



UMPIRE PROGRAM

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CLUB UMPIRE



Introduction

- It is expected that **all players** will be familiar with the basic rules
- Players who **represent the province** might be expected to have a minimum of club umpire certification.
- **Anyone** in Canada can write the online examination.
- Some Provinces may choose to offer a short seminar to prepare a select group of people with the opportunity to review the basic rules and write an examination altogether. This could be a school group or a group identified by the Provincial Association that would like to prepare for a future Championship.

Examination

A. Online:

Go to: www.ttcan and find: [Umpire](#)

- 39 True or False questions , 7 multiple choice questions. (Various points value)
- Pass mark—**75%**
- Time limit—**2 hours**
- **Open book**

OR B. In Class:

Contact the Provincial representative

- 39 True / False questions , 7 multiple choice questions. (Various points value)
- Pass mark—**75%**
- Preparation period—assigned by the Province—**between 1-2hours**
- Time limit—**2 hours**
- **Open book**

Cost

- \$15 payable to the province, free for cadets and younger.

Benefits for Successful Exam *

- A. Club Umpire Pin
- B. Umpire Kit contains a net gauge, toss coin, cards (red, white, yellow)
- C. Certificate of success
- D. Congratulatory Letter (contains explicit scheme for continuation on pathway)
- E. Provincial Trainee Card for Continuation on the Pathway
- F. Evaluation form for future umpire opportunities
- G. Optional: Umpire uniform (Navy Shirt) - \$25, can be purchased from TTCANS

Remediation

- A candidate may write the exam a second time after a **14 day** period of grace.

PROVINCIAL UMPIRE



Introduction

- Some **club umpires** will choose to continue on the pathway for umpires
- Some Provinces may choose to offer a short seminar to prepare a select group of club umpires with the opportunity to review and prepare for the examination. This could be a small group or an individual.

Prerequisites

- All candidates must have passed the Club Umpire examination.
- All candidates must have completed and submitted the Provincial Trainee Card.

Requirements

1. In Class:

Contact the Provincial representative

- 51 True / False questions , 15 multiple choice questions (Various points value)
- Pass mark—**75%**
- Preparation period—assigned by the Province—**between 1-2 hours**
- Time limit—**1 hour**
- **Open book**

2. Out of Class

A candidate must complete a Provincial Trainee Card ([Appendix](#))

Cost

- \$50 payable to the province

Benefits for Successful Exam *

- A. Provincial Umpire Pin
- B. Umpire Kit that contains a metal tension gauge, a metal or ceramic toss coin, a timer, stop watch, a Rules Book and the umpire uniform—Navy Shirt
- C. Certificate of success
- D. Congratulatory Letter (contains explicit scheme for continuation on pathway)
- E. National Trainee Card for continuation on the pathway
- F. Evaluation form for future umpire opportunities

Remediation

- A candidate may write the exam a second time after a **3 month** period of grace.

* **Note:** Provinces will purchase Kits from TTCAN at the beginning of the season, and TTCAN will invoice accordingly. The province will also receive the templates of the certificate, the letter and the activity card. The province will be responsible of distributing the kits. The shirts will be distributed by TTCAN.

NATIONAL UMPIRE



Introduction

- Some **Provincial Umpires** will choose to continue on the path way for umpires.
- **Table Tennis Canada** will organize a National Umpire Seminar either before or during the National Championships. There should be at least three (3) candidates. Special consideration may be given to a Province or a Region that would like to organize a National Umpire Seminar. A minimum of five (5) candidates is expected.

Prerequisites

- All candidates must hold a Provincial Umpire Certificate.
- All candidate must have completed and submitted the National Trainee Card.

Requirements

1. In Class: Contact the Provincial Association and have them register you for the seminar.

- 50 multiple choice questions (Each question values 2 points)
- Pass mark—**85%**
- Preparation period—**4hours**
- Time limit—**1 hour**
- **No book**

2. Out of Class

A candidate must have completed the National Trainee Card ([Appendix](#))

3. Interview

- All candidates who receive a mark on the exam of **75%** will have an interview.
- In some cases, candidates who had **close to 85%** on their exam may improve their mark as determined by a panel of three International/National Umpires (one from out of Prov.)

Cost

- The candidate must register and pay **\$80.00** before attending the seminar.
- The candidate must make personal arrangements and be responsible for his / her food, accommodation and travel.

