



Rowing British Columbia

Transition to RCA Seminar Packages (Level 2 and 3) Mike Bagshawe

Level 2 and 3 Seminars

All licenced Level 2 Umpires are required to participate in a Level 2 Seminar, a new requirement which is mandated within the RCA Umpire Licensing Policy.

There is also a Level 3 Seminar, with participation similarly mandated for certified Level 3 Umpires.

These Seminars are **NOT** a replacement for the traditional January umpire meeting hosted by Rowing British Columbia.



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The RCA framework for a seminar is about:

- reviewing umpires' responsibilities with respect to licence maintenance and umpire roles at regattas;
- reviewing a topic deemed by the PRA UC/Umpire Coordinator and clinicians to be of interest to umpires in that province, e.g., review of coastal regattas rules or head racing or indoor rules, etc.,
- reviewing a topic more broadly related to rowing in that jurisdiction".



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MAINTAINING AN RCA UMPIRE LICENCE

6. To maintain an RCA Umpire Licence, an Umpire is required to meet the following requirements:

- a. Ensure the information in RCA Web Registration System is up to date (Anually);
- b. Be in good standing with RCA and the PRA of their province
- c. Be active locally/provincially, serving as an Umpire at least once a year, where possible;
- d. Be evaluated in three-year blocks and be deemed to have met the evaluation requirement;
- e. Attend an umpire seminar a minimum of once every three years, matching the three-year blocks for evaluation;
- f. Do not umpire at a Canadian regatta that is not sanctioned by RCA;
- g. Abide by the policies of RCA, including the RCA Code of Conduct, the RCA Prevention of Abuse, Harassment and Bullying Policy and Procedure, and the Umpire Code of Conduct (Rules of Racing s.11.5).



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EVALUATION BLOCKS

Table of Evaluation Blocks				
January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023 Grace Period Until December 2021	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026	January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2029	January 1, 2030 - December 31, 2032	January 1, 2033 - December 31, 2035



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The Level 2 seminar

The RCA-mandated material includes:

- Overview of RCA Umpire Licensing Policy
- Overview of evaluations
- Review of umpire roles at regattas
 - Control Commission
 - Judge at the Start
 - Starter
 - Race Umpire
 - Judge at the Finish



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The Level 3 seminar

The RCA-mandated material includes:

- Review of Sanction document
- Review of Mentoring
- Review of RCA Umpire Licensing Policy
- Review of Evaluation Policy requirements
- Review of umpire roles at regattas
- Forum for discussion of situations experienced as a CU and how they were handled
- Chief Umpire checklist
- Pre-regatta preparation
- Jury Communication and meeting
- Coaches meeting
- Regatta installations
- Regatta day
- Post-regatta follow-up



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Given today's Covid environment, the Level 2 and 3 seminars will be delivered via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

The RCA-mandated material for each seminar is too extensive to be covered in one Zoom call - the seminar will likely be split into multiple sessions. We shall be communicating the dates for the sessions when they have been determined.

Questions and discussion will be encouraged.

There is no test or exam associated with either seminar.

The seminar delivery will be shared between Mike, Simon, Ge-An and Tim.

You can participate in seminars delivered outside BC. However, you will need to have covered all the RCA-mandated material in order to meet the "attend an umpire seminar" requirement of the RCA Umpire Licensing Policy.

