



CRICKET
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ACT Umpires Seminar the umpiring review and beyond....

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Overview

- Umpiring Review
 - Outcomes
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- Umpiring – What do WE need to do?
- Umpire Coaches Workshop priorities
- Education & Training
- Opportunities for ACT!



Umpiring Review

The minimum outcomes from the review were to be:

- Define roles and responsibilities of CA & States in Australian Umpiring;
- Define strategic priorities of CA Umpiring department; and
- Recommend the most appropriate department structure to address strategic priorities.



Umpiring Review – Summary of outcomes

The Review Panel reaffirmed the roles and responsibilities in umpiring for Cricket Australia and state associations.

Cricket Australia responsibilities are:

- National leadership of umpiring
 - Promote image of umpiring
- Management of elite umpires
- Appointment & selection of elite umpires
- Development of umpire education and training materials
- Development programs for elite umpires

Umpiring Review – Summary of outcomes (cont)

State association responsibilities are:

- Management grade/club umpires
- Recruitment and retention of grade/club umpires

Responsibilities shared between CA and state associations:

- Umpire talent identification
- General leadership of umpiring
- Development programs for elite umpires
- Development and delivery of umpire education and training materials.



Umpiring Review – Summary of outcomes (cont)

The aim of the Australian umpiring system is to be recognised as producing the best umpires in the world. This will be achieved if we have the best;

- Elite umpiring system & professional development programs
- Education & training programs
- Management of umpires and umpiring

Umpiring Review – Areas for improvement

The Review Panel felt there were aspects of the elite umpiring system that could be improved;

- The performance of the **contracted umpire panels** would be improved if fewer contracts were available and the contracts were only awarded on umpiring merit rather than by a state quota.

Umpiring Review – Areas for improvement (cont)

- The performance of the umpire selection panel was discussed and whilst, their selection decisions had been adequate, the Review Panel felt the image and respect for the umpire selection panel amongst umpiring and cricket stakeholders needed to improve.

Umpiring Review – Areas for improvement (cont)

- There was concern about the performance of the umpire coaches, and the variation in the quality of the coaches across the states.
- It was felt that the match assessment of umpires could be more accurate if each interstate match was covered by a camera behind the bowler at each end.

Umpiring Review – the need for National Leadership...

- The committee was strongly of the view that CA would provide increased **leadership** to Australian umpiring if the position of National Umpire Manager was re-created. This person would be responsible for the overall performance of the system, and maintaining the accountability of those working within the system. In conjunction with the Education & Training Manager, he or she would drive the various umpire education and training projects.

Umpiring Review – the need for National Leadership...

- The greatest concern expressed through the stakeholder survey surrounded the delivery of umpire education and training courses and resources. Management has worked with states to identify the projects required, and the relative priority of each. There is estimated to be three years of work for a dedicated resource to complete these projects. The key issue in the area of umpire education and training is the staffing level and the consequent time that will be required to deliver the prioritised projects.

Umpiring Review – Key Recommendations

CA Directors approved the following key recommendations of the Umpiring Review.

- CA to reappoint a National Umpire Manager immediately.
- A National Panel of 12 contracted umpires be appointed for the 2007-08 season.
- All states are to provide a camera behind the bowler at each end for all non-televised interstate matches (Pura Cup & Domestic One Day matches).
- Umpire Manager to be appointed as a member of the Umpire Selection Panel.
- Retainer for an Umpire Selector to be increased.
- CA to appoint an Umpire Education & Training Officer commencing at the start of the 2008 calendar year.
- Umpiring Servicing Grant for States

Umpiring - post review....

Meetings with the following stakeholders;

- State CEOs/staff
- State Directors of Umpiring
- Umpire Coaches
- Umpires

Agenda of meetings:

What now needs to be done??

Umpiring - What do WE need to do?

- Build an “umpiring department” for Cricket
- Professional management system
 - Training
 - Review
 - Accountability (in partnership with State/Territory)
- Succession Planning
- What can we learn from each other & other sports?
- A vision for umpiring?

Umpire Coaches Workshop priorities

Met during Emerging Umpire Program in Brisbane

- Professional Development
 - High Performance Training Workshop (August)
- Umpire assessment (standardisation)
- Use of CA Carnivals
- Umpires Servicing Grants
- Umpire Strategic Plan
 - Integrated with State plans



Umpiring – Education & Training

- Focus on Level 1
 - Engagement of David Levens
 - Audit of State resources
 - Aimed at 1st “official” appointment
- Introduction to Cricket course
- Future Level 3
 - Emerging Umpires Program
 - Partnership with ECB



Umpiring – opportunities for ACT!

1. Emerging Umpires Program
2. U19 Championships
 - National Selectors & Umpire Coaches
3. U17 Championships
 - National Selectors
4. CA Cup
5. ACT matches
 - PM's XI
 - Pre-season & grade matches



Umpiring – part of the game!!

Questions?

Issues?

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