

Progression to a Level 2 umpire grading

Level 1 (assessed) umpires may wish to progress to a Level 2 grading and often ask how they can do this so the following guidance may be helpful.

It is important to note that umpiring outside the club environment can be challenging. Both teams may be unknown to you and the speed and standard of the games will be different. You should not underestimate the commitment needed in order to be fair to the teams that you will umpire.

Umpiring Men's Hockey

- You will need to be a full member of HGWHUA.
- If not already doing so you need to be on the HGWHUA panel of umpires regularly taking neutral appointments. Note that it is extremely rare for someone to progress to L2 (West) in under a season. Most people require at least 2 seasons.
- During this time, you will be watched and coached so that you can progress through the various levels until you are assessed as having the ability to undertake a L2 (West) assessment.
- If you are successful, then you will be asked to make a commitment to umpire on the West panel at least eight matches in a season. This can be anywhere within the West Region.

If you have any queries or would like more information please contact any of the following who will be able to arrange guidance through watching and/or coaching:

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Umpiring Women's Hockey

As there are insufficient interested umpires to organise neutral appointments to Ladies League games in the three counties progression has to take a different path.

If you are happy to umpire men's games then follow the guidance above.

If you want to concentrate on umpiring Ladies games then:

- You need to be umpiring WCWHL Premier Division 2 matches on a regular basis in addition to any men's matches you may be officiating.
- You will need to be watched on a pre-assessment game to see what coaching, if any, would be required for a successful assessment game which would be a Premier Division 1 game.
- If you are successful, then you will be asked to make a commitment to umpire on the West panel at least eight matches in a season. This can be anywhere within the West Region.

If you are not umpiring in WCWHL Premier Division 2 you are recommended to:

- Put yourself forward to umpire at the West Youth and Schools tournaments and also JRPC. These are used as assessment and coaching opportunities for umpires at all levels and either gender game. Contact Mike Sheppard email address 106067.645@blueyonder.co.uk as he coordinates the umpires for these tournaments at West level.
- When contacting Mike Sheppard let him know you want to progress your umpiring as he will be able to arrange feedback.

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