

WELCOME

As I write this article for our first newsletter of the 2022/23 season, I was reflecting on the changes that we have all seen in the last couple of weeks and it made me realise the support we need to lead and drive hockey in the South East.

We have seen some changes. Loraine Bant, our first Chair, stood down at the AGM in the Summer after leading us through the transition into the new structure that was established last year. I was delighted to recognise her support to the South East by making her our first Member of Honour.

This was the first of a few changes:

- We have been joined on the board by Emma York, who joins as Director of Social Media and Communication whilst Tiff Seymour stepped down as our Governance Director. This position remains vacant.
- We have a new Junior Chair – Chris

O'Hagan. They have several new volunteers to support in our delivery of junior competitions.

- We have a new Masters Chair – Steven Mills.
- Martin Lewis has taken over as Area Disciplinary Administrator and is supported by Phillip Hook, Deputy, and assistants Helen Prinsloo & Stu McConachie.

I am also grateful for the continued support of Paul Shackman, Julie Bradshaw, and their Officiating & League Management Committees.

Without all these volunteers we would struggle to provide hockey in the South East so their input is vital on a day-to-day basis. That is not to say that more opportunities to help do not exist.

If you can spare some time or are interested in supporting the delivery of hockey then please do reach out to me, **Mark Hollis at chair@southeast.hockey**

Keep in touch by following us at

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HOCKEY CONGRATS

Congratulate our SE Award Winners

NEW KIT

Take a peek at the new shirts and other kit

UMPIRE PREPARATION

How to prepare to umpire a match

RED CARD/ MMO ADVICE

What you need to know about Red Cards and MMO

NEW SEASON UPDATE

Help to make your new season go smoothly

We are delighted to announce our first South East Award Winners

We offer our congratulations to you all

Most Promising Newcomer	Umpire Showing Most Progress	Indoor Umpire	Achievement in Umpiring	Contribution to South East Officiating
SCOTT MOEN	ANNETTE GOLDING	JAMES ROLLINS	GIHAN THABREW	GARY STENT



WHICH MEMBERSHIP SUITS YOU?

BRONZE SILVER GOLD

We very much hope that you enjoy your playing, umpiring or officiating and are really looking forward to the forthcoming season.

If you enjoyed your umpiring at either Bronze or Silver level perhaps you may have thought about upgrading your membership to either Silver or Gold?

Silver Membership (£15)

- Insurance
- The ability to umpire up to five “appointed” matches during the season, subject to your umpiring status

Gold Membership (£30)

- Insurance
- To umpire unlimited “appointed” games during the season
- Receiving coaching and assessments from

our Development Team to develop your umpiring career

- Free access to all the resources on the Hockey Hub
- Discounted rate for Development Days
- Priority window access to all GB/England Senior International Tickets
- Priority access to EH Competition Finals Tickets

As you can see, there is a real benefit to gold membership and we do hope that some of you will be encouraged to try it out.

If you decide to upgrade your membership you can do this very easily by contacting

Ian Anguige at finance@southeast.hockey

For any membership enquiries or issues please contact Philip Hook at ehrep.umpires@southeast.hockey

