



**ENGLAND  
HOCKEY**

## **Level 1 Umpire**

### **Assessment Criteria**

#### **BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION**

In 2014, England Hockey introduced the current Level 1 Umpire Assessment form and Guidance form which was designed to help previous county Hockey Umpiring Associations (HUA) monitor the consistency of umpires progressing to the Level 1 Assessed Level.

#### **THE CURRENT POSITION**

Recent feedback has confirmed that there are inconsistencies around the country as to who is able to conduct these assessments. Also, with the implementation of the England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO), a consistent approach is required for the administration of the Level 1 Assessed award.

These steps are aimed to minimise delays for interested umpires to be able to undertake their Level 1 Assessment in a timely manner.

It is hoped that having a consistent approach across the country will increase the number of individuals who are able to undertake Level 1 Assessments, thus helping meet the demand from clubs to have individuals undertake L1 Assessments.

#### **NEWLY AGREED CRITERIA FOR ASSESSOR**

1. Any individuals would be able to conduct a Level 1 Assessment at any club if they achieve one or more of the below criteria:
  - a. is a Level 2 (Regional) or higher Umpire
  - b. is a County Umpire Developer, Level 1 Umpire Coach or higher-level Umpire Coach
2. Any individual who is eligible for any of the above criteria must be a current member of the EHO (at any subscription level).

#### **TYPE OF MATCH**

The format of a match that an Umpire Assessment can take place must meet the following criteria:

- An 11-a-side match, minimum of 25 minutes each way
- A competitive match between 2 x sides from different clubs, or 2 x teams from a single club in adult league competition
- Must be an Under 15-year-old match or higher
- Matches played within the Player Pathway can also be deemed as appropriate

The Umpire Assessor has the right to refuse to conduct the assessment of an umpire if the quality of match at the time is deemed to be inappropriate to correctly assess the competencies of the Umpire. In these cases, the Assessor should notify the umpire in question and conduct an Umpire Coaching session to help the umpire's development.

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