

Midlands has an Area Technical Officiating Lead (ATOL), who is a member of the Midlands Area Officiating Committee with responsibility to recruit, train and support Technical Officials in the Midlands.

Technical Officiating has many roles:

TOURNAMENTS

TD – Tournament Director

Has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Hockey event is compliant to the rules and regulations

Judge – Can work as part of a team of two or three.

They work on individual matches to run the clock and complete the paperwork

LEAGUE MATCHES

MO – Match official

See below for a description of their role

Match officials work together with the umpires and the teams to enable the match to be played within the Regulations of the competition.

England Hockey has a committee that appoints to matches at national level. The duties and responsibilities below describe the role of a Home appointed MO. This is primarily at Midland League Premier and Division 1 level.

Duties and responsibilities of Home Appointed Match Officials.

Taken from Appendix 7 Area League regulations, can be found on Midlands Website

Matchday Administration

- 2.1 The MO shall check that players and team officials present, correspond with information listed on a Clubs' team sheet and officials are in line with Regulation 9.3. Only those listed may enter the designated bench area.
- 2.2 The MO shall record all goals including scorer and type of goal, and all cards during the match.
- 2.3 The MO shall time the suspension applicable for the issue of any green or yellow cards by the Umpire. The period of suspension shall commence when the player has returned to the designated bench area. For the avoidance of doubt a player or team official who is temporarily suspended from play must sit calmly and quietly throughout the period of suspension and may not be involved in the match in any way. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to work with the MO to ensure that this is done.
- 2.4 The MO shall check that the record of the match, as per Regulation 9, is agreed by both teams and umpires on the conclusion of the match.

Reporting

The MO shall report any significant variance to the League Regulations by either team to the ALCC

Advantages to the clubs of using an MO

- There will be a complete record for entry onto GMS
- Umpires have support from the side line and can therefore concentrate more on the game
- Less issues around timings of cards
- For any teams with ambition to play at the higher level, within EHL regulations the home club must provide an MO if one is not available from the national panel. Using an MO at Area level matches means that the club has experienced MOs to use if they get promoted to the National League.

An MO needs to be able to communicate. A basic knowledge of Hockey is useful and knowledge of the appropriate regulations is required. Training courses are offered, usually preseason, to support any persons wishing to embark on the Technical pathway. You could work with a club at league matches and also be offered opportunities both Indoor and Outdoor to support Midlands Competitions.

If you wish to develop your technical career further, you could be assessed for National level opportunities.

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