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ACCSO UMPIRES REPORT 2025

Coverage

We have 5 accredited umpires.

Between them, usually alone, but occasionally in pairs, they umpired 21 out of the fixture list of 38 matches.

Before the season started each umpire nominated which grounds they could attend. Bearing in mind that two of them do not even live within the “catchment area” of the current clubs, the fact that theoretically there are up to 3 umpires able to travel to each ground, apart from Nîmes, we should consider ourselves fortunate.

However, they are not full time umpires so are not always available every Sunday. They averaged 6 matches each this season.

With 7 teams competing in ACCSO competitions, there will be a maximum of 3 matches on any given day. Servicing them all is a stretch and varies from one day to another.

In addition to this, there are club umpires, who have either stood alone or with an ACCSO umpire. If not done already, clubs should be aiming for all of them to obtain an ACCSO recognised qualification. This should give greater confidence for themselves and the players that they are being umpired to the best possible standards.

Quality

No incidents were reported through the ACCSO disciplinary process.

Various issues were mentioned through the reports that umpires make as necessary though the season. These included:

1. Late arrivals of visiting teams.
2. Minor discipline issues dealt with at the time.
3. Taking a close interest in the bowling action (no further action required).
4. The state of the pitch, the outfield and surroundings outside the playing area (three different clubs).

Suggestions for 2026

Clubs and players should reacquaint themselves with the LBW law, in particular what happens if the ball strikes the pad outside the line of off stump and, if it does strike in line of the stumps, the need to take account of onward tracking.

Colin Goodall
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