



PEIBUA Umpire Program – Level Overview

Grass Roots Program (Levels 1 & 2)

The Grass Roots Program includes all Level 1 and Level 2 umpires in Prince Edward Island. These officials form the foundation of umpiring in the province and are primarily assigned to minor baseball games throughout the season.

Umpires in this program attend either a Level 1 or Level 2 clinic annually and must register with the PEIBUA each year. No written exams are required at these levels. If an umpire is unable to attend a clinic in a given year, the PEIBUA Board of Directors may grant leniency. In such cases, an alternative learning activity—such as a Baseball Canada rules module or an annual rules-based supplement created by the PEIBUA Education Committee—may be required.

Grass Roots umpires focus on developing core skills, confidence, and game management. While most assignments will be at the minor baseball level, Level 1 and 2 umpires may be selected for provincial or Atlantic Championship opportunities based on their progress and performance throughout the season.

Level 3 Program

The Level 3 Program is designed for umpires who demonstrate strong aptitude, dedication, and a willingness to pursue advanced development. To be eligible for this program, officials must have completed both Level 1 and Level 2 clinic requirements and remain active members of the PEIBUA.

Level 3 umpires attend a provincial High Performance or Level 3 clinic when offered and complete the necessary national examination when required. They are field-evaluated once every three years, using a competency-based evaluation matrix to ensure consistency with Baseball Canada standards. Passing both the exam and evaluation is necessary to remain in the Level 3 program.

Level 3 umpires are assigned to higher-level competitive baseball on PEI and represent the top tier of provincial officials preparing for entry into the Baseball Canada National Umpire Program.

High Performance Program (Levels 4 & 5)

The High Performance Program is intended for Level 4 and Level 5 umpires, as well as those Level 3 umpires who have met the necessary prerequisites to attempt advancement to the national level. These officials are committed to ongoing development and aspire to work at the highest levels of baseball in Canada.

High Performance umpires follow the Baseball Canada curriculum and must register annually with both the PEIBUA and Baseball Canada. They attend national-level clinics when offered and write the Baseball Canada National Exam annually to maintain their status. Umpires in this program are evaluated through Baseball Canada's formal national evaluation system and may have opportunities to officiate at Baseball Canada championships and major national events.

This pathway represents the most advanced stage of umpire development, preparing officials for elite national and international assignments.