NEW KIT DETAILS



OUR NEW SHIRTS AND OTHER KIT

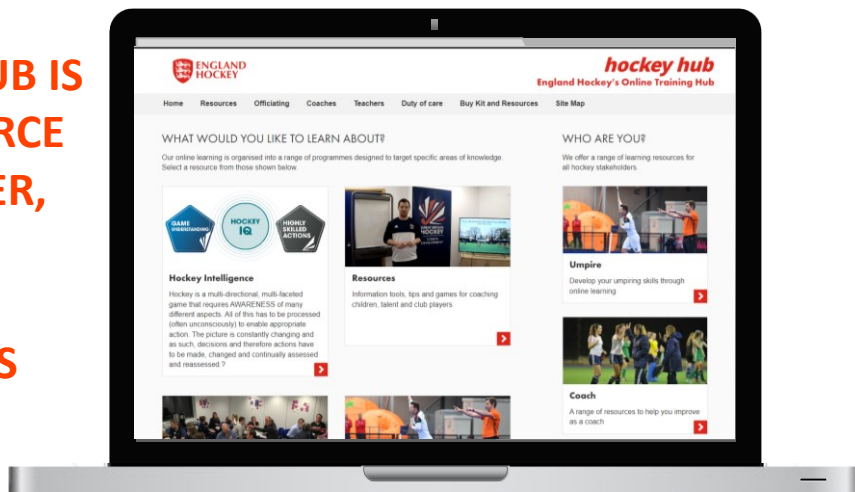
You should, by now, have received an email from England Hockey explaining that the shirts should be available to order soon.

Other kit; jackets, polo shirts, caps will all be available from FUEL HOCKEY. A link to their website will be sent to all of you and the ordering process will be through Fuel's website.

You will be notified of prices in the notification and prices for printing and postage will be clearly shown.

We anticipate that all kit will be available early in the new season.

THE HOCKEY HUB IS A HUGE RESOURCE AND, REMEMBER, ACCESS TO IT IS FREE FOR EHO GOLD MEMBERS



● HOW DO YOU PREPARE TO UMPIRE A ● MATCH? ● ●

Before most of us umpire a match we go through our mental checklist of what do I need to think about for this game, some of us have a written list.

Our objective is to be consistent and although some of the issues highlighted in the following piece may be obvious others can often be overlooked.

Have a read and see what you think.

The main umpiring skill areas are:

- match preparation
- co-operation
- mobility and positioning
- whistling
- signalling



Match preparation:

- umpires must prepare thoroughly for each match by arriving at the field in good time
 - before the match commences, both umpires must check the field markings, the goals and the nets and check for any dangerous playing equipment or field equipment
 - the two umpires must wear similar colours to one another, but different from those of both teams
 - clothing appropriate to the conditions must be worn
 - footwear must suit field conditions and assist mobility
 - umpiring equipment includes a copy of the current Rules book, a loud and distinctive whistle, a stop watch, coloured cards to indicate personal penalties and materials to record match details.
- prior to a match, umpires must discuss and agree how they are going to work together to assist each other. Eye contact between umpires must be practised and maintained
 - umpires must take responsibility and be prepared to assist when their colleague is unsighted or has difficulty seeing certain parts of the field. If necessary and if mobility is good, umpires must be prepared to cross the centre-line and go as far as appropriate into a colleague's half of the field to assist. This helps to reassure players that decisions are correct
 - a written record of goals scored and cards issued must be kept by both umpires and confirmed at the end of the match.
 - directional signals must not be made across the body
 - it is bad practice to look away from the players when a signal or decision is made ; further offences might be missed, concentration can be lost, or this can indicate a lack of confidence.

Co-operation:

- good team-work and co-operation between umpires is essential

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Mobility and positioning:

umpires must be mobile so they can move to appropriate positions throughout the match

- static umpires cannot view play clearly enough to make correct decisions at all times
- fit, mobile and well positioned umpires are better able to concentrate on the flow of the match and on the decisions which need to be made
- each umpire operates mainly in half of the field with the centre line to their left
- in general, the most suitable position for umpires is ahead of and on the right of the attacking team
- for play between the centre-line and 23 metres area, umpires must be positioned near their side-line
- when play is in the 23 metres area or circle, umpires must move further into the field away from the sidelines and, when necessary, into the circle itself to see important offences and to judge whether shots at goal are legitimate
- for penalty corners and after the ball has gone outside the field, umpires must take up a position which gives a clear view of all potential action
- for penalty strokes, umpires must take up a position behind and to the right of the player taking the stroke
- umpires must not allow their positioning to interfere with the flow of play
- umpires must face the players all the time.

