

The following rating criteria has been taken from the UFSHA Umpiring Division Operating Code.

Apprentice Rating

Apprentice umpires should be able to control a lower level game calmly and firmly. They should be able to recognize most fouls: advancing, dangerous use of the stick, dangerous hits and simple obstruction. They should be able to award free hits, side-ins, long hits, penalty corners, and defense hits in the correct manner. Whistle, arm signals and voice should be clear and definite. They should position themselves in order to see the ball and fouls. For beginning umpires, the most important factor is control and to know the basic rules.

1. The Apprentice Umpire shall:
 - Receive a grade of at least 70% on the current written examination.
 - Be approved by two rated umpires, both of whom hold at least a Local rating.
 - Be re-examined every year.
 1. Awards - a rating card for Apprentice umpires shall be awarded. An emblem may be purchased.
 2. Fees
 - Written examinations for Apprentice Umpires shall be given annually by the local association or umpiring center and fees retained by that body.
 - Practical examination fees shall be established by the local association.