



The Cricket Hong Kong Association of Cricket Officials

Membership & Qualification Guidelines

The Cricket Hong Kong Association of Cricket Officials (CHK ACO) is an independent body that works in close partnership with Cricket Hong Kong. Under the CHK ACO constitution, the Executive Committee is the sole arbiter in matters of umpire and scorer members' qualification. The Committee has complete discretion in both the recognition, or otherwise, of members' existing qualifications and the awarding of local qualifications and membership status. Overseas qualifications from recognised cricketing bodies will normally be accepted at an appropriate level commensurate with CHK ACO policy.

Executive Committee

The CHK ACO Executive Committee comprises five elected office-bearers. Additional, co-opted members may also be appointed. The 2018-19 Executive Committee is:

Chairman	Clive Howard
Secretary	Ian Thomson
Treasurer	Chandra Parameswaran
Training Officer	Ramasamy Venkatesh
Appointments Secretary	Shiroy Vachha
Women's Representative	Renee Montgomery
Scorer Representative	Gohar Dar
Website	Gandhimathinathan Sankaranarayanan
Member	Tabarak Dar

Qualification

The following training courses and qualifications are offered in Hong Kong. Equivalent courses may be provided by the International Cricket Council (ICC) or Asian Cricket Council (ACC), either in Hong Kong or overseas.

Level 0	Introductory
Level 1	Basic Qualification
Level 2	Full Qualification

Membership

The four levels of membership are:

1. Associate Member

Associate members are those:

- i) Who have not attended any formal training;
- ii) Who have attended Level 0 training but have yet to attain a Level 1 qualification;
- iii) Who are unqualified part-time umpires/scorers; or
- iv) Who are not active umpires or scorers.

2. Intermediate Member

Intermediate members are those:

- i) Who have attained a recognised Level 1 qualification;
- ii) Who have yet to attain a recognised Level 2 qualification or who have passed Level 2 but have yet to gain the requisite field experience; and
- iii) Who are active umpires/scorers.

3. Qualified Member

Qualified members are those:

- i) Who have attained a recognised Level 2 qualification;
- ii) Who have gained the requisite field experience;
- iii) Who have been assessed as competent by the Committee; and
- iv) Who are active umpires/scorers.

4. Life Member

Life members are nominated by the Executive Committee and elected at a General Meeting in recognition of long-term, outstanding contributions to the CHK ACO.

Membership Fees

Membership is on an annual basis from September to August. 2018-19 fees are HK\$300 for Intermediate/Qualified Members and HK\$150 for Associate Members. Juniors (under 19) and senior citizens (over 65) may subscribe free of charge. Life Members are not required to pay fees.

Recognition and Appointments

The Committee recognises qualifications obtained overseas through recognised cricket bodies such as the ICC, ACC, CA, ECB, BCCI, etc. Overseas practical experience is also taken into consideration.

The CHK ACO will seek to run Level 1 and 2 umpire and scorer training programs on an annual basis subject to trainer availability and budget. In addition, and when possible, such courses will be run in conjunction with or on behalf of the International Cricket Council. The Association has two Umpire Educators qualified to conduct ICC-Asia Level 1 courses in Hong Kong. Members may also be invited to attend Level 2 courses offered by ICC-Asia in or outside Hong Kong. The Committee will review membership status dependent upon course results and practical assessments.

The Committee recognises that the availability of training courses is limited. Therefore, in exceptional circumstances it may award membership status based on field experience and competence. In these cases, however, it is expected that appropriate formal qualification be attained as soon as is practicable.

All relevant information in addition to local training, experience and assessment is taken into account by the Committee when awarding (and maintaining) a member's status. A member's status may be subject to review by the Committee at any time and membership level adjusted accordingly. Any Committee decision in this regard is final.

Members are appointed to CHK matches appropriate to their qualification, as follows:

International, CHK Premier & Elite Leagues	Elite & Level 2 umpires
CHK Championship and Women's Leagues	Level 0 and Level 1 umpires
CHK U15 & U17 Leagues	Level 0 and Level 1 umpires

Experience and Assessments

Members will gain experience recognition by demonstrating 'on-field' competency in managing a game, knowledge of the Laws and Competition Rules, and competency in decision making. Scorers must demonstrate competency in keeping the score, supporting umpires and fulfilling the various other scorers duties. The Committee will assess members during League games in Hong Kong. Such assessments will be conducted by the Assessor and/or senior members standing and/or scoring with the candidate with the purpose of both on-field and in-game coaching and performance assessment. Captains' reports and the views of team managers and CHK officials involved in the games are also taken into account

It is expected that umpires or scorers will require several such match assessments before the Committee will consider recognition as a Qualified Member. Games in which an umpire or scorer has officiated before gaining a paper qualification maybe taken into account by the Committee in making an assessment.

Development

It is expected that Elite and Qualified Members will participate in training sessions to maintain their knowledge and assist with pre-season Laws and Playing Conditions sessions and other training events as required. Members will be encouraged to participate in the administrative and development activities of CHK and may be invited to officiate in or assist with international tournaments.

Hong Kong Elite Panel

The CHK Elite Umpire Panel is appointed by the CHK ACO Executive Committee annually. These elite members represent the highest standards of umpiring in Hong Kong and will officiate at all levels including the Premier League, T20 Blitz and HK Sixes. They will also receive priority nomination for international matches either in Hong Kong or overseas and may be recognised by the ICC through appointment to the ICC or ACC Development Panels. Elite umpires are under continuous performance review by the Executive Committee.

International Panels

The International Cricket Council formally appointed the Associate and Affiliate Member umpires panel in 2016. It has since been re-named the ICC Development Panel and comprises 35 umpires worldwide. This is supported by the Asia Cricket Council (ACC) Regional Panel. Selected umpires are eligible for appointment to international tournaments in the World Cricket League, Intercontinental Cup, World Cup Qualifiers and regional ACC tournaments. This is the highest umpiring level available as an Associate Member nation and we currently have four umpires at this level.

Match Fees

CHK ACO members officiating in CHK matches will receive match fees at the prevailing rates. The Executive Committee reserves the right to withhold any match fees as the result of disciplinary proceedings or non-payment of subscriptions.