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Umpire Grading Adjustments 2008 (Issued 8 July 2008)

I am pleased to advise the following grading adjustments approved at the Annual National Umpiring Staff meeting held on Saturday 28th June and Sunday 29th July 2008. These are in addition to the Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 Grading promotions previously advised. A revised grading list is to follow.

Level 4 to Level 5 (RDU recommended)

Warren Polata (TN) Gavin Shepherd (WN), Les Haslam (AK), Jeff Webber (AK), Joanne Edwin (NH), Tai Matehe (CB), Charlie Gaze (CB), John Hickman (ML), Riki Thompson (CO) and Dawie Sutton (OG).

Level 5 to Level 6 (Evaluated)

Andrew Laird (AK), Ray Dyason (MN) and Tara Harris (HV).

Grading Adjustments

The following policy change was approved at the 2007 NUS meeting.

“Commencing the 2007-08 season the minimum number of games per season to retain an active grading, in addition to officiating at a U19 and above National Tournament in that season, will be: Level 5 – 20, Level 6 – 30 and Level 7 – 40. Umpires who fail to meet the minimum requirements will retain their grade that season followed by the letter “R”. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration by the NUS.”

- Active – R (as above) R Gale (NH) 5 to 5R, G Butler (PB) 6 to 6R, C Seeling (BP) 6 to 6R, M Smith (NH) 6 to 6R, R Tourangi (AK) 6 to 6R, S Hodges (HB) 7 to 7R.
- Active – A (Administration) - T Cohen (NH) 5 to 5A and W Smith (NH) 7 to 7A.

2008 Grading List Summary

The total number of graded umpires including Level 1 has increased 28% from 238 to 304. Made up as follows: **L7**- 14 unchanged, **L6** – 10 up to 14, **L5** – 15 up to 21, **L4** – 43 down to 32, **L3** – 12 up to 14, **L2** – 14 up to 30 and **L1** - 130 up to 181.

It is very pleasing to see a 14% increase in numbers between L2 and L7. With your help the NUS has set the goal of having as many Level 1 umpires as possible sit the rules examine in October so they may obtain the Level 2 grading and increase their knowledge of the rules.

Thank you all for your contribution and congratulations to those who have earned a grading promotion.

For the National Staff

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