



## The Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers, Hong Kong – China

### ***Membership & Qualification Guidelines***

Under the ACUS(HKC) Constitution, the Executive Committee is the sole arbiter in matters of umpire and scorer members' qualification. The Committee has complete discretion in both the recognition, or otherwise, of members' existing qualifications and the awarding of local qualifications and membership status. Overseas qualifications from recognised cricketing bodies will normally be accepted at an appropriate level commensurate with ACUS(HKC) policy.

#### **Qualification Levels**

The following training courses and qualifications are offered by the ACUS(HKC) in Hong Kong. Equivalent courses may be provided by the International Cricket Council (ICC), either in Hong Kong or overseas.

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| <i>Level 0</i> | <i>Introductory Course</i> | <i>(Associate)</i>    |
| <i>Level 1</i> | <i>Basic Qualification</i> | <i>(Intermediate)</i> |
| <i>Level 2</i> | <i>Full Qualification</i>  | <i>(Qualified)</i>    |

#### **Membership Status**

The three levels of ACUS(HKC) membership qualification are:

1. Associate Member  
Associate members are those:
  - i) Who have yet to attain a recognised Level 1 qualification;
  - ii) Who are unqualified part-time umpires/scorers; or
  - iii) Who are not active umpires/scorers.
  
2. Intermediate Member  
Intermediate members are those:
  - i) Who have attained a recognised Level 1 qualification;
  - ii) Who have yet to attain a recognised Level 2 qualification or who have attained Level 2 but have yet to gain sufficient field experience; and
  - iii) Who are active umpires/scorers.
  
3. Qualified Member  
Qualified members are those:
  - i) Who have attained a recognised Level 2 qualification;
  - ii) Who have gained sufficient, relevant field experience;
  - iii) Who have been assessed as competent by the Committee; and
  - iv) Who are active umpires/scorers.

## **Recognition and Appointment**

The Committee recognises qualifications obtained overseas through recognised cricket bodies such as the International or Asian Cricket Councils, Cricket Australia, England & Wales Cricket Board, etc. Overseas field experience is also acknowledged.

The Committee will seek to run Level 1 and 2 umpire and scorer training programs on an annual basis subject to trainer availability. In addition, and when possible, such courses will be run in conjunction with or by the International Cricket Council. Members may also be invited to attend courses offered outside Hong Kong. The Committee will review membership status dependent upon course results and training/practical assessments.

The Committee recognises that the availability of training courses is limited. Therefore, in exceptional circumstances it may award membership status based on field experience and competence. In these cases, however, it is expected that appropriate formal qualification be attained as soon as is practicable.

All relevant information in addition to local training, experience and assessment is taken into account by the Committee when awarding (and maintaining) a member's status. A member's status may be subject to review by the Committee at any time and membership level adjusted accordingly. Any Committee decision in this regard is final.

## **Experience and Assessments**

Members will gain experience recognition by demonstrating 'on-field' competency in managing a game, knowledge of the Laws and Competition Rules, and competency in decision making. Scorers must demonstrate competency in keeping the score, supporting umpires and fulfilling the various other scorers duties. The Committee will assess members during League games in Hong Kong. Such assessments will be conducted by an Assessor and/or senior members standing and/or scoring with the candidate with the purpose of both on-field and in-game coaching and performance assessment. Captains' reports and the views of team managers and Cricket Association Administrators involved in the games are also taken into account

It is expected that umpires or scorers will require several such match assessments before the Committee will consider recognition as a Qualified Member. Games in which an umpire or scorer has officiated before gaining a paper qualification maybe taken into account by the Committee in making an assessment.

## **Continued Development**

It is expected that Elite and Qualified Members will participate in regular training sessions to maintain their knowledge and assist with pre-season Rules & Laws sessions and other training events as required. Members will be encouraged to participate in administrative and development activities and processes of the HKCA and may be invited to officiate in international tournaments.

## **Hong Kong Elite Panel**

The Hong Kong Cricket Association (HKCA) Elite Umpire Panel is appointed by the ACUS(HKC) Executive Committee annually. These elite members represent the highest standards of umpiring in Hong Kong and will officiate in Premier League matches. These umpires will also receive priority nomination for international matches either in Hong Kong or overseas and may

be recognised by the ICC by appointment to the Associate and Affiliate Member Panel. Elite members will be under constant performance review by the Executive Committee and may be removed from the panel at any time at the Committee's discretion.

### **ICC Associate & Affiliate Umpire**

The International Cricket Council formally appointed the Associate and Affiliate Member umpire panel in 2016 comprising 35 umpires worldwide. Selected umpires are eligible for appointment to international tournaments in the World Cricket League Divisions, Intercontinental Cup and World Cup Qualifiers. This is the highest umpiring level available in Hong Kong as an Associate Member nation and we currently have three umpires on this panel.

### **Match Fees**

ACUS(HKC) members officiating in HKCA matches will receive match fees at the prevailing rates. The Executive Committee reserves the right to withhold any match fees as the result of disciplinary proceedings or non-payment of subscriptions.

### **Executive Committee**

The ACUS(HKC) Executive Committee comprises:

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| Chairman               | Anoop Gidwani  |
| Secretary              | Clive Howard   |
| Treasurer              | Sudhir Gidwani |
| Training Officer       | R V Venkatesh  |
| Appointments Secretary | Saqlain Minhas |
| Scorer Representative  | Kabir Hussain  |
| Assessor               | Roger Nissim   |

These officers are elected annually at a members' General Meeting normally held in May.