

WHUA (SR) Appointments Policy

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all those games played in South Wales to which the WHUA (SR) may wish to appoint umpires or officials to.

2. Responsibility

- a. The WHUA (SR) will appoint a suitably responsible person to act as appointments secretary.
- b. The WHUA (SR) will devolve responsibility of making the appointments, along with any necessary affiliated administration, to this person.

3. Appointments Definition

- a. An umpire is considered to be appointed to a game when they are named as an umpire or official for that game by the WHUA (SR) appointments secretary.
- b. Where a club is asked to provide an umpire to a game; this is not classed as a neutral appointment unless the club make the appointments secretary aware of the name of the umpire they are sending 48 hours before the scheduled start time of the game.

4. Appointed Games

- a. The WHUA (SR) will appoint to those games in the West of England and South Wales League which are above regional level but below those divisions covered by the West Hockey Umpires Association.
- b. In exceptional circumstances the WHUA (SR) reserve the right not to appoint any umpire or official to any game.
- c. In exceptional circumstances the WHUA (SR) may appoint to a game outside the divisions outlined in 4(a).

5. Neutral Umpire Definition

- a. A neutral umpire is an umpire who decides to make themselves available for appointments by the WHUA (SR).
- b. All umpires in the pool who are wishing to receive appointments may not be members of a club but must be a fully paid up member of:
 - i. Hockey Wales
 - ii. WHUA

6. Umpire Pool

- a. A pool of neutral umpires (see point 5) will be provided by the WHUA (SR) for appointments to games outlined in 4(a).
- b. It is expected that any team who is receiving an appointed umpire; their club, provides an umpire for the pool. E.G. if club A has two teams in the divisions outlined in 4(a) then they should provide two umpire to the pool, if club B has one team in the divisions outlined in 4(a) then they should provide one umpire to the pool. These two umpires may be appointed to any games the WHUA (SR) appointments secretary deem appropriate.
- c. Should a club not be able to name an umpire to be appointed then the club will be named on the appointments schedule. In these cases, it is the club's responsibility to:
 - i. Send a suitably qualified and experienced umpire to cover the game
 - ii. Not send an umpire currently suspended from hockey activity
 - iii. Ensure that the umpire sent is a fully paid up member of
 1. their club
 2. the WHUA
 3. Hockey Wales

7. Costs

- a. The WHUA (SR) will charge clubs a fee of £15 per umpire per game.
- b. Fee's will be reviewed at the end of every season
- c. Clubs not paying the fee may have their umpires provision suspended as per 4b