

Are You Ready to Call PLAY? Participant Guide.

Umpires Are You Ready to Call PLAY?



***This document is intended to welcome and inform
the Participants to the concept of the
Are You Ready to Call PLAY Programme :-***

The principle of the Are You Ready to Call PLAY Programme is to help umpires coming straight from a training course to officiating their first few competitive games, It has been written as the result of observations of those taking that path in previous seasons.

It may also be a useful revision exercise following a long winter layoff.

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Introduction

The Aim

This session(s) aims to bridge the gap between the end of your education courses, be that face to face or online, and the start of your on-field season, however long that might be, when, as a relatively new umpire you can start putting your learning into practice.

The Objective

The objective of the Are You Ready to Call PLAY exercise is to get you together with others in a similar situation at a club one evening/afternoon/day pre-season and run through what you would expect to do when you turn up for a game and cover certain in game elements of umpiring to try to ensure you have as few problems as possible in your early games and make a good impression on captains and players from the start.

This session(s) will be delivered by your County training teams and will give you the opportunity to begin what we hope will be a long and enjoyable relationship with your County ACO.

The programme is based around a checklist (available separately on the same link as this guide) which is intended to be an aide memoire for you to use in the lead up to your first match. The actual way in which the checklist is used may be adapted to suit the needs of your individual county support teams or of specific individuals but if you find there is anything on it that is not covered or other areas you want advice in please ask your trainers in advance or on the day.

Think of this as learning to drive (always a useful comparison) where newly trained, competent drivers are able to put their new skills into practice immediately. Of course, those new drivers, just like new Umpires, start to develop their experience once they can actually put their new skills into use.

To complement (NOT REPLACE) these practical exercises there are a some online CPD Modules that are readily accessible by all.

See:

[South Central Region CPD Modules](#) and [Lancashire ACO CPD Modules](#)

Once all the basics have been understood and taken on board there is, also well worth watching, a video of a Middlesex ACO CPD session on Preparation.

[Middlesex ACO Preparation](#)