



USATT Umpire/Referee Memo 2003-2

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SUBJECT: Umpire Re-certification

1. We now have more than 500 umpires in our database. The list includes club, regional, national and international umpires.
2. Qualification dates go back to 1970. Other than passing exams to move to a higher rank, none of these umpires has been reexamined to determine current knowledge of the laws and regulations.
3. Most other organizations, e.g. U.S. Tennis Association, require rigid retesting each year.

ACTION:

1. The Rules/Officials Committee proposes that we verify on a recurring basis (2 or 3 years) that our umpires are keeping up with the rules changes. The proposed requirement is that:
2. All umpires (all grades) will be required to re-certify every 2-3 years to remain active
3. The re-certification exam will be open book and given primarily on the web. We can mail exams on request.
4. The exam will be have the difficulty of a club umpire exam to determine that the umpire is current on rules changes. The same exam will be used for all levels of umpires.
5. We cannot de-certify an IU. However, an IU wishing to work our major tournaments must recertify before being accepted to work.
6. The re-certification fee will be \$5 per exam.

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