

LTA LINE UMPIRE GRADING STRUCTURE 2024

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 2024. LTA Officiating will review all records for the official, carefully consider the circumstances, and decide whether to waive the requirements for 2024.
4. Officials may receive one warning letter if they are within 10% below each retention requirement for their grade in a three year period before being considered for a re-grade to a lower grade. For the avoidance of doubt, a re-grade to a lower grade would be considered if the official fails to meet a retention requirement for which a warning letter has already been issued within the last three years.
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. However, L1 graded line umpires who work at an overseas Grand Slam as a Line Umpire in 2024 will have a reduced retention requirement of 25 days in 2024.
7. All L2 graded line umpires are required to call serve at ITF World Tennis Tour W35, M25, W15 & M15 tournaments. Any official refusing to call serve at these tournaments may be immediately re-graded to L3.
8. Licensed umpires with zero days in 2024 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.
9. 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.
10. 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
11. 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
4 = 0
3 = -3
2 = -6

12. For each line umpire an average score per assessment received will be calculated by dividing the converted score obtained (as per note 10) by the total number of assessments received. This calculation will include all assessments of 7, 6, 5, 3, 2 & 1 obtained at every tournament. In addition, any assessments of 4 obtained at the following tournaments will also be included in the calculation:
- The Championships, Wimbledon (excluding Wimbledon Wild Card Playoff)
 - Davis / Billie Jean King Cup
 - ATP/WTA Tour (including ATP Challenger Tour and WTA125 events)
 - ITF World Tennis Tour W75 and W100 events
13. In the annual grading process, line umpires will be ranked according to their average score per assessment received. The top 55 L1s and L2s will be graded L1 for the following year. All remaining L1s will be graded L2 for the following year. In total, there will be 55 L2s each year. The remaining L2s will be taken from the L2s and L3s with the highest average score per assessment received. Any remaining L2s and L3s will be graded L3 for the following year. Line umpires cannot change grade by more than one line grade per calendar year.
14. In the event of two or more line umpires having the same average score per assessment received, the number of L1 or L2 line umpires will be varied accordingly as necessary. All tied line umpires will be assigned to the higher grade. This may result in the number of L1s or L2s being higher than 55 in any given year. If the number of L1s is higher than 55, the number of L2s will be reduced in order for the total number of L1s and L2s to remain at 110. If the number of L2s is higher than 55, the total number of L1s and L2s will be increased accordingly.
15. 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

16. In the event that the number of available professional tournaments in 2024 is significantly lower than in previous years, LTA Officiating at its absolute discretion reserves the right to reduce retention requirements for each grade.

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Grade	Assignment Eligibility	Minimum Requirements for Retention	Minimum Requirements for Promotion
L1	Tournament categories 1-5 Priority for tournaments in Category 1	30 days on-court in 2024, including officiating at The Championships, Wimbledon (Main Draw) 30 line umpire assessments in 2024 Overall positive score on each of base and long lines, and a score of at least +3 on serve in 2024	
L2	Tournament categories 1-5	25 days on-court in 2024, including officiating at The Championships, Wimbledon (Main Draw) 25 line umpire assessments in 2024 Overall positive score in 2024	Performance and work rate in 2024 indicate suitability for promotion Officiated on show courts at The Championships, Wimbledon (Main Draw) 2024 Overall positive score in 2024 on each of base and long lines, and a score of at least +3 on serve
L3	Tournament categories 3-5	20 days on-court in 2024 20 line umpire assessments in 2024 Overall score of +10 and an average score per assessment of 0.33333 in 2024	Performance and work rate in 2024 indicate suitability for promotion Officiated at The Championships, Wimbledon (Main Draw) 2024 Overall positive score in 2024
L4	Tournament categories 3-5	15 days on-court in 2024 Satisfactory assessments in 2024	Performance and work rate in 2024 indicate suitability for promotion Overall score of +10 and an average score per assessment of 0.33333 in 2024
LT	Tournament category 5		Pass the LTA Chair Umpire Course

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