

# Umpire & Scorer Registration Process

## Background

Every club with a team playing in the Premier Division, Championship and Divisions 1 to 6b is required to register with the League every **Umpire** that it considers to be attached to the club whether that umpire has been supplied to the League Umpires Panel or will be standing in a match below Division 2b

**Scorers** officiating in matches in the Premier Division, Championship and Divisions 1 to 2b must either be qualified at ECB ACO Club Scorer Level or have obtained dispensation from this requirement from the League.

## Procedure

The registration of umpires and scorers will follow the same process as that used to register players. Within the Registration area of the League website you will be able to enter the name of each umpire and scorer attached to your club. For each umpire and scorer so registered you will be asked to indicate which category is applicable, as follows:

Category	Description
Panel	An umpire listed on the SHPCL Umpires' Panel
Qualified	An umpire/scorer who is a member of the ECB association of Cricket Officials and has completed both Stage 1 and Stage 2 courses or their equivalents.
Dispensation Granted	An umpire/scorer who has received dispensation from the League on the grounds that he is a long-standing experienced umpire/scorer. A League sub-committee will review and agree any dispensation on this basis. Dispensation is granted annually and does not carry over to subsequent seasons
Club Umpire/Scorer	Any other umpire/scorer which the club expects to use to cover absence of a qualified umpire/scorer, or one who has been granted dispensation, due to illness, injury or holiday

## Request for Umpire or Scorer Dispensation

A club seeking to obtain dispensation is required to complete the form 'Request for Umpire Dispensation' or 'Request for Scorer Dispensation' for each umpire or scorer for whom dispensation is being sought. The forms are available for download on the League website.

The completed form should be sent by email to:

Umpires: Peter Hinstridge peter.hinstridge@btinternet.com

Scorers: Hilary Stiffin hilary.stiffin@ntlworld.com

Please provide the details requested on the form, particularly concerning cricket, umpiring and scoring experience as applicable. We are looking for sufficient evidence of competence to allow an umpire to stand or a scorer to score despite not having attended a course and passed the examination. The expectation is that any person for whom dispensation is sought will have an adequate level of experience and have a current Cricket specific ECB DBS certificate obtained through cricket or an application in progress.

The objective of the match rule is to raise the standards of officiating and is not intended to prevent competent umpires and scorers from continuing to support their club. Attendance on a course without passing the exam will be regarded as adequate grounds for dispensation.

Please note that dispensation is granted only for the current season. The objective remains to raise standards by requiring umpires and scorers to attend a course and further opportunities to achieve this will be provided during the winter, including one or more weekend courses in addition to the evening ones.