

# Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association

## Health and Safety Policy

1. Appointed Officials must make every effort to take reasonable care for their health and safety and that of any other persons under their control immediately prior to and during the match
2. Appointed Officials shall not intentionally interfere with or misuse anything provided for Health and Safety or welfare purposes
3. Umpires are expected to be qualified and proficient in umpiring
4. Appointed Officials are expected, with their colleague, to carry out pre-match inspections of the pitch and surrounding area, to assess any risk to players. Any risk identified should be brought to the attention of both team captains and an appropriate comment placed on the official match sheet
5. Major risks are to be notified to the Home Club, the MRHUA Honorary Secretary and the MRHA league or match organiser (i.e. an appropriate comment should be placed on the official match sheet) as soon as practicable
6. Appointed Officials may abandon the match and/or withdraw from umpiring if they consider that it is unsafe to start or continue the match. The MRHUA Honorary Secretary, the MRHA League or match organiser are to be notified immediately or as soon as practicable
7. Members, associates, candidates or guests should not take it upon themselves to formally notify the pitch owners or providers of any risks and problems identified that create a Health and Safety issue
8. Appointed Officials should report ALL personal injuries to players other than those in the ordinary course of play to the MRHUA Honorary Secretary immediately after the match or as soon as practicable
9. Players with bleeding wounds must leave the pitch immediately to have wounds treated, enclosed and blooded clothing replaced. Substitutions are allowed in accordance with the current rules of hockey
10. Members who are present at the match other than as an appointed official, are asked to act when any appointed official has missed a potential risk, they should do so in conjunction with the appointed officials and only to provide appropriate guidance to them
11. The England Hockey Pitch Side Conduct Guidance Notes as published on the MRHUA Website should be observed
12. Evening matches under poor lighting conditions should be considered “at risk” and this should be brought to the attention of both team captains