

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TENNIS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (SCTUA)

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INFORMATION FOR TENNIS OFFICIAL PROSPECTS AND TRAINEES

1. Tennis officials must be members of the United States Tennis Association (USTA). You may join online at www.usta123.com
2. Contact Chris Clarke who is in charge of recruiting (caclarke@ucsd.edu). He will need the following information to enter you into the system: USTA #, Full Name, Home Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone (optional), and Email Address.
3. Obtain a "Friend At Court" (FAC). This is the bible for tennis officials and is essential for training. You can get an FAC from Chris, or from the Southern California Tennis Association (SCTA) office, located on the UCLA campus, at 310-208-3838. Concentrate on pages: 4-30 (Rules); 37-41; 51-59; 111-134; 138-156; 205-211; 215-223; 253-262; Inside Back Cover
4. Chris will provide you with a "Rules of Tennis" open-book test. Complete the test and return it to Chris.
5. You will be contacted to attend a half-day New Official's Clinic in your area. The fee for the clinic is \$15.00 (includes an FAC)
6. In your school packet, you will receive, among other things, the following materials:
 - Information on techniques for roving, chairing, and calling lines.
 - Information on how to access and use the UMP website.
 - SCTUA Rates and Fees schedule
 - USTA Official's Data Card

The data card is your official work record. All training and work days should be logged and verified by the Chief Umpire, Site Referee, Mentor, or Coordinator who assigned you, by signing your Data Card. In October, your completed Data Card must be returned to the Sectional Data Card Coordinator (Jane Goodman) in order for you to be certified for the upcoming year.
7. Upon completion of the school, you are required to train for 4 days (32 hours), for no pay, at local tournaments, with an approved experienced tennis official (a mentor), as a Roving Official. You will "shadow" the mentor for the entire training period, and should not be left alone. The mentor will show you proper procedures, observe you in action, and give constructive advice. A mentor/trainer (only 1 per event) should also sign your Data Card for the days you worked, and that information should be entered into the Comments area of your UMP Profile. At this point, you should also join SCTUA (the Southern California Tennis Umpires Association). Send a check for \$25, payable to SCTUA, to Eric Mah (SCTUA Treasurer)
8. Clothing needed includes:
 - A plain, collared, teal colored, polo shirt. This may change (new USTA Umpire shirts are being designed)
 - Khaki Bermuda-length shorts and/or long khaki pants.
 - Tennis shoes (predominantly white in color)
 - Tan or Beige colored cap, hat, or visor
 - Dark blue or navy colored jacket and or sweater (no recognizable logo, except USTA Official).
9. Equipment needed while you are working includes:
 - Handheld Stopwatch
 - Metal tape measure (42 – 72 inches)
 - At least two (2) Pencils (mechanical pencils are best)
 - Large size coin (Quarter, Half Dollar, etc.)
 - Friend At Court (FAC) book
10. Upon completion of your training (mentoring), contact Jim Flood to be re-classified as a Provisional official on the UMP website.
11. At this point, you must take the initiative to contact your local coordinators to receive assignments. Your first experience as a paid roving official should be at junior tournaments, if possible. Call the coordinators and give them information about yourself and your training. If they can use you, they will hire you. Stay in touch with them. Coordinators are:

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12. The main method of obtaining assignments is the UMP (Umpire Matching Platform) website at: www.ustaump.com. On the "UMP" website you can search for Events that need officials, apply to work those Events, and be assigned, all online.