

Officiating Claims for Outdoor Tournaments and Festivals - Adults & Masters

Scope & Background:

Claiming expenses as an Official appointed by London Area - umpire, umpire coach, umpire manager or technical officer - to an all-day final or tournament involving Adults or Masters teams.

It is intended that more of these matches will be claimable in GMS in future; if not, prepare a claim by copying what you can from GMS and use it to set up a pro forma invoice sent to the relevant umpire manager for approval.

Broadly, the event will either be chargeable by London Officiating (so any excess of expenses above the charge to the event is a development cost to Officiating) or is shared between the event and London Officiating. The expenses regime is the same for both and offers a smaller incentive than the equivalent Juniors regime.

Expenses and Benefits:

- Usually food and refreshment will be provided, so no claim for £2.50 or a meal is valid
- No kit & clothing to be claimed as the event might provide an officials' shirt OR this is otherwise covered in the fee below
- ½ day (up to 4 hours) at a tournament: £20 + travel
- Full day (6 hours+) at a tournament: £30 + travel

Travel: In summary, 30p per mile by car; +5p for driver taking an officiating passenger OR 20p per mile for using two wheels OR direct cost of Public Transport. A junior umpire may claim mileage for a driving parent/guardian. More info is in the London Hockey Umpires Claim Guide.

Note that Congestion Charge, ULEZ and Dartford Crossing fees are all claimable ONLY by exception / agreement. For example, the Dartford Crossing fee of £5 is usually covered by the increased mileage and convenience involved in using it!

Finally, each official can choose to claim some or none of the above - London Area welcomes and is grateful for all officials who donate their well-regarded services to the game!

Agreed and Approved by Officiating & Interim Finance Director:

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