



English Bowls Umpires Association

Congratulations

What are your next steps

You now have a certificate as evidence of your attendance on an EBUA Markers Course. So what's next? It is important to understand that this course gives only the very basic insight into the principles of marking a singles game and some instruction on basic measuring exercises that a Marker may have to carry out or assist with. Your level of experience and competence will be determined by the future marking duties that you carry out. You have a number of options depending on how you wish to progress your journey:

LOCAL MARKER

You may continue to mark local singles matches to gain experience. You may volunteer to mark your club singles finals or you may be happy just to mark for your friends. The basics we have provided on this course will help you hone your skills.

EBUA MARKER

If you decide to progress a little further you may complete an EBUA Membership Application Form available from the website. You will be entered on our database as an EBUA Marker Level 1 and your local coordinators and area secretaries will be informed so they can make use of your skills. We will also put you in touch with some local mentors and assessors who can help you along that journey.

Upon joining the association you will be issued with a Log Book in which you can record your progress. You may request a working assessment from your mentor and they will arrange for an Assessor to assess your progress whilst you are Marking singles games. This will be used as evidence of your competence and experience thus leading to more prestigious appointments.

You may continue as an EBUA Marker for as long as you wish and following evidence of your competence you may progress to Regional Marker and on to National Marker and may be appointed to competitions up to and including National Championships.

EBUA UMPIRE

You may choose to apply to undertake training to become an EBUA Umpire. This you can do at any time and the first rung of the umpiring ladder will be Regional Grade which will allow you to officiate at County or Regional events. Details of the Umpire training program can be found on the EBUA Website. Umpire and Marker development work alongside and compliment each other so you can progress through the grades of both skillsets. You can use the same application form to apply for this training.

So, it is up to you. We are delighted that you have chosen to attend one of our courses and wish to support this great sport as an official. Whatever your chosen route of progression we wish you every success and look forward to working with you on the greens.

Yours faithfully,

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