



**NORTH WEST
HOCKEY
OFFICIATING**

E H O BRANCH AGM 2024

AGENDA

CHAIR'S REPORT

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND NWHOC LEADS



**NWHO SUPPORTS ALL OUR OFFICIALS
90% of whom are Club Umpires**

**HELP CLUBS TO
RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN
UMPIRES
PROVIDE CLUB TEAMS WITH A
HIGH STANDARD OF UMPIRING
ENABLE UMPIRES TO PROGRESS**

**APPOINT AND SUPPORT
UMPIRES TO
THE NWH LEAGUE**

DEVELOP YOUNG UMPIRES

DEVELOP MATCH OFFICIALS





Tony Shutt – Appointments Lead

- All Men's and Women's Premiers League appointments have been fulfilled.
- Umpire coaches and assessors have been appointed in support,
- Umpires encouraged to progress and take some appointments whilst still umpiring for their Club.

SUCCESSES

Paul Masterson,
Si Cobley and
Moli Smith: L3
7 new L2
umpires.

KEY SKILL FOR L 2
MOVEMENT AND
MANAGEMENT
READ THE GAME
CHANGE BEHAVIOUR



INDOOR LEAD- Gemma Jones

Aims:

- Re-establish indoor officiating in the North West area
 - Provide minimum coverage at all Junior Clubs and Adult Super 6 events
- Ensure all Junior Clubs and Adult Super 6 events are properly supported - Organisers, UM's and Officials
- Recruit new indoor umpires within the constraints of support
- Get indoor visible again in the North West - social media, website, GMS, panels etc.

Umpire Managers: Matt Harrison, Jonathan Hull, Gemma Jones
Umpire Support: Zak Longstaff, Sophie Parker, Kevin Roberts



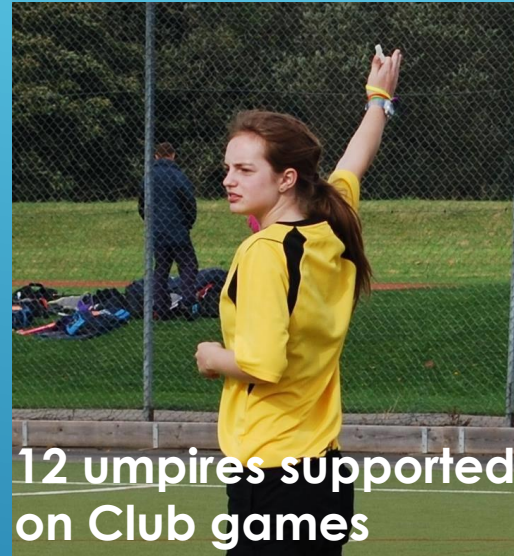
Successes 2023/24

Level 3 ● Elizabeth Blae Cain
Level 2 ● Alex Brandwood and Nathan Redman
Level 1 ● Luke Dawkin, Shawn Hudson and Sam Williams



Neal Pickersgill - Umpire (Club) Developer Lead

Armitage Tournament



12 umpires supported on Club games



36 umpires coached
14 assessed



Umpire development at the Lancashire Cup Finals

Umpire Forum :
Improving Decision Making
HAS THERE BEEN AN OFFENCE and by whom ?
IF SO, DO I NEED TO BLOW?
IF I BLOW DO I NEED TO ADD TO THE FREE HIT?



Female umpire development at the Masters

UMPIRE SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

2 new L2 Umpire Coaches.
3 L1 Assessors

Umpire Coaches developed at
the Armitage Tournament



Chris Regan (Jane Evans) – Club Engagement Lead



- Cluster Leads further developing Club contacts through WhatsApp groups.
- Cumbria – 2 new County Umpire Developers
- Lancashire – all requests for umpires covered.
- South Manchester - promoting the use of radios for club umpire development.
- North Manchester - busy making contacts.
- Cheshire and Liverpool – good season for L1 Assessments and new L1 Assessors.

