

# LTA LINE UMPIRE GRADING STRUCTURE 2025

1. All line umpires must be an LTA Licensed Official and have LTA Officiating endorsement to retain their current grade and be considered for promotion.
2. Any official who feels they no longer wish to fulfil the duties commensurate with their grade should contact LTA Officiating at any time to inform them of their desire to be re-graded.
3. If an official cannot meet the requirements for retention of their grade because of circumstances affecting their ability to work, they should notify LTA Officiating. Such notification should be received as soon as practicable but by 1 December 2025. LTA Officiating will review all records for the official, carefully consider the circumstances, and decide whether to waive the requirements for 2025.
4. Officials may receive a warning letter if they fail to meet a retention requirement as detailed in the table below. If an official receives a warning letter for failing to meet any retention requirement in two consecutive years, a re-grade to a lower grade would be considered.

Retention Requirement	Warning Letter Issued	Re-Grade Considered
15 Days on court (L1 & L2)	12-14 Days on court	0-11 Days on court
2 Days at Grass Court events	1 Day at Grass Court events	0 Days at Grass Court events
15 Line Umpire Assessments	12-14 Line Umpire Assessments	0-11 Line Umpire Assessments

5. In order to be considered for promotion, officials must have met the retention requirement for their existing grade.
6. Days worked and assessments received at tournaments which are not on the calendar published by LTA Officiating will not count for either retention of grade or promotion of grade.
7. The days requirement in the structure below is an on-court days requirement and does not include days worked as a Match Assistant. However, if an official selected as a Match Assistant works on court during their selection, any days worked on court will count towards the on-court days requirement.
8. All L1 graded line umpires without a \$ or S suffix are required to call serve at ITF World Tennis Tour W35, M25, W15 & M15 tournaments. Any L1 graded official refusing to call serve at these tournaments may be re-graded to L2 at the conclusion of the tournament.
9. Licensed umpires with zero days in 2025 may be re-graded to UZ/LZ (Inactive). To reactivate their grade they will need to contact LTA Officiating who will decide on their revised grade.
10. International chair umpires and chief umpires may be given the line umpire grade LX. These officials may still be allocated as a line umpire by the Chief Umpire at all tournaments.
11. Line umpires will be assessed by chair umpires graded U2 and above at the following:
  - The Championships, Wimbledon (including Wimbledon Wild-Card Playoff)
  - Davis / Billie Jean King Cup
  - ATP / WTA Tour events (including ATP Challenger Tour & WTA125 events)
  - ITF World Tennis Tour events (W15, M15 and above)
  - ITF Junior Masters, Grade A, Grade 1
  - ITF Junior Team Competition
  - ITF Senior World Individual Championships
  - ITF Senior World Team Championships
  - ITF Wheelchair Circuit (Masters Series, Super Series, ITF 1)
  - British Tour events
  - LTA National League Open Finals

12. In calculating retention and promotion requirements, line umpire assessments will be weighted to give a converted score for each line umpire. The following weights will be used:

- 7 = +5
- 6 = +3
- 5 = +1
- 3 = -3
- 2 = -6
- 1 = -9

13. For each line umpire an average score per assessment received will be calculated by dividing the converted score obtained (as per note 12) by the total number of assessments received. This calculation will include all assessments of 7, 6, 5, 3, 2 & 1 obtained at every tournament.

14. At the conclusion of the 2024 end of year grading process, officials will be graded in accordance with the 2024 Line Umpire Grading Structure. Officials will be transferred to the relevant grade in the 2025 structure as per the table below.

Grade after 2024 End of Year Grading Process	2025 Grade
L1	L1S
L2	L1
L2\$	L1\$
L2S	L1S
L3	L2
L3\$	L2\$
L3S	L2S
L4	L3
L4\$	L3\$
L4S	L3S

15. In the annual grading process at the end of 2025, line umpires will be ranked according to their average score per assessment received. Throughout 2025, LTA Officiating will review the number of line umpires within each grade to determine the limit of line umpires able to be graded in the L1 grade from 2026 onwards and this will be communicated to officials at the appropriate time. In the event of two or more line umpires having the same average score per assessment received, the number of L1 line umpires will be increased accordingly as necessary.

16. Line umpires cannot change grade by more than one line grade per calendar year, with the exception of where an official has been regraded at their own request.

17. Service line designations will be adjusted in accordance with the following (a service line suffix of \$ or S is not in itself a grade):

Annual Score on Service Line					
Current Designation	Score of less than -6	Score of -6 to -1	Score of 0	Score of 1 or 2	Score of 3 or more
None	None	None	None	Add \$	Add \$ or S at LTA discretion
\$	Remove \$	Remove \$	Stay as \$	Stay as \$	Transfer to S
S	Remove designation	Transfer to \$	Transfer to \$	Transfer to \$	Stay as S

18. In the event that the number of available professional tournaments in 2025 is significantly lower than expected, LTA Officiating at its absolute discretion reserves the right to reduce retention requirements for each grade.

19. Officials wishing to work as a Match Assistant at any event must complete the online Match Assistant Training module. Should the module be updated at any time, officials may be required to update their training in order to undertake the Match Assistant role.
20. Officials wishing to work as a Match Assistant at ATP/WTA Tour events must work on court for at least five days per year at ATP Challenger or ITF World Tennis Tour events prior to their selection as a Match Assistant.

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Grade	Assignment Eligibility	Minimum Requirements for Retention	Minimum Requirements for Promotion
<b>L1</b>	Tournament categories 1-4 including assignments as a Match Assistant	15 days on-court in 2025, including officiating on-court at least two days at grass court Major Events / Trophy Series  15 line umpire assessments in 2025  Overall positive score in 2025	
<b>L2</b>	Tournament categories 2-4 including assignments as a Match Assistant	15 days on-court in 2025, including officiating on-court at least two days at grass court Major Events / Trophy Series  15 line umpire assessments in 2025  Overall positive score in 2025	Performance and work rate in 2025 indicate suitability for promotion
<b>L3</b>	Tournament categories 3-4	10 days on-court in 2025  Satisfactory assessments in 2025	Performance and work rate in 2025 indicate suitability for promotion  Overall score of +10

Category	Tournament
1	The Championships, Wimbledon (Show Courts), Davis / Billie Jean King Cup
2	The Championships, Wimbledon (Semi Show Courts) and ATP/WTA Tour Show Courts
3	All other professional tennis
4	All other tournaments