

Level 2 process – How to become a level 2 candidate

We have had recent enquires from umpires and clubs regarding the level 2 (L2) candidate process.

Note that the South Leagues (men's and women's) Div 1 and Div 2 require clubs to have either a candidate L2 or an L2 umpire available for appointments. (This is not a requirement for Women's SL3a/b where level 1 is required).

Please see the specific league regulations for more details on the above point.

From an MHUA point of view, there are 2 potential routes to becoming a L2 candidate, which is where the MHUA responsibility would end and then the regional process would take over (in this instance, SCHUA).

1. Via MHUA as a nominated candidate to SCHUA - via experience at the highest level appointed MHUA or SL3 games, having been coached and watched by MHUA. i.e. should have been taking appointments consistently at the highest level within Middlesex - this means men's appointments and/or women's SL3a appointments for at least a season I would say; this is the most typical route chosen by candidates.
2. Via a club nomination directly to SCHUA (I know of 2 candidates who have done this in recent seasons).

Nomination and assessment process:

Once nominated and having completed the steps in (1) above - we would do a screening MHUA watching and/or coaching, whatever is appropriate, before asking a South coach to screen. If and when these screenings become successful, MHUA can put forward as an L2 candidate and the SCHUA take over from there.

As an observation, there is little point in following step (2) if the candidate is not ready, none of us would not like to see an L2 candidate fail because they have not had any coaching. We have a lot of experience in MHUA which can benefit candidates and assist them in getting to where they need to be to umpire as an L2.

N.B. MHUA do also require a level of commitment on umpiring, e.g. ideally umpiring regularly and therefore taking regular appointments which may mean playing less. SCHUA would expect the same level of commitment.

Any questions on this, please ask.

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