

Technical Officiating Strategy for the in North West

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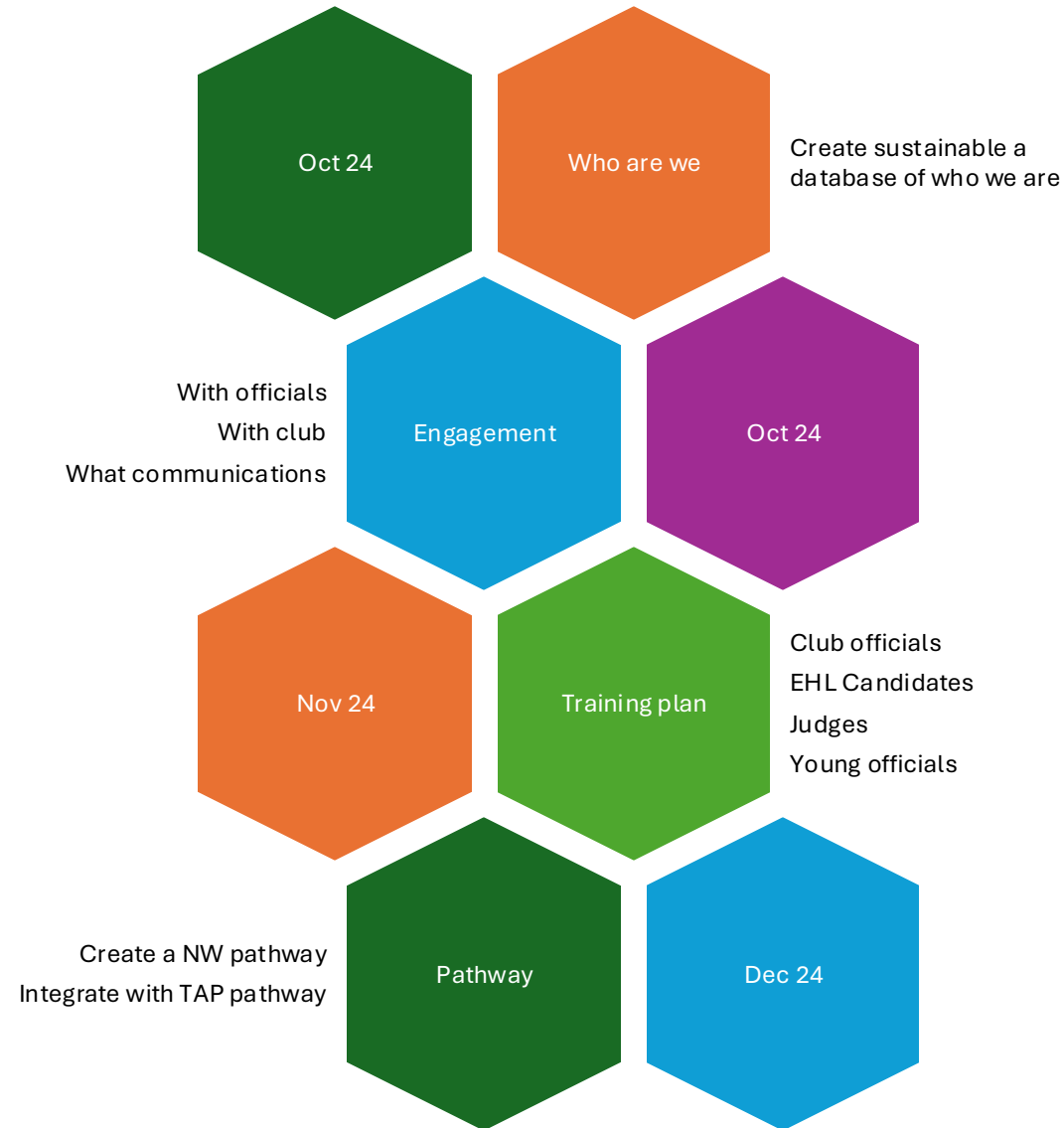
Aim



To provide a bottom to top holistic framework for technical officiating that integrates with other NW and national elements. To provide support and facilitation for people who want to take part at an appropriate level and cultivate an environment where the next generation can develop their skills.

- **Challenges**
 - Often forgotten element of the third team
 - Seen as something to do when you are not capable of doing anything else
 - Not visible at all levels of the game in the NW
 - Nationally focussed on reducing costs
- **Opportunities**
 - Can we drive through as many levels of the game as possible
 - Exposure to a younger audience - not just players
 - Can parents become involved at the same time as younger players
 - Better pathway to higher levels beyond national league
 - Maximise tournament scenarios

Elements and timescales



Enablers

These are some of the areas where we can leverage and accelerate

- We have a great set of current officials with experience across not just the area but nationally and on the international stage
- We are ahead of other areas in terms of where we want technical officials operating
- Use our network and enable experience in other areas
- As the area grows we can grow in terms of competitions and tournaments
- Can we provide an over supply of match officials and operate across a wider base
- Can we help clubs more

Inhibitors

These are some of the areas where we need to address any blockers

- How do we get progression and opportunities at national level against the national cost reduction agenda
- Make sure we are at front of mind and considered for competitions
- Ensure we are inclusive to all not just “older people”

Key stakeholders

Other bodies and agencies we need to engage with

- TAP
- NW officiating
- England Hockey
- Other nations (ie Wales and Scotland)
- NW Adult and Junior competition committees
- NW Clubs
- Other Areas
- Potential for senior hockey playing schools

Immediate actions

Quick wins to enable and facilitate other workstreams

- Find out who we are
 - TAP data base - JD to utilise databases we can access
- Form a group of senior TO's to help expand and sense check the strategy
 - JD to contact some candidates
- Get a list of key events from TAP
 - JD to contact Jo Pennycook
- Initial Comms out to clubs
 - Done via NW Chair 20240824
- Training material
 - Underway
- Get candidates assessed and EHL level
 - JD contact Jane Sutton