



PEIBUA Umpire Pathway & Level System

Official Level Structure of the PEI Baseball Umpires Association (PEIBUA)

The PEIBUA Level System outlines the development, training, and evaluation pathway for all active baseball umpires on Prince Edward Island. This system ensures consistent standards across all levels, alignment with Baseball Canada, and clear expectations for advancement.

All evaluations are conducted by **certified Baseball Canada Senior or Master Course Conductors**, following standards derived from **Baseball Canada's National Umpire Program Competency Framework**.

Adults with demonstrated baseball knowledge or relevant officiating experience may receive **entry-level equivalency** upon review by the **Education Committee**.

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM (LEVELS 1–2)

Grassroots officials are the foundation of the umpire system. These levels prioritize learning, confidence-building, mentorship, and skill development.

LEVEL 1

Entry Point for All New Umpires

Eligibility:

- All brand-new umpires, regardless of age or experience (unless granted equivalency).

Requirements:

- Attend a **PEIBUA Level 1 Clinic**.
- Pay **annual PEIBUA dues**.
- Umpire **at least one plate assignment and one base assignment each season**.
- Remain in **good standing** with Baseball PEI and the PEIBUA.

Evaluation:

- No field evaluations required at this level.

- No written exam required.
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LEVEL 2

Second-Year Umpires & Returning Grassroots Officials

Eligibility:

- Must have attended at least **one Level 1 clinic in the past 3 years**.
- Typically umpires in their 2nd or 3rd year of officiating.

Requirements:

- Attend a **PEIBUA Level 2 Clinic annually**.
- Pay **annual PEIBUA dues**.
- Umpire **at least one plate assignment and one base assignment each season**.
- Remain in **good standing** with Baseball PEI and the PEIBUA.

Evaluation:

- No mandatory field evaluation required for maintenance.
 - No exam required for Level 2.
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ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (LEVEL 3)

Level 3 represents the highest level attainable within the provincial system and serves as the gateway into the **Baseball Canada National Umpire Program**.

LEVEL 3

Eligibility:

- Must have attended:
 - At least **one Level 1 clinic**, and
 - **Two Level 2 clinics** (one **Offense**, one **Defense**).

Requirements (all must be met):

- Attend a **High-Performance Clinic** when offered (unless formally exempted by the Provincial Supervisor).
- Pay **annual PEIBUA dues**.
- Remain in **good standing** with Baseball PEI and the PEIBUA.
- **Write and pass the National Level 3 Exam every 3 years.**
- **Receive and pass a field evaluation by a Senior Course Conductor every 3 years.**

Maintenance & Reversion Policy:

- Any Level 3 official who fails to meet **any** of the above requirements (exam, clinic, good standing, evaluation) will automatically **revert to Level 2** until all criteria are met again.

BASEBALL CANADA NATIONAL UMPIRE PROGRAM (LEVELS 4–5)

Advancement beyond Level 3 enters the **national** pathway governed by Baseball Canada. Requirements at these levels are set out in the **Baseball Canada Operations Manual**.

LEVEL 4 & LEVEL 5

Eligibility & Requirements:

- All entrance, maintenance, and evaluation requirements are determined by the **Baseball Canada National Umpire Program** and outlined in the **Baseball Canada Operations Manual**.
- Officials must maintain:
 - Annual registration with Baseball Canada
 - Annual PEIBUA dues
 - Good standing provincially and nationally
 - Required fitness standards, exams, and evaluations as set by Baseball Canada.

Application for Evaluation:

- Any umpire wishing to apply for inclusion in the Baseball Canada program must:
 - **Apply to the Provincial Supervisor of Umpires** for a preliminary evaluation **before** registering with Baseball Canada.
 - This evaluation will be performed **at no cost** to the umpire.
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LEVEL 5 – Additional Provincial Criterion

To achieve the **highest level in the Canadian system**, an umpire must:

- Meet **all Level 4 requirements**, and
 - **Attend a Baseball Canada Major Tournament** and receive an “**Effective**” or **higher** rating, **or**
 - Be **selected to an international event** through the Baseball Canada pathway.
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NOTES ON EVALUATIONS & CLINICS

- All evaluations for advancement or maintenance at Level 3+ are conducted by **Baseball Canada certified Senior or Master Course Conductors**.
 - Evaluations follow the **BBC National Umpire Competency rubric**.
 - Equivalency reviews for adults are conducted by the **PEIBUA Education Committee**.
 - Attendance at clinics is tracked annually.
 - Good standing includes compliance with Safe Sport, Code of Conduct, and PEI Baseball policies.
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SUMMARY OF PATHWAY PROGRESSION

Level	Clinic Required	Exam	Evaluation	Assignments Required	Notes
1	Level 1	None	None	1 plate + 1 base per season	Entry level
2	Level 2 (annual)	None	None	1 plate + 1 base per season	2nd-year officials
3	High Performance (when offered)	Every 3 years	Every 3 years (Sr CC)	As assigned	Provincial high- performance
4	Baseball Canada	National exam	National evaluation	As assigned	National program
5	Baseball Canada	National exam	National evaluation + major tournament rating	As assigned	Requires Effective rating or international selection