

SEHA Umpires and Officials Briefing 2024



Open to all SEHA members and those participating in SEHA run competitions



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Hockey Ed Changes



What does the change mean?

Old Qualification	New Qualification
Community Coach	Foundation Support Coach
Level 1 Coach	Foundation Lead Coach
Level 2 Coach	Development Lead Coach
Level 3 Coach	Advanced Lead Coach
n/a	Performance Lead Coach

Old Qualification	New Qualification
Community Umpire	Foundation Support Umpire
Level 1 Umpire	Foundation Lead Umpire
n/a	Development Lead Umpire
Level 2 Umpire	Advanced Lead Umpire
Level 3 Umpire	Performance Lead Umpire

Hockey Ed Changes

- Old Courses –4 years
- *If you are due for renewal and there is no new course yet released, will be based off the old practical assessment.
- New Course –3 years (need to either upgrade or renew in or before the 3rd year)
- Revolutionise now contains all of your accreditations (as of last year). If you think you should be still accredited and there is no accreditation in Revolutionise, please contact Hockey Australia.
- Note: Junior 1 and Junior 2 (HNSW level only) recognised accreditations remain in place, unless otherwise informed. These are between Foundation Support Umpire and Foundation Lead Umpire



Junior Competition Umpires & Development

- Clubs allocate umpires to games via their Junior Umpire Co-ordinators
- SEHA Umpire shirts are available upon request and should be worn by badged umpires when umpiring games in the SEHA Junior Competition.
- Coaching of beginners is done within the club – buddying with more experienced umpires and umpire coaches
- Whistle Warrior courses are run by the association for beginner umpires and open to all participating clubs (SEHA and non SEHA)
- INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WHISTLE WARRIOR course will be scheduled – this is for experienced umpires (minimum 2 years or the equivalent skill level) –**Available to more experienced Junior umpires, teaching more advanced techniques.**
- Any SEHA junior umpire who would like to be considered for representing SEHA at junior (U16 and U134) state championships to contact **Kevin Margetson (our SEHA Junior Umpires Co-Ordinator)**
- Other development opportunities – junior carnivals
- **2024 - A SEHA Junior umpire academy is being developed, the structure of which is being presented to the SEHA Board and will require ratification before details can be published.**



Junior Umpire Co-ordinator Role

- Vital to organising the club umpiring allocations and getting the beginners onto games.
- For your club to have a Junior Whistle Warrior held, having a Junior Umpire Co-ordinator to ensure all the interested children get allocated to games.
- Is an administrative role, but if the person has umpiring experience, so much the better. Upskilling of Junior Umpire Co-ordinators – Do the Community Umpire Coach accreditation (free). Otherwise, team up with those in your club with umpiring experience.
- There are sometimes more umpires than there are games available, so pairing up you umpires together can be a good strategy. One person umpires and the other walks with them and observes. The next week, reverse that.
- Association umpire coaches can be requested for assessment of umpires (usually on U16s and upwards). Assessments of umpires to be requested through Kevin Margetson.

Women's Competition



- Women's competition runs with a Committee structure – each participating club has a delegate.
- Umpires supplied by the participating clubs
- List of umpires will be provided with grade(s) eligible.
- Clubs **MUST** fulfill the allocated duties with the umpire submitted for that grade or a suitably qualified replacement
- The first 3 weeks of the competition umpires may be allocated to their own club, where possible
- Umpires will be assessed over that period for suitability to the grade requested
- A roster will be prepared for the competition, clubs are ultimately responsible for filling their duties
- Umpires - No more than 2 games in 1 day (over all competitions for which you have umpiring duties)
- Under special circumstances (e.g. umpire no show) the Women's Convener will allow an umpire to do more than 2 games in a day, but permission must be sought beforehand. The Ground Convener will contact to gain permission.
- Umpire Development is vital to the long term health of the competition – Clubs must provide at least one candidate for umpiring development. Please supply a name and contact details by week 3 of the competition. 1 team clubs may share a candidate.

Expectation of Umpires – Women's Competition



UNIFORMS – must wear the SEHA umpires official shirt, unless an exemption to wear one is given.

