



## DCB Umpire Pathway (V5, 15.05.2026)

### General notes:

- Sound knowledge of the Laws and Playing Conditions is required from top to bottom
- Promotion to all levels requires both quality and quantity in terms of games stood
- While the steps are linear, they are not hard and fast (a talented candidate can be promoted quickly (fast track), a completely inactive colleague (without exceptional reasons) demoted)
- Online feedback/ratings from captains also plays an integral part in making decisions
- Formal qualifications are no substitute for availability and performance



Event / panel	Description/requirements	Training/qualifications needed	Responsible for selection	Members in 2026
ICC Development Panel A	The highest level of officiating that can currently be reached by an Associate nation. Top umpire in country. Two-year term.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 2, DCB Panel, extensive international experience required with multiple Pathway Events	Nominated by DCB, approved by ICC	Mark Jameson
ICC Development Panel B	"Best of the best" in country, constant high performance and standing regularly in matches at the highest level. CV requires prior approval by ICC. ICC International and Development Panel A are given preference in selection for pathway events by ICC, if there is availability beyond that then ICC Development Panel B is used. Two-year term.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 2, DCB Panel, significant international experience	Nominated by DCB, approved by ICC	Mark Jameson, Vinay Malhotra, Sunil Gowda, Monika Loveday, Jason Flannery, Venkatesh Sridhara, Nikhil Dhanawade
DCB Emerging Panel	Performed well at subordinate levels with constant high performances. "Best in class" in region and among best in country, constant performance at the highest level and standing regularly in matches, including performance events. Next in line for international appointments/promotion to Development Panel B.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 2, DCB Panel	DCB with DCB Head Umpire, nominations from regional Umpire Officer	To be defined at end of 2026 season.



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Performance events (Elite League etc.)	Performed well at Bundesliga level with constant high performances. "Best in class" in region and among best in country, constant performance at the highest level and standing regularly in matches. Success at this level requisite for higher appointments.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 2. DCB Panel given preference, but can be umpired by non-Panel in exceptional circumstances (availability issues etc.)	DCB Head Umpire, with assistance of local Umpire Officer in the corresponding region. Appointments usually from the area where event takes place, but with scope for extending this.	
DCB Panel	Has exhibited top performance at local level, has usually stood in Bundesliga games and also showed consistently good performance over at least one season. At least 6 games per season are mandatory for remaining on the Panel. Given preference for local performance events if above DCB panels are not available (or for logistics reasons).	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 2 desired. Long-term goal is for all DCB Panel umpires to have ICC Level 2 qualification (by invitation only through DCB)	Regional Umpire Officers take the lead in making suggestions, final appointments to the Panel and demotions are the decision of the DCB.	Rest of DCB Panel
Interregional knock-out games and national finals (Bundesliga)	Constantly good performance on a regional level and Bundesliga experience. Games should be umpired by DCB Panel wherever possible.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 1/2 desired, ECB/ACO Stage 1/2 or ICC Level 1 acceptable. ICC Foundation Workshop also acceptable in exceptional circumstances.	Appointment confirmed by DCB Head Umpire / Ligaleiter following organisation (availability, neutral umpires) by regional Umpiring Officers. Appointments from outside regions are possible depending on budget.	



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Bundesliga (men and women)	Constantly good performance on a regional level, should usually be umpired by DCB Panel, but talented non-Panel members should also be encouraged here (Pathway). "Best in region" philosophy.	ECB/ACO Stage 3 or ICC Level 1/2 desired. ICC Foundation Workshop also acceptable if coupled with good prior performance.	Regional Umpire Officers take the lead in appointments. DCB Head Umpire / Ligaleiter on hand to assist.	
Regionalliga	More experienced umpires, mentoring with more experienced colleagues possible. This is the everyday meat and drink of umpires in Germany.	Usually ECB/ACO Stage 1/2 or ICC Foundation Course (ICC Level 1 over the long term). In exceptional cases with no formal qualifications, provided the umpire has a sound grasp of the Laws and PCs (will be strictly monitored)	Regional Umpire Officers	
Verbandsliga	Umpires with slightly more experience, mentoring with more experienced colleagues desired. Support from regional colleagues/Panel/officers	Usually ECB/ACO Stage 1/2 or ICC Foundation Course (ICC Level 1 over the long term). In exceptional cases with no formal qualifications, provided the umpire has a sound grasp of the Laws and PCs (will be strictly monitored)	Regional Umpire Officers	
Indoor tournaments, youth or children's events, social cricket, softball events	Beginners to umpiring, mentoring with more experienced colleagues desired. Support from regional colleagues/Panel/officers	ECB/ACO Stage 1/2 or ICC Foundation Course desired, but can be umpired with no formal qualifications.	Regional Umpire Officers	