

The Perfect Umpire

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A poll by a group of Umpire Coaches of members of the 1992 Great Britain squad to define the qualities of "The Perfect Umpire" determined the following points:

The Perfect Umpire will:

- Be consistent
- Be Decisive
- Be authoritative and un-fussy
- Use common sense in application of Advantage
- Be invisible
- Watch players before giving decisions
- Communicate and talk
- Engender respect
- Encourage flow
- Have empathy with the players
- Consult his colleague
- Understand the game
- Keep up with the game (rule changes, coaching techniques and interpretations)
- Enjoy umpiring and the game
- Make decisions in key areas

The Bad Umpire will:

- Be intrusive
- Be arrogant
- Be dominant
- Not be up to date with skills
- Try mind-reading
- Victimise players
- Be capable of being conned
- Be pedantic
- Position himself poorly

Conflict Areas with Umpires

- Lost control
- Bad decisions
- Inconsistency
- Foul language
- Refusal to explain decisions
- Refusal to admit errors
- Overreaction to players
- Too much influence on the game
- Not blow what is seen, i.e. guess

How you YOU rate?!"