



The National Programme Umpiring Association

The purpose of these Terms of Reference is to provide the framework for the NPUA but its Modus Operandi is set out in the Proposal for an NPUA submitted by the England Hockey Interim Umpiring Group dated 11 December 2002.

1. Authority

The National Programme Umpiring Association (NPUA) is authorised by England Hockey in conjunction with the England Hockey Umpiring Committee (EHUC) to conduct its business in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out below. These Terms of Reference may be reviewed at any time by England Hockey and when appropriate, revised to accord with the changing requirements of England Hockey.

2. Constitution

The NPUA will draw up its Constitution for approval by its members and England Hockey.

3. Responsibilities

The NPUA is responsible to England Hockey for the following:

- a) To operate within the approved NPUA Constitution.
- b) To draft an annual budget proposal for all its areas of activity, and to operate within the budgeted funds that are allocated to each area of responsibility.
- c) To make umpire appointments to the National Programme, inclusive of the EHL and the finals of National Outdoor Tournaments and Competitions as agreed with England Hockey.
- d) To make umpire appointments to the National Indoor Programme, inclusive of the National Indoor League and the finals of National Indoor Tournaments and Competitions as agreed with England Hockey.
- e) To make umpire appointments to all the Team (Men's and Women's) training matches and tours etc.
- f) To make umpire appointments to the National Senior Squad Training Programmes (Men's and Women's).
- g) Through England Hockey to appoint and nominate umpires and umpire managers to international tournaments and events both Indoors and Outdoors.
- h) To appoint suitably qualified umpire coaches and umpire managers to the National Programme.
- i) To appoint National Indoor and Outdoor Selection Panels and draw up their Terms of Reference.
- j) In conjunction with England Hockey, to deliver and maintain the Umpire and Umpire Coach Awards (Level 3).
- k) In conjunction with England Hockey, to be responsible for the organisation of meetings, seminars and conferences for all umpires who are 'active' in the National Programme (i.e. Level 3 and above).

4. Reporting Structure

The NPUA will report to England Hockey through the EHUC.

The Chairman of the EHUC and England Hockey will have access to the Management Accounts of the NPUA on an ongoing basis. In addition, a financial report will be provided by the NPUA representative at each meeting of the EHUC. The report will be passed to England Hockey.

Reporting to the NPUA Executive Committee will be the National Indoor and Outdoor Selection Committees and any other NPUA Implementation or Project Group/s.

Each year a formal review will be carried out (by England Hockey) to consider the effectiveness of these Terms of Reference.