



Grade 2 Umpire Award

Grade 2 umpires (Provincial B Panel umpires) are qualified to umpire up to and including Senior Provincial hockey (with experienced colleague), Irish Senior Cup (early rounds with experienced colleague), Irish Junior Cup, Irish Hockey Challenge, Irish Hockey Trophy, Junior Inter-provincials and U21 Inter-provincials.

Qualifying criteria:

- Umpire must have must have been **coached in a minimum of two matches** at Provincial C Panel and/or Provincial C* Panel level prior to assessment.
- Umpire should have a good level of fitness.

Assessment procedure:

The candidate must achieve a minimum mark of at least 5.00 when assessed in two consecutive matches at Provincial C* Panel level within the same calendar year or season. * Fast tracking can apply to Provincial C Panel level (exceptional)

Assessments should involve neutral teams at the following minimum levels: -

Ulster - Senior One

Leinster - Division Two

Munster – Lower Division One

Connacht – Lower Division One

Umpires can also be assessed at national tournaments, where selected. Marks can be used towards Panel B and their Grade 2 Umpire Award when the tournament is U16/U18 Interprovincial, Junior Inter-provincial, U21 Inter-provincial or higher.

Only one 'cross-pitch' assessment will be accepted should a 'pitch-side' assessor not be available.

Note:

If the appointed assessor is not satisfied with the performance of the umpire, one of the following shall apply:

- If an unsuccessful assessment (not umpiring to 'B Panel' standard) is obtained during any stage of the process, the umpire must re-start the assessment process.
- Should an umpire obtain a two unsuccessful assessments (not umpiring to 'B Panel' standard) during the assessment process, the process should cease. The umpire should receive at least two further coaching evaluations and the assessment process re-started over again, when deemed appropriate by the Province.

Registration procedure:

The Assessor is responsible for completing and submitting all assessment forms via the Umpire Portal.

Following the successful completion of the assessment requirement, the umpire will be listed on the Provincial B Panel and registered as a qualified Grade 2 Umpire. The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for sending the umpire his/her certificate and a letter confirming their Grade 2 Umpire Award.

Maintenance:

The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for the administration and monitoring of the Grade 2 Umpire Register.

The Provincial Umpiring Association is responsible for submitting to the Irish Hockey Umpires Association (IHUA) any amendments or changes to their Grade 2 Umpire Register.

IHUA is responsible for the maintenance/administration of the National Grade 2 Umpire Register and all associated amendments and enquiries should be addressed to them.

Note:

Any umpire who has reached Provincial B Panel (maximum) can transfer freely between men's or women's hockey.