Whistling:

- the whistle is the main way in which umpires communicate with players, each other and other persons involved in the match
- the whistle must be blown decisively and loudly enough for all involved in the match to be able to hear it. This does not mean long loud whistling at all times
- the tone and duration of the whistle must be varied to communicate the seriousness of offences to players.



Signalling:

- signals must be clear and held up long enough to ensure that all players and the other umpire are aware of decisions
- only the official signals must be used
- it is preferable to be stationary when giving a signal
- directional signals must not be made across the body
- it is bad practice to look away from the players when a signal or decision is made ; further offences might be missed, concentration can be lost, or this can indicate a lack of confidence.



● ● ● ● ● **ADVICE TO UMPIRES FOR COMPLETING A RED CARD/ MMO REPORT**

HAVE YOU EVER ISSUED A RED CARD?

Even if you have it is always worth reminding yourself of the procedure that you need to follow.

Here's some advice which may help.

It goes without saying that no umpire should ever approach a game thinking "I am going to show somebody a Red Card today", but at the same time there is always the unfortunate possibility that this may prove necessary. This Advice Note is therefore designed to give you the confidence of knowing what to do next. From this season the Red Card reporting system has changed so please read this note carefully as part of your pre-season preparation to make sure that, if given, you report the Red Card & Matchday Misconduct Offence (MMO) correctly.

Be prepared! It is always worth taking the time before any game to become familiar with the Red Card/MMO procedures on a "just in case" basis particularly as the procedures in question are ultimately very straight forward even if they can initially appear daunting. Carry a blank copy of a Red Card Report Form (RCRF) - see below - in your bag, so that you will always have one handy and to which reference can be made on the day as a prompt for the information which will ultimately be needed. The same form is used for reporting a Red Card or a MMO.

Awarding a Red Card or issuing a MMO may be a stressful event and may certainly involve heightened emotions. Nevertheless, the offender's team must cooperate with you to enable you to issue the card/MMO, record and report the offence.

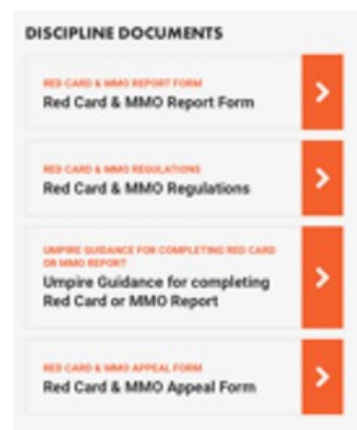
Advice To Umpires for the awarding of Red Cards and MMO's

My name is Martin Lewis and in my capacity as the Area Discipline Administration Chair (ADA) I wanted to highlight some changes to the Red Card procedure. Along with my Deputy ADA,

Philip Hook we are here to assist and guide our umpires through the Disciplinary procedure.

It goes without saying that umpires hope never to have to show a Red Card in any game, but at the same time it is important for our umpires to know what to do if this proves necessary.

From this season 2022/2023, the Red Card reporting system has been updated. ALL details of these updates can be found on the South East Hockey Website under Area Discipline. All documents required can be downloaded from the website (see below screen grab). This includes the Red Card Report Form (RCRF) and instructions how to complete the form. I strongly recommend you print a copy of the RCRF and hold in your sports bag.



If a RCRF is completed, it is important for the umpire to call either Martin Lewis or Philip Hook on the day of the offence so they can get a first-hand account of the event and will know to look out for the completed RCRF.

Finally, the awarding of a Red Card can be a stressful event and it is important to let our Umpires know that the South East Hockey Officiating Committee are here to help with support and guidance. In the first instance please contact me for any help you may need.

Martin Lewis

SE Hockey ADA Chair

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING DURING THE SUMMER

Although it has been a more relaxing time we have, nevertheless, been busy with a number of administrative tasks which we never seem to have time to accomplish during the season.

APPOINTMENTS

We have now introduced a formal Appointing Policy which has been circulated to all our clubs (This can be found on the South East Website).

