

YOUNG UMPIRES LEVEL 1 PATHWAY

Midlands Hockey are delighted to be able to help young umpires progress to their L1 assessment which is the umpiring level recognised as able to umpire adult hockey games at Grade 3 (Midlands Div 2 level) and below.

- 1** Junior officials should **register on Hockey Hub** - Login. <https://hockeyhub.englishockey.co.uk/officiating>
Please ensure that you **log in with the same details** that you use for GMS.
- 2** The next step is to **undergo the online rules test and begin umpiring** in your own club on suitable games – these may be either Junior or Adult matches.
Rules test - <https://hockeyhub.englishockey.co.uk/rules>
- 3** Once the rules test has been completed, then young umpires can take their **Level 1 Course**. This can be done online or at face-to-face events.
Online can be accessed via the **England Hockey Hub** online booking site - <https://hockeyhub.englishockey.co.uk/officiating-offer>

Please note that there is no age restriction for taking this course. Juniors can be assessed for the level 1 on full-length, 11-a-side Junior games of a similar age group or older than the umpire. Hence an U14 umpire can be assessed on an U14 game or older, U16 umpire assessed on U16 game or older.

If the individual taking the course will not be ready for L1 assessment within 12 months, we suggest delaying taking the course as there is a cost.

There is the opportunity to run **Level 1 in-person courses** if a club is willing to help host and organise. Midlands Hockey will fund part, if not all, of the costs, subject to certain conditions.

Reach out on the following email for further details.
officiatingclubliaison@midlands.hockey

4 Out of season, over the summer, it is likely that Midlands Area Officiating Committee (MAOC) can support clubs with **Club Umpire Training Events (CUTE)** to help multiple individuals and club umpires.

For further details please contact:
Clubumpiretraining@midlands.hockey or
officiatingclubliaison@midlands.hockey



5 Once ready to be assessed, aspiring young umpires should approach their **Appointed Club Umpire Contact**, who can either point them in the direction of; any Level 2 umpire, a County Umpire Developer, their Club Cluster Lead or the Midlands Officiating Club Liaison Officer.

Additionally, we recommend getting in touch with the **MAOC contacts**.
youngumpireslead@midlands.hockey
officiatingclubliaison@midlands.hockey

6 After being awarded a **L1 umpire certification**, the umpire will receive a survey from the Midlands Area Administrator, which we really urge you to complete, so we can make contact and also understand your ambitions as an umpire.

Midlands Hockey is very keen to assist in the development of young umpires.

If a young umpire wants to take part in any Midlands appointed activities (Junior County events, In2 Hockey etc), then they will need to register for the **England Hockey Officiating membership for Young Umpires**. We strongly recommend this membership, even if only umpiring for their own clubs, but it is not mandatory. The reason for this, is that this gives full access to England Hockey Officiating Club benefits, including development events etc. and also to receive invites to young umpiring events and officiating information via GMS.

Young umpires showing promise may be put forward to umpire at national junior events and be invited to join the **National Young Umpires Promising List (NYUPL)** which provides opportunities for young people to umpire at all sorts of events, including National Age Group internationals.



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