualified cricket umpire, you will need to obtain a DBS check, please bring with you 2 items to prove your identity such as ID Card and Passport and something like a utility bill to prove your current address.

**Covid-19**

In view of the current COVID 19 situation, all attendees are required to:

• Not attend if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

• Conduct (and report) a negative Lateral Flow Test (LFT) within 48 hours prior to the event.

**Preparation for the Course**

Please undertake as much preparative work as you can to help prepare yourself for the course. Candidates should familiarise themselves with the MCC Laws Website which is very informative and entertaining. The link to that site is <https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-laws-of-cricket>

If undertaking the Stage 1 course well in advance of the Stage 2 please revisit Stage 1 and make sure you are up to date and current.

**Details of Tutors**

The Tutors for the Course will be Lieutenant Commander Glenn Duggan and WO2 (AQMS) Simon Mellor (Army). Both are experienced cricket umpires in both service and civilian cricket and are qualified ECB/UKAF Tutors. We look forward to meeting you and helping you to qualify as a Cricket Umpire.

**Contact Information**

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