

## INDEPENDENT UMPIRING IN THE MIDLANDS

Midlands Area Officiating Committee currently appoints umpires to the Men's and Women's Premier and Division 1. This offers opportunities for umpires to test their skills away from the club environment and also experience a wider range of games than might be on offer within their club.

As well as Midlands League matches, we also appoint to EH Competitions and other tournaments such as County Championships, Area Masters age group events and some Junior events which offer the opportunity to umpire in a tournament environment with umpire coaches also in attendance to provide advice on how to develop your skills.

Level 2 is the required qualification for umpiring in Midlands Division 1 and above. We will provide on game coaching to get you up to the required standard. All that we ask is that you have passed your L1 Umpire assessment and that you join England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO) as a Gold member (amongst other benefits, this includes Insurance).

In addition to appointing umpires to matches, we also organise training events, both indoors and at some events where National and International umpires may be officiating.

We regularly review an umpire's performance. This allows us to promote umpires who show promise at Div 1, to umpire in our Premier Division. For those who demonstrate further potential, promotion to the National Programme Umpiring Association (NPUA) will allow you to umpire in the National League.

If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact our **Umpire Development Lead, Colin Jones** at [umpiredevlead@midlands.hockey](mailto:umpiredevlead@midlands.hockey), who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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