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# **United Kingdom Armed Forces Association of Cricket Officials (UKAF ACO) Cricket Umpire Stage 2 On Line Course March 2021.**

1. **Introduction.** The process for qualifying as a Cricket Umpire is through the England & Wales Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO). The UKAF ACO has been authorised by the ECB as an approved deliverer of the course. The UKAF ACO is therefore planning to run 3 Umpires Courses each year, with each Service hosting one of these courses. Due to the current COVID 19 limitations the first of these will be be an ECB ACO Stage 2 On Line Umpires course, which will be hosted by the Royal Navy Cricket Association (RNCA), commencing 1 March 2021. The cost of the course is £30 and is partly self taught and partly tutored by qualified UKAF/ECB Tutors and is open to all Service Personnel. The next face to face course is planned to be held in October at Aldershot, hosted by the Army.
2. **Course Duration & Content**.The Stage 2 Online Course will be held over a period of approximately 5 weeks with 5 Tutor Training Sessions taking place (1 per week) lasting approimatley 90 to 100 minutes. Candidates will then undertake an online module which they must complete before the next Tutor Training Session one week later. Failure to complete the module will mean that the next Tutored Training Session will not be available to Candidates. This will continue throughout the course. The following tutored Sessions will be held

 **Session 1.** Introduction.

 **Session 2**. LBW.

 **Session 3.** Runners, Substitute Fielders and Absence of a Fielder.

**Session 4.** Management of Conduct and Behaviour, Completing and submiting disciplinary reports.

 **Session 5.** Post Match, Self Reflection and Next Steps

1. **IT Requirement.** Tutored Sessions include videos and interactions between the Tutors and Students and take place using the BBB (Big Blue Button) System. For these sessions the recommended minimum requirements are:

 a. A laptop or desktop PC/\*Mac that has 2Gb of memory and a 1Ghz processor

 (\*if using a Mac it is recommended that you use Google Chrome for best results).

 b. An internet connection of at least 1Mb download and 0.5 Mb upload speed.

 c. Web browsers; Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge.

 d. Webcam and microphone (inbuilt).

 e. Optional - Headset for audio.

1. **Pre-Course Requirement.** To undertake the Stage 2 online course candidates must first have completed the ECB Stage 1 Online Course which is designed to give you an overview of the basic laws of the game and how to apply them and introduce the principles of field craft and match management. It will give you the tools to enable you to umpire matches at the basic recreational level where there are no independent umpires appointed. The link to applying for the Stage 1 Course is as follows: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/k7qy1c> It is important that UKAF personnel use this link and not an alternative ECB ACO Stage 1 link.
2. The Stage 1 course is free and is completely online. Once registered you should receive your e-learning log in details from the ECB ACO within two working days. Stage 1 requires candidates to work their way through the course on their own, at their own speed. Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the laws of cricket found on the MCC Web Site at <https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-laws-of-cricket>. In addition, the ECB training aid at the following link is useful: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/c/express/911c7453-1d2a-45d1-9ab3-6ccd86e666b8> **In order that candidates will to be ready for the Stage 2 Course it is recommended that the Stage 1 Course be commenced as soon as possible and completed in good time to apply for the Stage 2 Course.**
3. **Course Registration.** To register for Stage 2 Online course you should firstly complete the Stage 1 Online Course and then e-mail Lieutenant Commander Glenn Duggan, RN Retd at glenn.m.duggan@ntlworld.com that you have completed the Online Stage 1 Course together with your full details. A link to the correct course to apply for on the ECB ACO Web Site will then be forwarded. Confirmation will be obtained from the ECB that Stage 1 has been successfully completed and it is important not to apply for the Stage 2 course without the specific link provided. This is because the number of spaces on each course will be limited to 8 and the UKAF ACO are intending to run several course in tandem dependent upon the number of applications and resources available.
4. **Post Course Seminar.** Once qualified at Stage 2 level it is intended to hold a one day seminar with practical training for successful candidates at various locations such as Portsmouth, Aldershot etc so as to round off their training and prepare them as much as possible for umpiring duties.

8. **Cost and Expense.** The cost of the course is £30 and is payble to the ECB

ACO on application of the Stage 2 Online Course. The fee includes one year’s membership of ECB ACO and a Resource Pack. The course fee can be partially claimed back using Standard Learning Credits, where applicable.