



ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

OFFICIALS  
GET SEASON READY

# WELCOME

As we prepare for the start of the 2025/26 season, I want to take a moment to thank you for the time, energy, and dedication you continue to give to our sport. Your contribution is vital to the success and spirit of hockey across the country.

This season brings fresh opportunities to grow, connect, and support one another across the officiating community. Whether you're just starting out or continuing your journey, we're committed to ensuring you have the tools and guidance needed to thrive.

Whatever your role this season - on or off the pitch - I wish you the very best. Here's to a successful season ahead, filled with progress, enjoyment, and a lot of smiles along the way.

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ENGLAND HOCKEY  
OFFICIATING MANAGER

As we all gear up for another year of fast-paced action and competitive play, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your dedication and passion as an official. Your role is crucial in maintaining the fairness and excitement of the game, and we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.

To support you this season, we have put this pack together with useful links and tips. Please have a read through and if you have any questions or need further help please just reach out to either myself or your Area Officiating Committee.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to officiating and here's to a season filled with great games, personal development and unforgettable moments!

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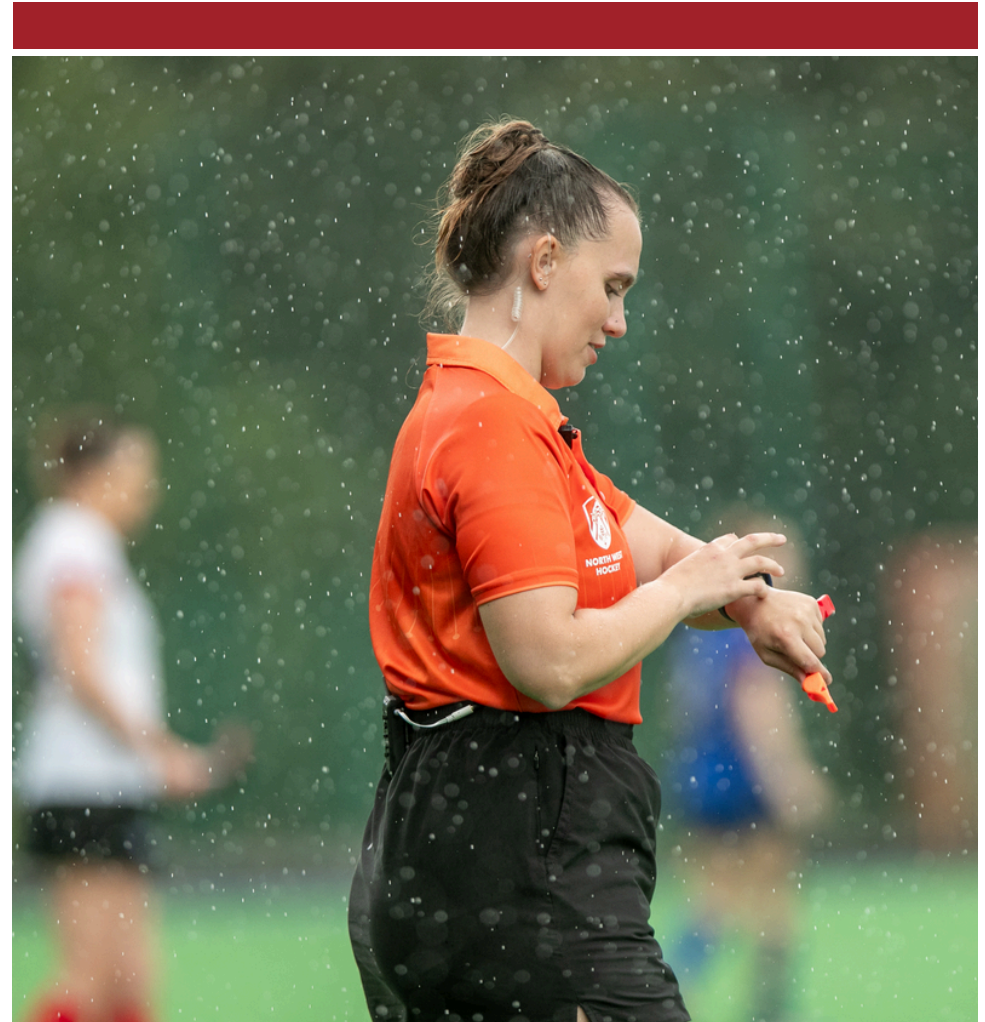
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# KEY THINGS

There are so many parts to the role of an official in hockey, and below are links to some of the key things we need to know, including the EHO new season guidance, rules of the game, the England Hockey Spirit of Hockey, disciplinary regulations and OWG card guidance.

- [EHO OFFICIATING GUIDANCE 2025/2026](#)

- [FIH RULES PAGE](#)

- [ENGLAND HOCKEY RULES PAGE](#)

Please note that whilst these form the Rules of Hockey it is imperative that you check Competition Rules to confirm competition specifics.

- [SPIRIT OF HOCKEY](#)

- [DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS](#)

- [OWG CARD GUIDANCE](#)

Having a good base knowledge of the rules of hockey is fundamental to good officiating. The ability to apply these rules, work with colleagues and participants across the game is what makes an official even better.



