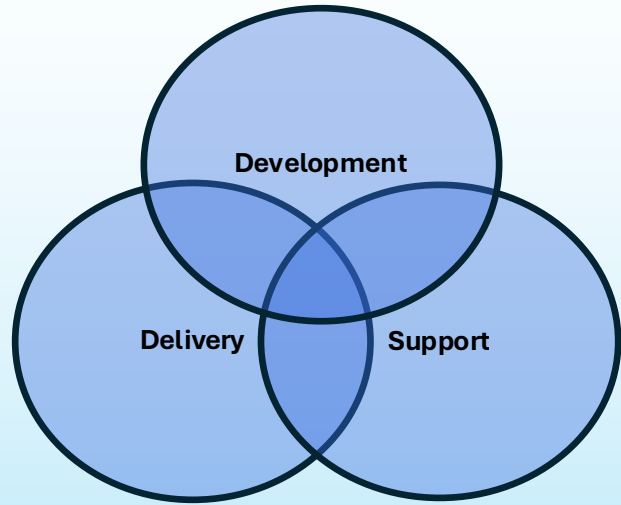


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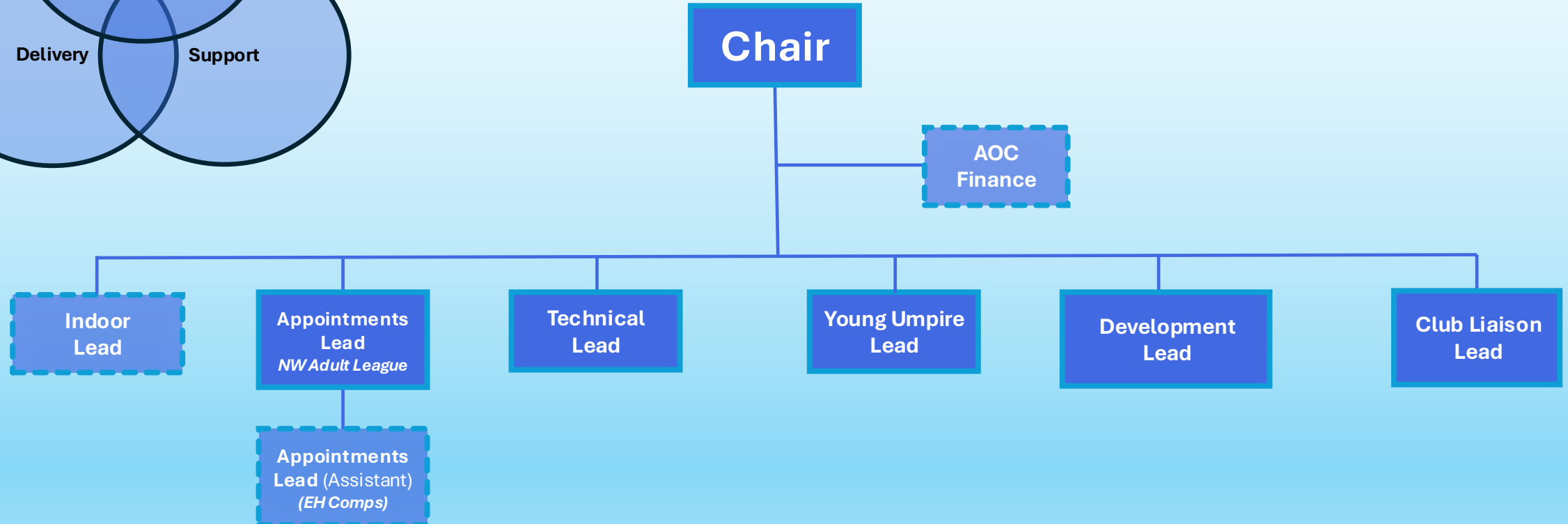
North West AOC (Area Officiating Committee) 2026-27

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AOC Structure 2026-27



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Chair

Chris Reece

Purpose

- To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of North West Officiating, in accordance with England Hockey Officiating (EHO) Strategies.
- To oversee the Officiating Committee to ensure delivery of umpire development through development pathways to umpires at all levels, providing that important link between Officiating and the rest of the game.

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Development Lead

Tom McCabe

Purpose

- To operate as a key driver of performance within independent, neutral officiating appointment levels of the Officiating area. To act as lead mentor and facilitator to the Area's registered neutral appointment taking officials to aid with their development and own progression, as well as to add to the player experience through high quality officiating in the leagues these umpires are appointed to.

Key Tasks of Role

- 1. To recruit and develop independent, neutral officials being appointed to Area competitions and EH Competitions as required
- 2. Ensure Quality Assurance process for Umpire Assessors and Coaches working with umpires undertaking neutral appointments
- 3. Delivery of panel assessment criteria within area
- 4. To recruit and develop Umpire Support to aid the development of umpires

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Club Liaison Lead

Vacant

Purpose

- To operate as a key driver of liaison between the Area Officiating Committee and the clubs, to help drive umpire recruitment, development and retention at club level for Officiating.

Key Tasks of Role

- 1. Work closely with the clubs to deliver a programme of development workshops / virtual workshops, as requested by clubs, to support the recruitment and development of officials at a club level
- 2. Work with Clubs to promote umpiring to recruit and retain umpires
- 3. Communicate regularly with clubs on opportunities for officiating in leagues and competitions as requested by the Area.

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Appointments Lead Assistant

Sofia Colasurdo

Key Tasks of Role

- ❖ Appoint NW umpires to EH cup, vase and trophy games
- ❖ Watch out for games being published on GMS within the NW for the EH comps (usually Sundays or any weekend break in leagues)
- ❖ Laise with EH if fixtures are not correct on GMS to enable umpires to be appointed.
- ❖ Mainly appoint to Teir 1, 2 and 3 only, unless semi finals then appoint to as many as possible subject to availability.
- ❖ Respond to clubs requesting umpires for competitions

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Appointments Lead

Graham Morrison

Purpose

- To appropriately appoint umpires and technical officials to all required North West Area leagues and competitions for juniors and adults, as well as England Hockey competitions where appropriate.

Key Tasks of Role

- Appoint umpires as appropriate to area league and competitions.
- Upload Officiating appointments onto GMS
- Liaise with Performance Development Lead on the appointments of umpires, coaches and assessors.

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Young Umpire Lead

Rhydian Burston

Purpose

- To operate as a key driver of information from the Area Officiating Committee to the clubs, to facilitate Young Umpire recruitment, retention and development opportunities within the North West.

Key Tasks

- Works closely with Club Umpire Development Lead to deliver “Young Umpire” education and recruitment opportunities.
- Liaise with the North West Junior Leagues & Competitions Committee, including the County Junior Team Competition Organiser within the North West to deliver Officiating opportunities within their structures.
- Lead and co-ordinate the work of the Sub Area Connectors to deliver “Young Umpire” education and recruitment opportunities.
- Nominate Young Umpires to National In2 Hockey Finals.

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Technical Official Lead

Peter McNulty

Purpose

- To support clubs and technical officials within the area to support all Area Leagues, Competitions and England Hockey competitions where appropriate.

Key Tasks of Role

- Recommend suitable Technical Officials for appointment to relevant leagues and competitions (Adult and Junior) within the Area.
- Work closely with Club Umpire Development Lead & Performance Development Lead to deliver Technical Official education and recruitment opportunities