



Ontario: Provincial Female Umpire Development Overview

OMG Tournament (Royal York, ON) - The Ontario Mega Girls Tournament had 4 divisions with over 500 girls playing. All-woman crew from Ontario for the 16U division for 2025. For 2026, we have all women umpiring the 16U and most of the 14U divisions. *Prior to this event, umpires receive development materials, videos and have online meeting(s).

National Qualifiers (15U and 18U, Vaughan and Burlington) - Ontario had 5 women umpire in various National Qualifiers in August. These are tournaments determining what teams will represent Ontario at the Canadian Nationals. Each event had a supervisor to mentor and give feedback.

Mentorship Program for Level 3s – we have women mentors for the female umpires that register.

Ontario Summer Games – (2024 and 2026 – every two years) includes 16U Girl's baseball division. In 2024 - we had 9 women attend this event! We have an all-woman crew at the game this year too! *Prior to this event, umpires receive development materials, videos and have online meeting(s).

Team Ontario Girls/Women's Programs – Our provincial teams often have exhibition games or friendlies with other provinces and/or countries (NFLD, PQ, Great Britain, etc). When this happens, women umpires officiate these games.

Monthly Online Mentor Group – Women, umpire+, diversity, minority mentoring group. Partnership with Nova Scotia. The mentoring group meets once a month for one hour on Sunday nights at 7pm est. It is a safe space for learning! We have been doing this for 6 years. The ages range from 11 to 70. We discuss rules, situations, or answer questions, sometimes we have special guests. During our December call - we had a special guest! Jen Pawol who made her Major League debut last summer as the first woman to umpire MLB joined our call.

National Umpire Training – Women Development Program – We identify strong women, women identifying umpires with potential who may not be ready for the national program. As a part of this program, these candidates attend the National Umpire Clinic to train and learn. The goal is that they continue to develop and earn their place in our National Program.

Level 1/2 Umpire Camps – We have numerous female instructors and many of our clinics have all genders. We do provide Female Umpire Camps – this year with 50 participants!

Female Umpire Development – We specifically have someone on our umpire committee assigned as the Female Umpire Development Lead and sits on the OBA Women's Baseball Committee. Many of our events/activities are connected. We have player camps but also touch upon the possibility of umpiring. Having our women and women identifying players, coaches and umpire take part in events together where possible. Lisa Turbitt is the OBA Female Umpire Development Lead.

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