



NORTH WEST
HOCKEY
OFFICIATING

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WELCOME TO THE
2025-26
SEASON:
OFFICIATING CHAIR
TONY SHUTT



APPOINTED UMPIRES NORTH WEST PREMIER DIVISIONS

Your Officiating Committee 2025-26

Role	Name
Chair	Tony Shutt
Vice Chair, GMS & Tech Support	Chris Reece
Performance Development Lead	Nick Kearsey
Club Umpire Development Lead	Jane Evans
Appointments Lead	Tonu Shutt
Appointments Lead Assistant (EH Competitions)	Graham Morrison
Technical Official Lead	John Dixon
Social Media Lead	Vacant
Link Here for Contact details	

Area Premier Divisions may play Quarters rather than Halves

As set out in the Adult League Regulations 2025-26 it is optional that Premier Division games **may be four quarters of 17 minutes 30 seconds, with no stoppage for short corners. To be implemented if requested by the Home team.** In the North West this will be a trial and the ALMC will monitor this throughout the season. However there will be some constraints in addition to the regulations: [See Link Here for further Guidance](#)

No stoppage for short corners, [See Link Here for further Details](#)

Umpires are to start Penalty Corners on their whistle not their voice For greater consistency across the sport, and to deliver a clearer message to all involved in the game, the new guidance for umpires at all levels in England is to start Penalty Corners on a whistle not voice (e.g. no longer shouting "play" or "when you're ready" for the injection to take place).

Pre-match Chat & Working with the Match Official

Ensure you have a good pre-match Chat with your Colleague and the Match Official, [See link here for further Guidance](#)

GMS: Please ensure you have inputted your Availability: North West Adult League Starts Saturday 13th September

[See link here for](#) [GMS Guidance](#) on inputting your availability

**GAME
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM
(GMS)**

Match Confirmation with Appointed Umpires

- **Adult League Reg: 11.1.2** If a fixture has Area Appointed umpires, the Club must confirm venue, start time and any other match- related information, at least 3 days before the Fixture.
- If the Home Team has failed to contact you, contact the home team yourself to find out why and confirm match details, and also if the home team fails provide refreshments then report to the League using the below email: infringementnwhl@gmail.com
- However, All Umpires taking Appointments **MUST** ensure their Contact details (Phone No/Email) are visible on GMS.

North West Hockey Officiating Pages – we have undertaken a major revamp
<https://northwest.englishhockey.co.uk/umpiring-officiating>

Home > Umpiring & Officiating

Officiating

Responsible for Officiating in the North West of England



Performance Umpiring and Appointments

Information and Guidance for North West Appointed Umpires:

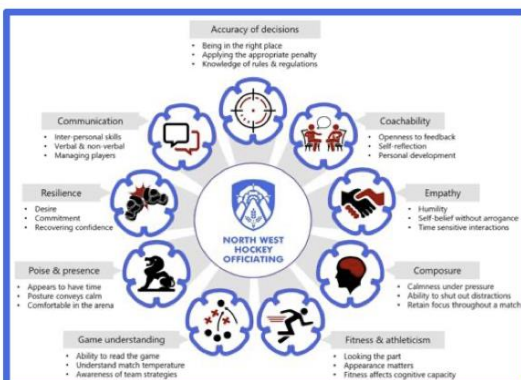
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Essential Guidelines and Key Skills

Essential Umpiring and Key skills Guidelines drafted by the NW AOC (Area Officiating Committee), to support the Development of Umpires

Umpire watching & Development - Key Characteristics, Coaching and Assessments 2025-26



Performance this season will be measured by The Key characteristics of high performing umpires – [See link here to Document](#) & Guidance



Area Discipline

See Area Discipline page for guidance and Documentation, [See Link Here](#)

England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO)

Membership Renewal, [see Link Here for Information](#)

