

# L1 Umpire Assessment Criteria



ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

## BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

In 2014, England Hockey introduced the current Level 1 Umpire Assessment form and Guidance form which was designed to help county Hockey Umpiring Associations (HUA) monitor the consistency of umpires progressing to the Level 1 Assessed Level.

## THE CURRENT POSITION

Recent feedback has confirmed that there are inconsistencies around the country as to who is able to conduct these assessments. Some HUA's have tighter control as to who is approved to conduct these assessments, whilst others are not managing this part of the process as effectively. This is also adding to delays for interested umpires to be able to undertake their Level 1 Assessment in a timely manner, with some deciding to stop umpiring at their club.

It is hoped that having a consistent approach across the country will increase the number of individuals who are able to undertake Level 1 Assessments, thus helping meet the demand from clubs to have individuals undertake L1 Assessments.

## NEWLY AGREED CRITERIA FOR ASSESSOR

1. Any individuals would be able to conduct a Level 1 Assessment at any club if they achieve one or more of the below criteria:
  - a. is a Level 2 or higher Umpire
  - b. is a County Umpire Developer, Level 1 Umpire Coach or higher level Umpire Coach
2. Any individual who is eligible for any of the above criteria has to be a current member of an HUA at any level (County HUA, Regional HUA or NPUA).

## TYPE OF MATCH

The format of a match that an Umpire Assessment can take place must meet the following 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
- Must be an Under 15 year old match or higher
- Matches played within the Player Pathway can also be deemed as appropriate

The Umpire Assessor has the right to refuse to conduct the assessment of an umpire if the quality of match at the time is deemed to be inappropriate to correctly assess the competencies of the Umpire. In these cases, the Assessor should notify the umpire in question and conduct an Umpire Coaching session to help the umpire's development.

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