

RESUME:

Candidates for 'B' Badges should show understanding of the finer points of:

- procedures
- control of general infringements
- terminology
- interpretations of rules
- legal and illegal body movements
- positioning
- application of the Advantage Rule

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - 'B' BADGE

Pre-requisites

- Level 1 Umpire Education Course
- A pass of 80% or more in the Section I Theory Examination (current for 6 years)

Pre-Match Responsibilities

- **Before the start of play** check that the court, its surrounds, goalposts and the ball conform to the Rules and;
- **Off the Court** - inspect players for uniforms, jewellery, adornments and the correct length of fingernails.

Voice

- Firm and decisive, generally heard easily.

Manner

- Confident and pleasant.

Whistle

- Crisp and clear.

Dress

- Umpires shall wear clothes distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.

Fitness

- Has good coverage of the court for the entire game.

Positioning

- At least level with, if not just ahead of, the ball.
- Good positioning and quick re-positioning when play switches is most important at this level.
- Moving to get a better view is essential.
- No umpire shall be on court except to take a toss up.

Control

- Use of the correct terms which assists the players and keeps the game flowing. Incorrect terms confuse the players and the umpire.

- Efficiency in procedures and control of general infringements are expected.
- Sound rule interpretations and an element of common sense in the application of the same must be shown.

Terminology

- Use of correct terminology for penalties.

Decisions

- **Consistency** is important at any level and especially under pressure.
- An immediate and continued display of:
 - where to look;
 - when to look; and
 - what to look for.
- At 'B' level the candidate is expected to show some ability to penalise infringements ahead of play and either acknowledge or penalise infringements behind play, whichever is the most appropriate action.
- The Advantage Rule must be correctly applied so that play may be allowed to flow without the candidate losing control.
- Use signals as per the Rule Book.
- Candidates must show the beginnings of understanding between applying the rule and showing that they can understand the rule and apply it with a degree of common sense and feeling for the situation.

Obstruction

- A candidate at this level will be expected to show a sound proficiency in the recognition and application of this infringement and rule.

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- At this level a candidate is expected to show a more comprehensive knowledge and application of this infringement and the rule than would be expected of a 'C' Badge umpire.
- Candidates will show a level of co-operation and teamwork with their co-umpires when and where applicable, particularly in borderline areas of control.
- Candidates will be unaffected by external influences e.g. spectators.
- It is expected there will be an understanding of "fair contest" between two players i.e. legal or illegal body movements of two players.