



## ACCSO Umpire Training 2020 goes On-Line

### Why? What is it? How does it work?



#### Who should read this document?

- Everybody who is nominated for umpire training: and
- Club presidents/team captains (to have an awareness of what umpire-candidates will be doing).

**Note to umpire-candidates: This document is designed to help you to complete your umpire training!**

**ACCSO Committee recommends that you print this document or make it available electronically with you every time to start/re-start a step.**



Quite simple.

We hope that we will be able to play cricket in 2020.

This document is being written after the President of the Republic's speech of 13<sup>th</sup> April but before the FFBS reaction is known. Until we know what the FFBS decides, we are still using the current FFBS date for a start on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

But we need to have more umpires trained before the first match, even for a shortened season.

Because of Covid-19 we cannot organise a face-to-face classroom session until all restrictions are lifted.

There is no alternative to on-line.

On-line is also the way to ensure that future umpires can be trained more spontaneously and more efficiently. There will be no dependence on a single fixed date; no need to have a minimum number of students.

Even a single candidate can work on-line, at his own time and at his own pace.



The aim is to provide 2020 candidates with a training which is functionally close to the training provided until now by Stephen Harrison.

Stephen's class has always been based - for very good reasons - on materials provided by the ACO (*Association of Cricket Officials*) of the ECB (*England and Wales Cricket Board*).

These materials are developed in close collaboration with the MCC, the guardians of The Laws.

So logically ACCSO have decided to base its new training on the on-line version of the ECB-ACO's It's Your Call Stage 1 course.

This course, whilst not perfect, is widely used by English counties by Cricket Scotland and other European countries.

This provides a guarantee that the ECB-ACO will continue to maintain and modify the course into the future.

There are THREE major differences between Stephen's class and the ECB-ACO course:

1. Stephen's class ends with an exam, to test what students have learned; but the ECB-ACO course does not.
2. ACCSO's match regulations contain a small number of variations from the MCC/ACO baseline and also some elements specific to ACCSO - rules on match start times, post-match administration, etc.. Our umpires need to know these things so we have added 2 more components: instruction and a test. The successful 2020 umpire candidate will therefore need to be able to show completion of the ECB-ACO course AND the ACCSO test.
3. An on-line course such as this one does not allow students to interact with the instructor and ask questions. To help to overcome this problem, students will be able to ask questions by email, at anytime during training.



The address to use is [umpire\\_support@cricket-sw-france.org](mailto:umpire_support@cricket-sw-france.org)



1. In the 2020 time-frame, candidates are nominated by their clubs. They are chosen to become the umpires who will enable the clubs to meet the new requirement - a club must provide a non-playing umpire at every home match. In future years this on-line training will probably become the standard way to qualify “pool” umpires (who are not usually associated with any one club). In future years this on-line training will probably become the standard way to qualify “pool” umpires (who are not usually associated with any one club).

2. Each candidate registers on the French part of the ECB\_ACO site <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qngtjd>



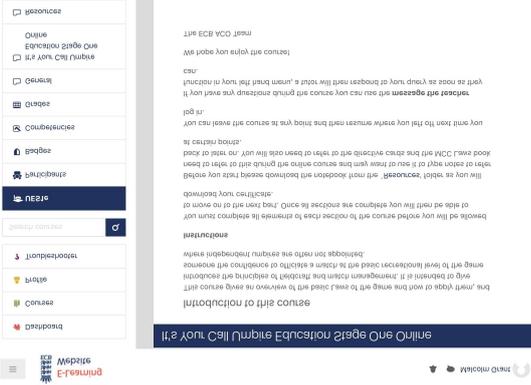
Register by clicking on 1, in the Quantity box and Register

Enter your details in the form

Confirmation of the booking and a password are sent to the email address provided by the candidate on the registration form, within 2 working days.

3. The candidate (now a student!) signs on to the ECB “e-Learning Web site” ( Already Registered ? link ) and starts their journey to becoming an umpire!

And all in their own time – whenever they choose.



4. How does the student get started?

- a. Click on **Dashboards** (one of the 4 elements (tabs/onglets) on the main menu );
- b. Click on **It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One**;
- c. You are now in the section shown as **UES1**. (shown above) This section will be your start point for all work.
- d. Follow the sequence detailed here below.

**Route Map:**

**Important:**

The supported browsers for the ECB-ACO course are

- MS Windows: Chrome, Firefox (some known issues, see later in this document) and others (only Firefox tested).

➤ Apple operating systems: ECB recommend using Chrome or Firefox. There are known issues with Safari If you have any AdBlocker software installed, please enable pop-ups to appear for this site.

If you do not do this, you will not be able to navigate from page to page and the video examples will not play!

### **1. Scroll down to *MCC Laws for Stage 1 and Stage 2.***

- These are the Laws recommended for study before starting on the Stage 1 course material.  
In fact, almost all the Laws are covered, often with a voice commentary or with video example taken from matches (spot the stars!).
- If you need to see the full text of the Laws during this session, there are 3 ways of doing this:
  - If have your own printed copy of the latest version of the Laws (2017 Code, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2019),
  - You can consult a copy on the MCC site: <https://www.lords.org/mcc/about-the-laws-of-cricket>
  - And there's an authorised French translation also available on the same page:  
<https://www.lords.org/mcc/about-the-laws-of-cricket>
- You may need at least 3 hours to complete this study section.
- Click to open
- Work your way through the material.
- You can Exit whenever you like and return later to the same point.
- When you reach the end, Exit.
- You are now ready to move on to the Course itself!

