

NE Officiating Awards Guidelines for U18 Accredited Umpires

1. **These Guidelines require all member countries to comply in full with all applicable country specific SAFEGUARDING procedures and processes for young persons under the age of 18. This includes travel and accommodation.**
2. The minimum age for Learners Umpires to attend an accredited NE 'C' Award course is 13 years.
3. The minimum age for taking the 'C' Award Practical Assessment is 14 years (they can pass the Written Assessment and the Practical pre-Assessment before they are aged 14).
4. If they pass the 'C' Award Practical Assessment, they receive accreditation as a NE 'C' Award umpire but the following restrictions apply until they reach their 16th Birthday:
 - they may only umpire matches up to U17 level
 - they may not umpire matches with over 18's participating
 - they may not umpire mixed sex matches
 - separate changing and toilet facilities are to be provided
5. U16 accredited umpires who hold the NE 'C' Award may progress along the 'B' Award pathway but may not take the 'B' Award Practical Assessment until they reach their 16th birthday.
6. U18 accredited umpires who hold the NE 'B' Award may progress along the 'A' Award pathway but may not take either the 'A' Award Practical pre-Assessment or the Practical Assessment until they reach their 18th birthday.
7. An 'A' Pass achieved by U16s in the combined B/A Award Written Assessment when going for the 'B' Award is valid for the 'A' Award pathway (the validity is 4 years from the date of the Written Assessment).
8. The TID pathway does not apply to NE accredited umpires under the age of 16.
9. These revised Guidelines, originally drafted following outline discussions with INF, were submitted for discussion and ratification at the NE Council meeting in June 2017 and were implemented with effect from 1st July 2017.

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