- Please provide your required shirt size and there will be a shirt at the first round at Marangon 21/4
- **Black skirt or trousers** (not track suit pants or tights), **SEHA yellow official shirt**, long black socks (if wearing skirt).

PREPARATION:

- Umpires should prepare for the game just like players do.
- **If unwell**, please do not umpire. Notify the Club Umpire's Co-ordinator as soon as possible so that a fill-in can be arranged
- **Make sure your ability and fitness match the game you are allocated to.**
- Keep up with the latest rule changes. Re-read the rule book before your first game. Seek advice from a qualified umpire coach for any queries.
- Arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your game, so you are prepared to umpire and have time for a pre-game chat with your co-umpire.
- Must have your own equipment (sharing is not encouraged or recommended). At least 1 pea-less whistle, coloured umpiring cards, a pen, a watch (preferably with a countdown timer). **NOT a mobile phone.**
- **Bring a good attitude and your attention to every game that you do.**

NEED TO KNOW:

- Time is not stopped for injuries – game time keeps progressing
- If there is a player suspension, please ensure that the Ground Convener knows the colour of the card given. If it is a yellow card, minimum of 5 minutes is assumed unless the umpire indicates otherwise e.g. 10 minutes – hold up 10 fingers palm outwards towards the official's dugout. The bench-side umpire can also assist by ensuring that the Ground Convener is aware of the card colour and the indicated time for the suspension.
- All umpires in the women's competition must supply proof of a current Hockey Ed accreditation. If yours has expired, then sign in to Hockey Ed for renewal. Noting that our competition may not be able to supply a game of sufficient standard for higher level umpiring accreditations. Opportunities exist to reaccredit our umpires at both SWHL and SHA.

Umpires – Womens Competition



UMPIRING:

- No more than 2 games in 1 day (over all competitions for which you have umpiring duties)
- Consistency, respectful communication with all officials and players
- Set standards early in your games
- Current Hockey Ed accreditation

ADMINISTRATION:

What to do if you are unable to fulfill your duty?

- Try to arrange a swap or a fill in from the pool of umpires.
- If unsuccessful, Contact the club Umpire's Co-ordinator to find a suitable replacement..
- Incident Reports –all yellow and red cards require an incident report to be filed.

Contact Debbie Dodd if you'd like coaching or assessment for a higher grade.

Questions?



Senior Umpire Development

- Beginner umpires on senior games will need to be accompanied by a badged umpire or umpire coach (on field) until confident to umpire on their own (Lowest grade only)
- An online Whistle Warrior course for senior beginner umpires can be scheduled on request
- INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WHISTLE WARRIOR course will be scheduled – this is for experienced umpires (minimum 2 years or the equivalent skill level) –**Available to Junior and Senior umpires**
- Association umpire coaches can be requested for assessment of umpires
- Interested in becoming an Umpire Coach? Contact **development@seha.com.au**



Technical Officials / Ground Convenors

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- All Women's Comp games have a ground convener who will do the card administration, manage subs, game time and time suspensions
- Information to be provided by the Women's Convener prior to the commencement of the competition
- Anyone new to the role can be buddied with an experienced technical official / ground convener
- Know the rules of hockey surrounding substitution of Goalkeepers, when players can take the field, where players can exit and enter the field, completion of a PC (for interchange purposes), Suspension
- Questions?



- Local Competition
- State Championships
- National Championships
- Support from accredited Technical Officials on the local competitions

Technical Officials
Development Opportunities

Rules – Tech Officials / Ground Conveners

- Rules 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 3 Please familiarise with these rules.
- The Ground Convener should make sure that interchanges take place close to the centreline usually (1-2 metres either side of the centreline). This helps with managing interchanges and supports the umpires with ensuring that the correct number of players are on the pitch at any given time

• WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT TECHNICAL OFFICIALS SHOULD KNOW WHEN A PENALTY CORNER HAS ENDED

- 2.3 Each team is permitted to substitute from its players not on the field of play:
- a. substitution is permitted at any time except within the period from the award of a penalty corner until after it has been completed; during this period substitution is only permitted for injury to or suspension of the defending goalkeeper
 - If another penalty corner is awarded before completion of the previous penalty corner, substitution other than for an injured or suspended defending goalkeeper must not take place until the retaken penalty corner has been completed.
 - At a penalty corner, a defending goalkeeper who is injured or suspended may be substituted by another goalkeeper or by a player.
 - If a team has only field players, no substitution is permitted at a penalty corner until it has been completed.
 - If the goalkeeper is suspended, the offending team plays with one fewer player.





