

ADULT UMPIRES LEVEL 1 PATHWAY

Midlands Hockey are keen to develop umpires through Level 1 and beyond. There are a number of tools and steps that can help clubs and individuals to reach this goal.

1 Officials should **register on Hockey Hub** - Login.
<https://hockeyhub.englishhockey.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.englishhockey.co.uk/rules>

3 Once the rules test has been completed, 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.englishhockey.co.uk/officiating-offer>

Please note the individual only has 12 months in which to go on to do their Level 1 assessment, so should only do the online course if this is the plan.

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

5 Once ready to be assessed, aspiring umpires should approach their **Appointed Club Umpire Contact**, who can 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.

Contact 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.

7 All umpires should join the **England Hockey Officiating Club** at the relevant membership level for them.

England Hockey Officiating Club Membership:
<https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/deliver/officiate/umpire/eho>

8 After Level 1, **umpires may wish to progress to Level 2 (Area Appointed Umpire) and beyond.**

To achieve, this, you need to be successfully assessed on a Midlands Division 1 game. This award is aimed at umpires who wish to progress as a neutrally appointed official. Neutrally appointed umpires receive ongoing coaching, training and assessment to measure progress which, hopefully, leads to the umpire being appointed to Midlands Premier Division matches. In addition to Midlands League matches, we also appoint to various tournaments to widen experience and undertake training evenings and other events to assist with learning.

For **umpires who consistently perform at the highest level**. Midlands will nominate you for assessment in the **National League** and promotion to **National Programme Umpiring Association**, which is responsible for appointing at this level.

Individuals aspiring to be a Level 2 umpire should notify the **Umpire Development Lead** umpiredevlead@midlands.hockey directly or via their **Club Cluster Lead** who will put them in touch with the **Midlands Umpire Development Lead**.

Bronze Membership is the free membership and is open to all those who want to have the benefits from England Hockey Membership, including insurance and umpire at their own club.

Silver Membership is the first level for any umpire who wants to take part in any Midlands appointed games.

Gold Membership offers more benefits such as support and coaching for umpires, as well as the opportunity to umpire appointed games. Being at Gold membership will additionally help with preparing for Level 2.