### **2. When you return to *UES1*, click on the yellow folder icon shown as *ECB ACO It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One Part 1.***

- On the next screen, click on "Enter".
- You may need at least 30 minutes to complete this section.
- You can move backwards and forwards using the arrows at the foot of each screen; and you can Exit and return later to the same point.
- This section covers 3 subjects: The Role of the Umpire; Planning & Preparation for a Match; Pre-match Umpire Duties.**  
These are accessed via icons on the Main Menu screen. A successful "click" results in the icon becoming blue. If this does not happen first time, try pointing at a different part of the icon.
- Important!** This section contains several elements which are not relevant to the ACCSO environment. You do not need to study them.  
You can avoid these as follows: When you have answered the TWELVE questions on the "Key Umpire Equipment" page you can close the window, which effectively takes you out of Part 1.
- You are now ready to start Part 2!

### **3. When you return to *UES1* this time, click on the yellow folder icon shown as *ECB ACO It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One Part 2.***

- On the next screen, click on "Enter".
- You may need at least 30 minutes to complete this section.
- You can move backwards and forwards using the arrows at the foot of each screen; and you can Exit and return later to the same point.
- This section covers 6 subjects: Duties prior to the Call of "Play"; Umpire's movements; The Over; No Ball; Wide Ball; Ball Lost or Unfit for Play.**
- These are accessed via icons on the Main Menu screen. A successful "click" results in the icon becoming blue. If this does not happen first time, try pointing at a different part of the icon.
- There are many illustrations and very good videos of incidents during matches. There are also several good, clear questions:
  - 1 about when a Ball becomes "Live";
  - 2 about umpire signals (1 for No Ball; 1 for Wide);
  - 5 answers to find about the position of a bowler's feet (A Fair Delivery).
- When you have finished Ball Lost or Unfit for Play, you can Exit this Part.

- h) You are now ready to start Part 3!

**4. When you return to UES1 this time, click on the yellow folder icon shown as *ECB ACO It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One Part 3*.**

- a) On the next screen, click on "Enter".
- b) You may need at least 30 minutes to complete this section.
- c) You can move backwards and forwards using the arrows at the foot of each screen; and you can Exit and return later to the same point.
- d) **This section covers 6 subjects:**  
**Batsmen's ground; Scoring runs: Contact between bat and ball; Byes; Leg Byes; Appeals.** Followed by number 7: **The Wicket is Down**
- e) These are accessed via icons on the Main Menu screen. A successful "click" results in the icon becoming blue. If this does not happen first time, try pointing at a different part of the icon.
- f) There are many illustrations and very good videos of incidents during matches.
- g) There are no questions involved!
- h) When you have finished The wicket is Down, you can Exit this Part.

You are now ready to start Part 4!

**5. When you return to UES1 this time, click on the yellow folder icon shown as *ECB ACO It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One Part 4*.**

- a) On the next screen, click on "Enter".
- b) You may need at least 45 minutes to complete this section.
- c) You can move backwards and forwards using the arrows at the foot of each screen; and you can Exit and return later to the same point.
- d) **This section covers 10 subjects:**  
**Bowled; Caught; LBW; Stumped; Run Out; Helmet (fielding side); Bouncers; Beamers; Winning Runs; Call of Time.**
- e) These are accessed via icons on the Main Menu screen. A successful "click" results in the icon becoming blue. If this does not happen first time, try pointing at a different part of the icon.
- f) There are many illustrations and very good videos of incidents during matches.
- g) There are good, clear questions in certain sections:
  - 6 questions to be answered on LBW situations. You must get 60% correct before being allowed to move forward!
  - 4 about how to decide which team has won with the scores level on the final ball!
  - 5 answers to find about the position of a bowler's feet (A Fair Delivery).
- h) Bouncers: Excellent definition of what is a Bouncer. This section is very well illustrated by a step-by-step approach and a match video. All ACCSO umpires need to understand how ACCSO local regulations modify this basic Law.
- i) Beamers: Same as for Bouncers, with 5 match video examples. Again, students need to understand ACCSO local regulations.
- j) When you have finished Call of Time, you can Exit this Part.

You have now completed your journey through all 4 Parts of the *ECB ACO It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage One*.



**Congratulations!**

**6. Before moving on to ACCSO's own material, you need to be able to collect the information which will enable ACCSO's Umpire Manager and your club president to verify that you have indeed completed the course.**

This is done by taking screenshots (*captures d'écran*) of 2 pages, as follows:

- i. Make sure you are on the **UES1** page (click **USE1** on the Dashboard).  
Take a screenshot of the complete page.  
Save this screenshot.  
**Why do this?** This page will show that you have completed the Laws section
- ii. Click on the **Badges** tab/*onglet*.  
Take a screenshot of the complete page.  
Save this screenshot.

**Why do this?** This page will show that you have completed at least Parts 2, 3 and 4.

Send both of these files to the ACCSO Umpire Manager: [umpire\\_support@cricket-sw-france.org](mailto:umpire_support@cricket-sw-france.org)

### 7. Now move on to Component 3 - ACCSO presentation

This, and Component 4 are available from

<http://www.cricket-sw-france.org/umpires-umpiring/accso-umpire-training/> as;

- a **pps** file to view on **PowerPoint**,
- a **pdf** on a suitable reader

**Components 3 & 4**

These components work best on an MS Windows system with either the **pps** file on Powerpoint, or the **pdf** file on Adobe Reader.

Other platforms such as MacOS, iOS and Android are able to use the **pdf** file version with Adobe Reader or similar..

All the relevant files are available to download below.

-  **ACCSO Umpiring Presentation pps**  
The pps version of the presentation  
[ACCSO\\_Umpiring\\_Presentation.pptx](#)  
Présentation Microsoft Power Point [4.4 MB]
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### 8. Now move on to Component 4 - ACCSO test – the last step in your journey to become a Home umpire for your club! .....files also available as shown above.

Don't forget to confirm you have completed steps 7 & 8 by email to the ACCSO Umpire Manager:

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