RULES

Rule changes 2022

- Changes to the Outdoor Rules of Hockey effective 1 January 2022 at International Level:
 - RULES CHANGES **Rule 4.2** was changed to allow for defending players using Penalty Corner protective equipment to continue to play the ball outside the circle after intercepting during the taking of a penalty corner. **Players can now continue to run with the ball while keeping their protective equipment on but they must remove that same equipment immediately after the first opportunity to do so and always inside the 23 m area.** No player using PC protective equipment can play the ball outside the 23 m area at any time.

Hockey Australia guidelines:

Rule 4.2 – removal of PCD gear, the umpires are encouraged to keep communicating with the players to remove their gear at the earliest opportunity. A free hit is given if a player plays the ball outside the 23m area with their gear still on. The free hit is taken outside the 23m area.

PCD gear is not required to be removed for the immediate taking of a defensive free hit, awarded after a penalty corner, when passing the ball to another player.

NB – NO SELF PASS IS PERMITTED IN THIS INSTANCE

Rule changes 2022

- **Rule 9.10** was changed to allow for the playing of what is commonly designated as Aerial Balls. The previous text did cover for the possibility for players to safely intercept a falling ball, which is now seen as both legitimate and positive to the development of the game. Aerial Balls will continue to be closely monitored by all stakeholders so that player safety can be maintained.
- **AERIAL Balls –9.10 Players must not approach within 5 metres of an opponent receiving a falling raised ball until it has been received, controlled and is on the ground. The ball may be intercepted within 5 metres but outside of playing distance provided it is done safely. The initial receiver has a right to the ball. If it is not clear which player is the initial receiver, the player of the team which raised the ball must allow the opponent to receive it.**
- **ASSISTANCE: Receiver determined when the ball starts to fall (as opposed to when it was raised)**

Hockey Australia guidelines:

Rule 9.10 – danger remains the key element, again the level of skill in the game would determine the danger element, do not over think this and rather err on the side of caution. Timing is key.



Rule changes 2022

- **The mandatory experiment Rule 2.2***, allowing teams to play with a Field Player with Goalkeeping Privileges has been incorporated in the rules. There are now two options: to play with a Goalkeeper who wears protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment or play with Field Players only. Any player changes other than these should be treated as a substitution.
- Other changes were merely clarifications, such as the **rewording of rule in 6.5d** to make the intention of the rule clear. The word “NOT” was removed (as in the previous text this led to an opposite interpretation of the rule).
- * - **Junior games have rule that a fully kitted goalkeeper must be on the field at all times, so this rule does NOT apply to the Junior Competition.**

Hockey Australia guidelines:

We strive for consistency throughout all MA's, Associations, Clubs and Schools, including all senior, junior and social programs, so please distribute to the relevant groups within your organisation, including the team coaches, managers, players, volunteers and parents.

It is vital that we maintain open dialogue with the hockey community.

Do not overthink the rules and use common sense for each level that we umpire. A Premier League game will be handled very differently to a lower level or social game.

Rules - <http://fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/rules-of-hockey/>

- APPLYING THE RULES The FIH Rules Committee continues to be concerned that some Rules are not applied consistently.
- Rule 7.4.c: ball intentionally played over the backline by a defender and no goal is scored. If it is clear that the action is intentional, umpires should not hesitate to award a penalty corner.
- Rule 9.12: obstruction. Umpires should penalise shielding the ball with the stick more strictly. They should also look out for a tackling player who by pushing or leaning on an opponent causes them to lose possession of the ball.
- Rule 13.2.a: ball stationary at a free hit. Umpires are sometimes not strict enough on requiring the ball to be stationary, albeit very briefly, for a free hit especially if it is taken using a self-pass.
- AERIAL Balls –9.10 Players must not approach within 5 metres of an opponent receiving a falling raised ball until it has been received, controlled and is on the ground. The ball may be intercepted within 5 metres but outside of playing distance provided it is done safely. The initial receiver has a right to the ball. If it is not clear which player is the initial receiver, the player of the team which raised the ball must allow the opponent to receive it.



