OFFICIATING HOCKEY – HOW TO GET INVOLVED

This section gives you links to Umpiring, Technical Officiating and the Rules of Hockey

**UMPIRING**

Clifton- Robinsons has the perfect environment for you to start your umpiring experience, whether in small sides games as part of junior development or adult training nights before you make a decision to umpire in a competition! Remember there are 2 of you and often you will learn with someone who know the ropes a bit better than you do! Look on line to explore learning opportunities:

<https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/deliver/officiate/umpire>

**Getting Started**

Getting started as an umpire is not as daunting as it may seem. Learn more about the benefits of becoming an umpire and how to get involved <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/deliver/officiate/umpire/getting-started>

**What learning can I access? Here is a Taster:**

Introduction to Umpiring

It is aimed at those with little or no umpiring knowledge and would be suitable for parent helpers, teachers or young leaders This is a great way to learn the basics of umpiring to support you umpiring 11-a-side hockey outside of formal leagues where accreditation levels exist.

More opportunities are at <https://hockeyhub.englandhockey.co.uk/umpiring_info>

Level 1 Umpiring Course

It is aimed at those looking to umpire lower level 11 a-side games for their clubs, schools or universities and is the second step on the Umpire Development Pathway which delivers theoretical aspects of umpiring to support individuals umpiring the 11-a-side game on a full-sized pitch.

**TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

You may be more inclined to be involved in managing the game in a different way! The role of a Technical Official at any level during a match or tournament can have as much of a positive, or negative influence on the enjoyment of the players and umpires as well as impact on both sets’ performance.

There is some guidance videos here <https://hockeyhub.englandhockey.co.uk/technicalofficials>

That are aimed at helping you in your duties before and during a tournament, from checking the equipment of the players and goal keepers through to administering the tournament correctly on AltiusRT.

All of the videos are no longer than 4 minutes each and can be accessed at anytime, including during a tournament, to support you in your role.

**RULES OF HOCKEY**

It is always worth have a look at the rules of hockey, whether a prospective official or a player; it is a dynamic game and rule changes are often made to improve the flow and management of our game!

<https://hockeyhub.englandhockey.co.uk/rules>

If you want to follow up at the Club, speak to Al Kilfoil or Jen Hollman – their contacts are in the Club Buzz membership list!!