CHRIS REGAN

GAYLE GLEDHILL

JO SKELTON

MIKE WYNNE

INGE BEVERS. LUKE PIBWORTH



IMPROVING CLUB UMPIRING NWHOC

SUPPORT

Arrange practice sessions at team training and Summer Leagues for new umpires.

Club 7 aside day for umpires.

Pair with experienced umpires.

Assign mentors/buddies to new umpires.

Appoint sympathetically.

Encourage use of online Umpire Forums.

Buy a set of radios plus multiple headsets.

Set up Umpire WhatsApp group.

Pre- season meeting led by experienced umpire.

FIND AN UMPIRE

Use the NWHOC Umpire Request post on Facebook.

Create Cluster Club WhatsApp groups with nearby Clubs.

RECRUITMENT

Incentives

- ❖ Payment.
- ❖ Fund L1 course.
- ❖ Offer free post match refreshments.
- ❖ Provide shirt on successful L1 assessment
- ❖ Wave the match fee.

ENJOYMENT

- Promote the Respect Code.
- Deal with poor team behaviour.
- All players take the online rules test.
- Include umpires in the end of season awards.

YOUNG UMPIRES



NW Young Umpire
Challenge at the
In2Hockey Finals



Lancashire
In2 Hockey
Young Umpires



Junior U16
League Finals

David Alcock – Technical Officiating Lead



RESPECT UMPIRES
A reminder of what is unacceptable

Premier and Div 1
MATCH OFFICIAL CHECK LIST



SOCIAL MEDIA




CONFIDENT
CLUB UMPIRING
AN EVENING WITH
GEMMA JONES (FIH)

A presentation on what makes a confident umpire will be followed by a question and answer session.

WEDNESDAY 15th MAY @7:00
HOSTED AT: PRESTON HOCKEY CLUB

MONDAY 20th MAY @7:30
HOSTED AT: TIMPERLEY HOCKEY CLUB

Please register for the evening you wish to attend by using the link in the description.



NORTH WEST HOCKEY ADULT LEAGUE

CLUBS FORUM

DON'T FORGET CLUBS FORUM

All clubs playing their hockey in the North West are invited to join our Clubs Forum.

The Forum will cover a wide range of topics so feel free to bring 2 – 3 reps from your club. Reps from our County Associations are also welcome to attend.

Come Join Us...

Date: Wednesday 13th March
Start: 19:30
Venue: Timperley Sports Club, Stockport Rd, Timperley, Altrincham, WA15 7LU

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE VIA THE LINK IN OUR BIO

THE CHALLENGES

Umpire welfare

Improving communication with umpires and Clubs

Increasing the progression of female umpires from L1 to L2

Increasing the number and competencies of Club Umpires

Developing Young Umpires

Improving Match Officials

Increasing Umpire Support at all levels

Recruiting more volunteers

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Pre AGM advertising campaign

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESSION FROM L1 TO L2

Umpire Developer Lead to coordinate Club Umpire Developers/ L1 support and Support at Tournaments. More Umpire Forums.

Promote varied Appointed Umpire pathway to Club umpires especially female umpires.

APPOINTED UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

CLUB ENGAGEMENT

Recruit Club Engagement Lead from a Club. Cluster Leads to maximise use of Club Umpire Contact to 'drip feed' Information/Guidance/Feedback

Increase coaching and assessing of umpire support at Tournaments.
Develop online support course.

UMPIRE SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

PROMOTING OFFICIATING

Appoint Social Media Admin to improve coverage/ feed into Clubs and support communication from other sections and Clubs..

UMPIRE WELFARE

Continue working with ALC/Clubs to promote Respect and raise awareness of dissent /abuse. Log and respond to incidents.

Appoint YU Coordinator
Expand YU Challenge to County In2Hockey
Appoint 6 County YU Coordinators

YOUNG UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT



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