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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

## 1 About this career

A Cricket Umpire is the most important on-field official of the game — enforcing the Laws of Cricket (MCC Laws and BCCI/ICC playing conditions), making split-second decisions on outs, wides, no-balls and LBWs on every delivery, keeping count of runs and overs, and maintaining discipline and fairness between the teams. In India this career starts from club and district cricket, rises to the state cricket association, then to the BCCI panel and finally the ICC international panels. It is a superb path for young people who love the game but want to run it rather than play it.

## 2 At a glance

|                       |                                                          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimum qualification | Class 12 pass + age 18; strong knowledge of cricket laws |
| Entry route           | State association umpire exam → BCCI Level 1/2 → panel   |
| Starting salary       | State/junior matches around ₹2,000–5,000/day             |
| Work mode             | Seasonal, match-based; full days standing on the field   |

## 3 What you need

### INTERESTS

- Deep interest in the rules and workings of cricket
- Desire to run the game as an official rather than a player
- Enjoyment of making fair, impartial decisions and judgements

### ABILITIES

- Sharp eyesight, good hearing and sustained concentration
- Physical fitness to stand on the field all day
- Staying calm under pressure to make split-second decisions

**KEY SKILLS**

- Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Cricket (MCC Laws and BCCI/ICC conditions)
- Fast, accurate decision-making under pressure
- Scoring, over-counting and signalling (out, wide, no-ball, etc.)
- Understanding DRS/technology and modern match protocols
- Maintaining continuous concentration and alertness on every ball
- Complete impartiality, neutrality and integrity
- Managing players and maintaining discipline on the field

**4 How to get there**

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- 1 Study the Laws of Cricket deeply and gain umpiring experience in local/club cricket.
- 2 Register with your state cricket association (e.g. Rajasthan Cricket Association) and take the state umpire certification course and exam (theory + practical + viva).
- 3 Serve 2–3 years as a state/junior-match umpire on the state panel with good match reports and passing yearly refresher tests.
- 4 On good performance, sit the BCCI Level 1 umpire exam (theory).
- 5 Clear the BCCI Level 2 exam (theory + practical + viva) to earn 'BCCI Umpire' status.
- 6 Officiating Ranji-level domestic matches on the BCCI panel, progress to the ICC International Panel and onward to the Elite Panel.

**MAIN EXAMS**

- State cricket association umpire certification exam (theory + practical + viva)
- BCCI Umpire Level 1 exam (theory)
- BCCI Umpire Level 2 exam (theory + practical + viva)

**5 Where to study**

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**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES**

- राजस्थान क्रिकेट संघ (RCA) – अंपायर सर्टिफिकेशन — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.cricketrajasthan.in/>)
- भारतीय क्रिकेट कंट्रोल बोर्ड (BCCI) – अंपायर एजुकेशन — Mumbai / All-India (<https://www.bcci.tv/>)

**PRIVATE INSTITUTES**

- ICC Academy – Officiating / Umpiring Courses — International (Dubai) / Online

**ONLINE**

- MCC – The Laws of Cricket (नियमों का अध्ययन) — Online (<https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-laws-of-cricket>)
- ICC Academy – Online Officiating Courses — Online (<https://www.iccademy.com/>)

**FEES**

State cricket associations charge very low fees (often a few hundred to a few thousand rupees) for the umpire certification exam and course, and the rule book (MCC Laws) is free/online. The BCCI Level 1/2 exams are conducted by the board. Formal officiating courses at the ICC Academy are separately priced. The main 'investment' is not money but deep study of the laws and match experience.

## 6 What the work is like

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**WHERE YOU WORK**

Cricket stadiums and grounds, district and league matches of the state association, domestic tournaments like the Ranji Trophy, the IPL, and ICC international matches.

**WORK CULTURE**

The work is seasonal and match-based — the domestic season means constant travel and standing on the field all day (sometimes for 4-day matches). Extreme impartiality, discipline and composure under pressure are essential. Opportunities for women umpires are also growing fast.

**WHO HIRES**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)                         | • State cricket associations (e.g. Rajasthan Cricket Association, Mumbai Cricket Association) |
| • International Cricket Council (ICC) umpire and match-official panels | • Indian Premier League (IPL) and other franchise leagues                                     |
| • District cricket associations and school/university cricket boards   | • Corporate/club cricket tournament organisers                                                |

**DEMAND (2026)**

Cricket is India's most popular sport, and the number of matches across domestic (Ranji, age-group), women's cricket, the IPL and other leagues keeps rising, creating steady demand for trained, impartial umpires. Competition for the very top is tough, but opportunities at state and domestic level remain consistent for qualified umpires.

**7 Career growth**

- 1 Club / district-level umpire
- 2 State cricket association panel umpire
- 3 BCCI panel umpire (domestic, Ranji level)
- 4 ICC International Panel umpire
- 5 ICC Elite Panel umpire (highest level)

**EARNINGS**

|              |                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Starting     | राज्य/जूनियर मैच ₹2,000–5,000/दिन के आसपास                        |
| Mid level    | बीसीसीआई घरेलू अंपायर ₹30,000–40,000/दिन (4-दिन मैच ₹1.2–1.6 लाख) |
| Senior level | आईसीसी एलीट पैनेल लगभग ₹75 लाख–₹1.7 करोड़/वर्ष                    |

Per media reports, BCCI domestic umpires earn roughly ₹30,000–40,000 per day (about ₹1.2–1.6 lakh for a 4-day Ranji match), while state/junior-level income is much lower. ICC Elite Panel umpires reportedly earn around ₹75 lakh to ₹1.7 crore a year (retainer + per-match fees), with separate per-match fees for Tests/ODIs/T20Is. Official figures are not published; these estimates are based on verified media sources.

**8 The good parts · The challenges****The good parts**

- A chance to stay at the heart of cricket without being a player
- High income, respect and travel on reaching the top (BCCI/ICC)
- Growing and equal opportunities for both women and men

**The challenges**

- Reaching the top takes intense competition and many years
- Standing all day, travel, and seasonal/irregular income
- Public criticism and heavy pressure over wrong decisions

## 9 Real-life journeys

### Nitin Menon

**ICC Elite Panel of Umpires (from Indore, India)**

Born in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Nitin Menon first played List A cricket for Madhya Pradesh, then took up umpiring like his father before him (himself an umpire). Rising through domestic cricket, he officiated his first internationals in 2017 and in June 2020, aged just 36, became the third Indian umpire ever on the ICC's prestigious Elite Panel. He has since stood in dozens of Tests, ODIs and T20Is and officiated T20 World Cup semi-finals and finals. His story shows that even without a playing career at the top, mastering the laws of cricket can take you to the highest international level.

Wikipedia · [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitin\\_Menon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitin_Menon)

### Vrinda Rathi

**International cricket umpire; first Indian woman on-field umpire in an ICC World Cup final**

Vrinda Rathi of Navi Mumbai was first a medium-pace bowler and scorer for Mumbai University before, encouraged by a former BCCI umpire, she made umpiring her career. She cleared the Mumbai Cricket Association umpire exam in 2014, earned BCCI certification in 2018 and joined the ICC Development Panel in 2020. In December 2023 she became the first Indian woman to umpire a women's Test match, and in July 2026 she made history as the first Indian woman on-field umpire in an ICC Women's T20 World Cup final at Lord's. Her story inspires girls to see that the very top of umpiring is reachable too.

Female Cricket · <https://femalecricket.com/icc-womens-t20-world-cup-2026/93444-vrinda-rathi-becomes-first-indian-woman-on-field-umpire-in-icc-world-cup-final.html>

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