There is now a pro forma for clubs contacting umpires regarding their fixture. This will ensure that officials will have all the information that they require prior to the game.

We have sufficient officials to appoint to all Premier Division and Division 1 matches.

We will utilise any remaining for Oaks, Invicta and Martlets appointments and double up where possible.

DEVELOPMENT

We had our first Development Day for officials on the 10th September with one group at East Grinstead and another at Holcombe.

Plans are prepared for a bi-weekly "Monday Officials Forum" where issues that have arisen can be talked over and advice offered.

Plans are for at least one and probably two coaches and assessors days during the season.

CLUBS

Two Clubs Forums with our clubs being able to log in took place on the 15th and 21st September.

The agenda for these has largely been put together to reflect the views and thoughts of all the clubs that responded to a detailed survey previously sent to them.

TAP

It is our aim to engage with our clubs and to see if we can possibly interest club members in

localised technical officiating so that they have an opportunity to help their clubs out without necessarily affecting their own playing participation.

INDOOR

Plans are now in place for many of the schools competitions and work is being done on preparing for the adult competitions later in the season.

MEMBERS

We have an active Members Welfare system so that officials can be helped and supported through any difficulties that they may be experiencing.

We are communicating with all our Bronze and Silver members to find out if we can encourage any to upgrade their memberships so that we can increase our availability of members to take appointments.

We are delighted to have announced our first award winners for the last season, [see page 2](#).



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW SEASON

Adult Competitions Update

As we start the new season, we just wanted to wish you the best of luck and hope that you all have a good season.

League Regulations

There have been some changes to the League Regulations including:

- the fair play rules and when players can double - these are mostly clarifications and hopefully the rules are now easier to follow
- the rules relating to the appointment of umpires giving more flexibility for small clubs to elect to provide an umpire

Please remember that if you need to change the details for a fixture you must contact the opposition and make them aware. Just making the change in GMS isn't sufficient.

The League Regulations can be found at [Regulations & Supporting Documents | South East Hockey \(englandhockey.co.uk\)](#)

Using GMS

As we have previously highlighted all teams must now use GMS to submit team sheets and match details. We know this will take a bit of getting used to but it is important as it allows us to track who is playing for which teams and ensure the fair play rules are being followed.

If you need help with GMS the England Hockey website has lots of useful guides for players, team admins and club admins. You can also email GMS Support if you have any questions or problems.

It is really important that all teams have a team admin – please make sure that GMS has the up to date details of all team admins (or as you might prefer to call them Team Captains!).

Fixtures, Results and Tables

We have a new service which is based on the South East Hockey website at [South East Hockey Adult Leagues & Competitions | South East Hockey \(englandhockey.co.uk\)](#). This is much more user friendly and allows you to easily see your team's fixtures and results as well as all the matches for your club. It updates very quickly and will hopefully be a good resource.

Divisional Representatives

If you have any questions about the leagues please contact your divisional representative – the contact details can be found on the South East Hockey website at [Adult Hockey Contacts | South East Hockey \(englandhockey.co.uk\)](#). Please remember that our Divisional Representatives cover a number of different divisions – so if you are emailing please can you include your team name and division in the email subject matter.



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The rules of hockey

There have been some changes to the rules of hockey. Umpires will help to explain the changes – they relate to intercepting aerals and getting rid of safety equipment after a penalty corner.

Indoor Hockey

We want to find out more about who is interested in playing indoor hockey and will be sending a survey to all clubs in the next few weeks together with details of the qualifying event for the Super 6s.

A final message

Last season we received very few complaints – but there were some instances where it did appear that the behaviour of players or spectators was not what we would hope for. Please can you remind everyone at your club of the Code of Ethics and Behaviour. A few important elements to highlight:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules. It also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect your own safety and the safety of others.
- Protect yourself and others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.

If we follow these principles we are confident that we will have a great season!

INTRODUCING THE TEAM FROM THE SOUTH EAST

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