# EHO MEMBERSHIP

The EHO is a single membership body designed for anyone involved in officiating, at every level of the game. The vision of the EHO is to provide a unified approach to support and develop all members across the game via a nationally led, locally delivered organisation. Find out more [here](#).

## BRONZE FREE

- Access to free content on Hockey Hub
- Regular newsletters from EHO & Area Officiating Committees
- Priority window access to all GB/Eng Senior International match tickets
- Invites to national development days

## SILVER £15

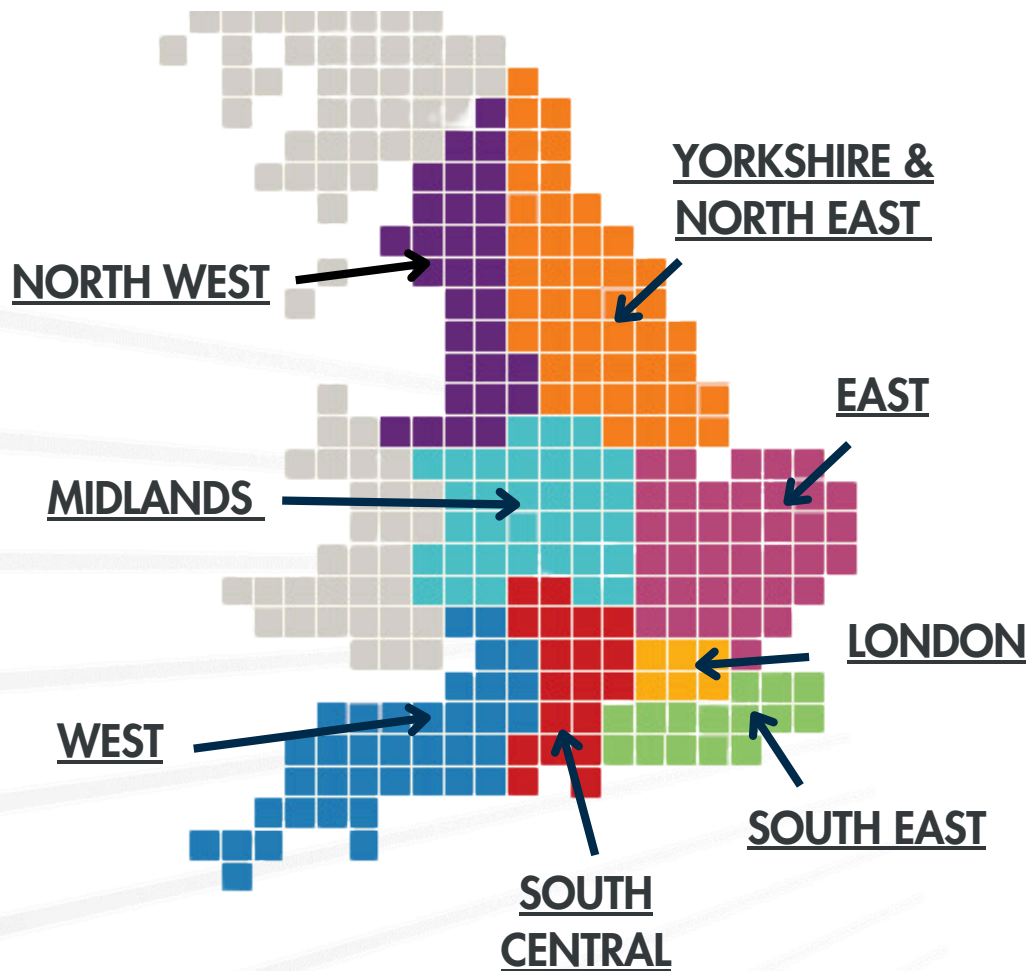
- Everything in the Bronze membership plus:
- Insurance
- Undertake occasional independent appointments within Area / National

## GOLD £30

- Everything in Bronze and Silver plus:
- Receive on-match coaching and assessing
- Support in building a "Personal Development Plan" to help you develop further
- Unlimited access to the Members Area on the Hockey Hub for an enhanced offering of video library and support materials
- Unlimited access to workshops
- Discounted national development days

# LOCAL SUPPORT

Your local Area Officiating Committee is here to help and support you, whether you want to learn more at your level or if you're looking to progress to a higher level of officiating.



England Hockey is split into eight Areas which all have an Area Officiating Committee whose role is to support officials in their Area.

Whether you're new to officiating, or a seasoned official, these teams will help you find the right learning and development for you.

Please click the name of your Area on the map to get in touch with your Area Officiating Committee.

# SPECIFIC SUPPORT



In addition to the support in your Area, there is also the National Programme Umpiring Association (NPUA) and the Technical Appointments Panel (TAP) who are there to specifically support elite and technical officials.

- NPUA
- TAP



# WHAT'S ON

## EHO WEBINARS

Monthly workshops during the season, delivered by Officials for Officials. [Book Now](#)

## HOCKEY HUB

An array of online learning that you can access in your own time. Access [Hockey Hub](#).

## LOCAL SUPPORT

Contact your local Area Officiating Committee to see what is happening local to you





# THANK YOU

Thank you for all your time, effort and energy you  
give. The game of hockey is a much better place  
for you being part of it.