

Field Hockey Ontario Umpire Certification Pathway

There are 4 levels of umpiring certification in Ontario:

1. **Canadian** (i.e., National team games)
2. **Regional** (i.e., OUA, high level club tournaments games which meets Regional standards)
3. **Provincial** (i.e., OFSAA, Ontario Summer Games)
4. **Community** (i.e., May Meltdown, house league)

There are two steps to attaining each level of Umpire rating:

STEP 1: Attend an Umpiring Course and Pass a Written Exam

To become a **Community Level Umpire** you must complete the online Community Umpiring course provided through FHBC, attain at least 75% on your written exam -OR- attend the Provincial Umpiring course, attain at least 60% on your written exam.

To become a **Provincial Level Umpire** you must attend the Provincial Umpiring course, attain at least 75% on your written exam.

To become a **Regional Level Umpire** you must attend the Regional Umpiring Course, attain at least 85% on your written exam.

To become a **Canadian Level Umpire** you must pass oral presentations, and give a presentation at a lower level local umpiring course.

Note: You must have completed and attained the lower umpiring level before taking a higher umpiring level course. (Ex: attain provincial umpire level before taking the regional umpiring level).

STEP 2: Obtain Field Rating(s)

For **Community** you must be coached at 1 game and pass 1 field rating.

For **Provincial** you must pass 2 field ratings.
(In games the assessor deems "of suitable competition to warrant a Provincial rating")

For **Regional and Canadian** you must pass 2 field ratings.
(In games the assessor deems "of suitable competition to warrant a Regional rating").

Note – you must have a different assessor for each field rating.

Expiry/Renewal of Certification:

Each certification level you attain will be valid for 4 years (**expiring on Dec. 31**). Renew the certification level before it has expired by attending the Rules Update Clinic and undergoing 1 or 2 field assessments, depending on the level and if actively umpiring. This will renew your certification for another four years.

If your certification has expired active umpires can re-enter at the equivalent level to their most recent certification, provided they fulfill all the requirements of that level. Otherwise they will be expected to restart the process from the beginning.

Maintaining Your Current Umpiring level:

Community Level Umpire – it is expected that you will actively umpire a minimum of 8 matches annually.

Provincial Level Umpire – it is expected that you umpire 10 matches annually.

Regional Level Umpire – it is expected that you umpire 12 games, pass 1 annual match assessment, and pass the beep test (physical fitness test).

Canadian Level Umpire – it is expected that you umpire 15 games, pass 2 annual match assessments, and pass the beep test.

Umpire Certification from Outside of Canada:

Umpires with certification from outside of Canada, may be eligible for an equivalency rating if:

- Individual can provide evidence of valid credentials, granted in the last three years, from another country.
- Appropriate equivalency with Field Hockey Canada ratings are then determined in consultation with Field Hockey Canada Officials Committee.

Individuals with credentials equivalent to a Field Hockey Canada Provincial rating or higher may request on-field assessments. Field Hockey Canada credentials will be awarded upon successful completion of these on-field assessments.

Individuals with credentials equivalent to a Field Hockey Canada Community rating should complete the online course (provided through FHBC) before attempting an on-field assessment.