Benefits for Successful Exam

- A. National Umpire Pin
- B. Certificate of success
- C. Congratulatory Letter
- D. National Activity Card
- E. A Tie or Scarf with the **TTCAN** logo

- E. Registered and active National Umpire will be included on the Rotation List ([official section on ttcan.ca](#))
- G. The successful candidate will receive the umpire uniform for use at events inside Canada

Other Expectations

The candidate who wants to represent Canada at International events in North America is expected to:

- A. Acquire a couple of light blue shirts
- B. Acquire a pair of pants or a skirt of the khaki color
- C. Acquire and wear a pair of black shoes
- D. Acquire and wear the Canadian tie or the ITTF tie
- E. Acquire and wear a navy blue blazer

Possible Events for Selection

- North America Cup
- North America Championships
- Canadian Junior Open
- United States Open
- United States Nationals
- US Team Open Championships
- US Para Table Tennis Events
- Canadian Para Table Tennis Events
- All 3 level events in Canada

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE



Introduction

- After achieving a **National Umpire** accreditation some umpires strive for International Umpire certification.
- Table Tennis Canada is permitted by the International Table Tennis Federations (ITTF) to administer the exam. The exam can be administered anywhere in Canada with a supervisor.

Prerequisites

- All candidates must hold a National Umpire Certificate for at least **two (2)** years.
- All candidates must be registered and active with TTCAN.

Requirements

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| <p>1. In Class: The exam is written in even numbered years usually during the month of April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 multiple choice questions • Each questions value 2 points • Pass mark is 75% • Time limit—50 minutes • No books | <p>2. Out of Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A candidate must be active and registered as defined on the Activity Card (Appendix) • A candidate must prepare before the seminar by reading resource material • A candidate will answer 50 practice questions, weeks before writing the exam. |
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Cost

- The candidate must register and pay **\$120.00** before writing the exam.
- The candidate must make personal arrangements and be responsible for his / her food, accommodation and travel.

Benefits for Successful Exam

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| <p>A. International Umpire Pin
B. Certificate of success
C. Congratulatory Letter
D. Inclusion on the IU Rotation list</p> | <p>E. Tie or Scarf with the ITTF logo (TTCAN will purchase it from ITTF)
F. Consideration for International Events outside North America</p> |
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Other Expectations

- The candidate who wants to represent Canada at International events is expected to:
- A. Wear the ITTF Uniform as described in “Match Book/ Rules” on [ITTF website](#).
 - B. Continue to be active and registered with TTCAN
 - C. Maintain an umpire kit with all equipment from the PU and NU kits

Possible Events for Selection

North America		Outside North America	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North America Cup • North America Championships • Canadian Junior Open • United States Open • United States Nationals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Team Open Championships • US Para Table Tennis Events • Canadian Para Table Tennis Events • All 4 level events in Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open International Events where we have received an invitation • World Championships • Pan American Games • Commonwealth Games (multi-sport) or Commonwealth Championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympics and Paralympics • Pro Tour Events by ITTF when we have received an invitation • ITTF Junior Worlds Circuit Events when we receive an invitation • ITTF Para Events when we receive an invitation

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE—BLUE BADGE



Introduction



- After achieving an **International Umpire** accreditation some umpires strive for Elite status—Blue Badge IU.
- Table Tennis Canada may recommend an International Umpire to attend an Advanced Umpire Training Course which is usually held before a World Championship. The seminars are sometimes held immediately before other major Championships.

Prerequisites



- All candidates must be an International Umpire for at least **two (2)** years.
- All candidates must be registered and active with TTCAN.

Requirements



- 1. In Class:** The IU must attend an Advanced Umpire Training (AUT).
- 50 multiple choice questions (first 35 questions are in one of 9 languages, while the last 15 questions are in English. You must score a minimum of 10/15 on the English part)
 - Each questions value 2 points
 - Pass mark— **80%**
 - Time limit— **1 hour**
 - **No books**

2. Out of Class

A candidate must prepare before the seminar by reading resource material.

Cost



- The candidate must register with TTCAN (who will select the potential candidate and register the candidate with the organizer)
- Fee is determined by ITTF (usually around €40- €45). Fee can be paid onsite to the organizers (TTCAN will confirm amount and currency).
- The candidate is responsible of covering the cost of the food, accommodation and travel for the additional day. (The course is held before an event and the candidate will usually umpire at the event, therefore the accommodation for the event will be covered by the organizers.

Benefits for Successful Exam



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| A. Inclusion on the ITTF Web site as an Elite Blue Badge Umpire | E. Tie or Scarf with the ITTF logo (\$20—can be purchased through TTCAN) |
| B. Certificate of success | F. Consideration for International Events outside North America |
| C. Congratulatory letter | |

Other Expectations



- The candidate who wants to represent Canada at International events is expected to:
- A. Wear the ITTF Uniform
 - B. Continue to be active and registered with TTCAN
 - C. Maintain an umpire kit

Possible Events for Selection

- You are a possible candidate for any ITTF event.