

A short Board meeting was held on the 17th December 2025 solely to discuss Officiating.

The Board

- Acknowledged the recent resignation of Steve Hamey as Chair of the Officiating Committee.
- Agreed to take advice from England Hockey on the recommended next steps and meet again once the advice was received and to then draft the appropriate communications to all interested parties.
- Discussed a paper from Matt Johnson regarding a potential project to increase umpire development, and asked for more details before proceeding.

A further Board meeting was held on the 15th January 2026 to continue discussions regarding Officiating.

At this meeting the Board

- Resolved to appoint Matt Johnson as interim chair of the Officiating Committee and notify the officiating committee accordingly
- Agreed to arrange a meeting of the officiating Committee and agree next steps with them, and set out Board objectives for Officiating in the West.
- Will arrange to contact cluster leads
- Agreed to contact active umpires with a view to them contributing to the achievement of objectives.
- Asked Matt Johnston to attend the 8 Area national Officiating Committee meetings so that the West can now be properly represented.
- Agreed a pilot project to attract and develop club umpires.