

L1 UMPIRE ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE

Level 1 Umpire Assessment and Assessors

Candidates

Any member of the EHO who has completed the EH Level 1 umpire course can be assessed to move to “Level 1 Assessed” status. This is conducted as below.

Approved Assessors

The Area Officiating Committee (AOC) Club Appointments Lead Tony Shutt [Email](#): will maintain a list of accredited L1 umpire assessors.

The following are qualified to be appointed as a L1 Umpire AOC assessor -

- a) An AOC approved England Hockey Club Umpire Developer. (Once approved they should amend their membership of EHO to Umpire Advisor – Outdoor.)
- b) A County Umpire Developer or higher-level Umpire Developer.
- c) An (active) Umpire who holds a Level 2 or higher accreditation.

Note. There is no restriction on the appointed assessor being a member of the same club as the level 1 umpire candidate.

Process

All applications for assessment must be supported by the candidate’s Club.

Where a member of a Club is an approved assessor they can be directly approached by the Club’s L1 candidates. In all other instances the Club or Candidate should contact the AOC Club Umpire Development Lead Jane Evans [Email](#): who will direct them to an appropriate assessor.

(A Club based assessor who is willing to assess candidates from other Clubs should ensure that they have the necessary insurance cover).

Following an assessment, the candidate should be given constructive feedback to help their development and in the case of the unsuccessful candidate areas to work on and available support to assist them in their progression.

Assessment Match Criteria

- An 11-a-side match, minimum of 25 minutes each way.
- A competitive match between 2 x sides from different clubs, or 2 x teams from a single club in adult league competition or equivalent Standard Match.
- Must be an Under 15-year-old match or higher age group match.
- Matches played within the Talent System can also be deemed as appropriate.

Note. If an assessor considers that a game will not provide sufficient challenge for an assessment then they should request an alternative.

Completion Process

Upon completion of a successful level 1 assessment the assessor (1) notifies the candidate of a pass; (2) provides a copy of the written report to the successful candidate; (3) Emails a copy of the report to England Hockey umpiring@englandhockey.co.uk and also a copy to the AOC Club Umpire Development Lead Jane Evans [Email](#).