Rules – PC Completion and taking a Bully no longer applies

- Rule 6.5 A bully takes place to re-start a match when time or play has been stopped for an injury or for any other reason and no penalty has been awarded:
- a a bully is taken close to the location of the ball when play was stopped but not within 15 metres of the back- line and not within 5 metres of the circle
- b the ball is placed between one player from each team who face each other with the goal they are defending to their right
- c the two players start with their sticks on the ground to the right of the ball and then tap the flat faces of their sticks together once just over the ball after which either player is permitted to play the ball
- d all other players must be at least 5 metres from the ball.
- **In the case of the award of a bully at a Penalty Corner without any of the conditions of 13.5 a to f being completed then the Penalty Corner is retaken**
- Completion of Penalty Corner Rule - 13.5 The penalty corner is completed when:
 - a a goal is scored
 - b a free hit is awarded to the defending team
 - c the ball travels more than 5 metres outside the circle
 - d the ball is played over the back-line and a penalty corner is not awarded
 - e a defender commits an offence which does not result in another penalty corner
 - f a penalty stroke is awarded



APPENDICES



Fitness

❖ Why is fitness important?



It's part of presentation!



An appropriate level of fitness is required as our game becomes faster and the players more skilled



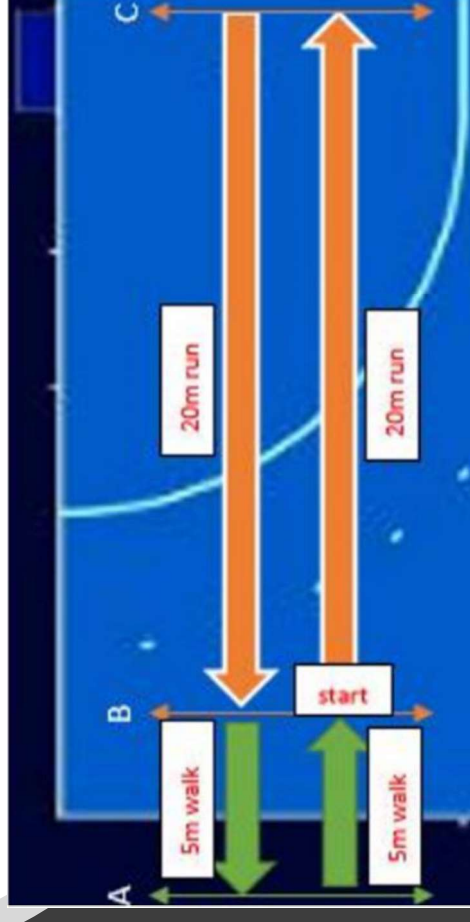
It is important to be able to:

- Keep up with the game (for the whole game)
- Fulfill your obligations in relation to your own area of control i.e. be in the right place to adjudicate decisions and maintain proximity to contests to “sell” your decisions to players
- support your co-umpire.

Fitness tips

- 🍷 Some umpires are players and develop fitness by training and playing the game.
- 🍷 Others who are not playing need to have a [fitness program](#) to prepare for umpiring.
- 🍷 Interval training
- 🍷 Fitness apps that involve an endurance component such as shuttle runs
- 🍷 Yo-yo method - used by international umpires but tailor to the level that you are at.

http://www.panamhockey.org/files/documents/2021/eng/2021-01-Umpire%20Fitness%20Guidelines_ENG.pdf





Umpires - Contacts

- Contacts
 - Women's Competition – womens@seha.com.au
 - Women's Competition - Umpire Coaching allocations – Debbie Dodd – development @seha.com.au
 - Umpiring workshops (Whistle Warrior) – Debbie Dodd – development@seha.com.au
 - Mobile 0431 485 719
 - Junior Competition - Point of contact with the association is the SEHA Junior Umpire Co-ordinator Kevin Margetson – kevin@margetson.com.au
 - Point of contact at club level – The club Junior Umpire Co-Ordinator
- Hockey Ed (Hockey Australia) – <https://www.hockey.org.au/hockey-ed>