

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

Sectional Rating

Sectional Umpires allow the game to run smoothly and safely because of the ability to apply the advantage rule more consistently. They should be able to judge all forms of obstruction and should be able to control circle play. Positioning should be flexible so that the ball is kept in sight at all times, and they should have excellent anticipation. They should possess the ability to control and adapt to any level of game and should be firm and calm. Signals should be sharp, quick, clear to all, and concise with a minimum of verbal communication. Consistency is all important since smooth whistle-holding increases the enjoyment of the players. They should assist both their local and sectional boards, training and rating umpires in accordance with the board's respective service requirements.

1. The Sectional umpire shall:
 - Receive a grade of at least 85% on the current written exam.
 - Be approved by a minimum of four evaluators, all of whom must hold a Sectional rating. To rate, each evaluator shall observe the candidate in not less than one full game or its equivalent at a Sectional Tournament, Inter-Sectional weekend game, a Sectional game, Club Tournament, a Sectional Umpiring clinic or approved umpiring camp.
 - After holding this rating for an initial two year period, shall be re-examined every four years.
2. Service - Sectional Umpires shall provide evidence of service to their Sectional Umpiring Board as per the requirements determined by the respective Sectional Board.
3. Awards - a rating card for Sectional Umpires shall be awarded. An emblem may be purchased.
4. Fees
 - Written examinations for Sectional 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 Sectional Association.