



Officiating Chair Report AGM 2025

As my first season as Chair we continued to provide support to the wider London Hockey committee and provide the umpiring members with the support they required when possible. We saw a dip in appointments at Grade 2 even though many members went above and beyond to double up or fit games around pre-existing commitments. This is due to a reduced number of umpires taking neutral appointments and we will need to engage with Grade 2 clubs to ensure there is a neutral pool for the forthcoming season. We were grateful to Graeme Hope and Adam Fleming for managing to achieve miracles on a regular basis.

Both our club umpire programme and young umpire programme continued to be successful and we saw positive results from these programmes over the last season.

Across the country Technical Officiating continues to be an area that requires more support – we are committed to increasing the numbers and use some of the Summer Master tournaments to begin training new Technical Officials.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who have provided support to the smooth running of the London Hockey Officiating and officiated for London Hockey or supported their London Hockey Officiating colleagues.

We will be unveiling a new structure, new strategy and new panel system shortly (Mid-August) to also recognise the unique position of London Hockey Officiating.