

# **USA Cricket - Umpires Appointments Panel (UAP)**

## **Guidelines & Responsibilities**

The primary purpose of the UAP is the ranking and appointment of umpires onto USA Cricket Umpiring Panels and to USA Cricket organized matches/competitions.

### **1. Composition**

- a. The UAP will consist of three or four (3-4) members:
  - i. They will be nominated from amongst the community and ratified by the DevCom every two years.  
NOTE: These members of the Panel must be highly experienced and qualified umpires (Category Three, or equivalent of a Full Member Level 3), and have a good understanding or knowledge of USA umpires.  
By 2023 each of the three USAC conferences (West, Central, East) should be represented on the panel.
  - ii. USA Cricket Development Manager, shall attend all meetings to help facilitate, and to be the link between VUCs and UAP.
- b. Should any position on the Umpires Appointment Panel become vacant for any reason, the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators will recommend a replacement for the DevCom to ratify.

### **2. Responsibilities**

- a. The UAP will carry out the following functions:
  - i. assist the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators with the ranking of all Category 3 and 4 umpires;
  - ii. appoint umpires to the National Umpiring Panel (NUP) and assist VUCs in appointing umpires to the zonal Development Umpiring Panels (DUPs).
  - iii. appoint umpires for USA Cricket matches and competitions; and
  - iv. deal with such other matters or questions relating to umpiring as may be referred to it by the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators.

### **3. UAP Meetings**

- a. UAP Meetings will be held at least eight weeks prior to each National Tournament and/or Match/Series which requires the appointment of officials.
- b. Additional meetings can be called at the discretion of the Panel
- c. Meetings will take place via Zoom.

- d. The Development Manager may invite additional guests to attend any meeting of the UAP, either as a standing or single invite, but that person will not be eligible to vote on any matter.
- e. A quorum for meeting of the UAP will be the Development Manager, plus any two (2) members.

#### **4. Ranking of Umpires**

- a. In 2021 and possibly 2022 the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators will be responsible for ranking all category C and D umpires in their respective zones.
- b. The national ranking list will then be a collaborative effort between the UAP and the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators (VUCs), with the UAP having the final say.
- c. Full rankings will not be published.
- d. The VUCs and UAP will be guided by the Ranking Policy in force from time to time.

#### **5. ICC Development Panel**

- a. The UAP shall select 3-5 umpires to be nominated to the ICC Development Panel of umpires on an annual basis.
- b. These should be considered USA Crickets top ranked umpires.
- c. The ICC Development Panel umpires are considered automatically to be members of the National Umpiring Panel (NUP)

#### **6. National Umpiring Panel (NUP)**

- a. The UAP shall select and appoint the members of the NUP.
- b. The number of members of the NUP should reflect the needs of USA Cricket, and the number of suitably qualified umpires. A maximum of 15 umpires should be on this panel.
- c. Selection shall be based on rankings and the Ranking Policy & Appointments criteria.
- d. Selection is also contingent on existing umpires who have the capability of fulfilling appointments to USA Cricket representative matches.
- e. Every effort should be also made to give increasing numbers of opportunities to female umpires, with a goal of 25% of panel members to be female by 2025.

#### **7. Development Umpiring Panels (DUP)**

- a. The VUCs shall select and appoint the members of a DUP for each of their respective zones.

- b. The number of members of each DUP should reflect the needs of USA Cricket, and the number of suitably qualified umpires. A maximum of 10 members per zone.
- c. Selection shall be based partially on ranking, but with major consideration given to young, talented and aspiring umpires.
- d. Every effort should be also made to give increasing numbers of opportunities to female umpires, with a goal of 25% of panel members to be female by 2025.

## **8. Umpire appointments**

- a. The UAP shall appoint umpires to National Tournaments and other USA Cricket matches and competitions in accordance with the Ranking & Appointments Policy.
- b. The ICC Development Panel Umpires should be given priority for standing in National Tournaments where possible.
- c. Members of the NUP should be given secondary priority for standing in National Tournaments, whilst members of the DUPs will be given consideration where the UAP deems it appropriate to do so.
- d. When last-minute changes to the approved appointments are required to be made during the tournament or event, that responsibility will rest with the USA Cricket Development Manager, who will consult with the Volunteer Umpire Coordinators, UAP and members of the operational staff in order to make the most suitable appointment.

**Approved by the Development Committee: October 19th 2021**