



Midlands Young Umpiring Qualifying and Selection Criteria



Midlands Young Umpiring (MYU) was formed in March 2006 (then known as MRYUAG) to provide a key link between County and National young umpire activity.

We aim to help young umpires

- develop their confidence and umpiring expertise,
- to umpire more challenging games within their County or Region and
- progress towards and eventually qualify as a Level 2 umpire and beyond

Membership of MYU

Young umpires, normally recommended by their County or County based umpire coaches, may become members of the MYU on completion of:-

- An application form which includes important emergency contact and medical information as well as photography consent. For those under 18 it also requires parental consent.
- Payment of the Membership fee.

Members must be under 23 years old on 1 July at the beginning of the season.

Membership will entitle young umpires to be appointed by MYU to junior events and matches to further their development. These will be from U11 upwards dependant on the young umpire's experience and availability. They will be eligible for adding to the Midlands Young Umpire Promising List (MYUPL) subject to the qualifying criteria listed below.

The Midlands Young Umpire Promising List.

Appointment to the list identifies our young umpires who have reached a stage in their development where they are capable of umpiring games at JAC or JRPC events and other Junior Regional matches.

To be selected for a place on the MYUPL Young Umpires must:

- Have umpired at the Regional In2 Hockey Festivals, which qualifies teams to play in the National Youth Hockey Festival **or** been selected by the MYU to umpire a minimum of 3 eleven a side games of at least County under 14 standard as a neutral umpire.
- Have shown that they are capable of being a role model for other young umpires in their County and in the Midlands and helping other young umpires to develop.
- Continue to show a commitment to umpiring and to be available as much as possible for selection to Midlands youth events.
- Be under 21 on 1 July at the beginning of the season

The MYUPL List will be made up of three panels, Development "B" panel, Performance "A" panel and Support "A" panel. How these panels are constructed is shown below.

The Development Panel or "B" Panel.

- Umpires who have achieved a Level 1 umpire award or are working towards one.
- These umpires will be appointed to JAC events or other under 14, 15 and 16 County games including England Hockey Schools or Youth Cups matches.



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The Performance Panel or "A" Panel.

- Umpires who have already shown that they can umpire at 11 a side JRPC events or have the potential to umpire at JRPC events.
- Umpires who have umpired at other under 17 and 18 games in the Region including England Hockey Schools & Youth Cup matches.
- Young umpires who are working towards their Level 2 umpiring award.

All umpires selected for the MYUPL will receive an umpiring shirt with the England Hockey logo, the MUA badge and MYUPL logo after umpiring successfully at a minimum of three of the above events.

These umpires may be requested to act as mentors or 'buddy's' to umpires on "B" Panel.

The Support / "A" Panel.

- Either members who are over 21 at the beginning of the season and have reached a significantly high level of competence.
- Or members who have achieved NYUPL status or achieved their L2 Umpire Award.
- Support "A" Panel members can be used to mentor all MYU members as necessary

The list of all Young Umpire who are members of MYU will be reviewed by the end of July each year. The Managing Committee will draw up the list and panel recommendations, for approval by the full MYU Group. The Managing Committee may add or remove members during the year should the need arise.

Selection.

Each season, we monitor the Midlands Boy's and Girl's Schools and Youth Programme and we identify games and tournaments that are suitable for young umpire development. We appoint young umpires to appropriate events for their developing needs, aiming to extend their ability and help their future progress. We also support them at these events with umpire coaches or mentors.

Availability and Selection for Tournaments.

- We will endeavour to select those young umpires most suited for each competition on receipt of their availability
- Some competitions may be initially earmarked as suitable for those new to the group to provide a pathway for development
- When events of similar quality are run on the same day we aim to appoint as locally as possible to keep travelling distances to a minimum.
- MYUPL members may be used to mentor and support others and be asked to attend suitable events



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Midlands In2Hockey Youth Festival.

- Will be staffed by a young umpire team should sufficient availability be forthcoming. Active MYU members will be given the first opportunity to attend.
- New umpires nominated by counties or clubs will also be considered by the Management Team, taking into account representation from each county and a balance between boys and girls.
- Umpires taking part in the Midlands In2Hockey Youth Festival will be eligible for selection to the National Hockey Youth Festival – Umpire Challenge. All umpire coaches appointed to this Festival will be asked for their view on which young umpires should be considered for nomination to the National Umpire Challenge. The MYU Managing Committee will then make the final selection, taking into account umpire performances throughout the season as well as performance at the Midland Festival. The number of umpires who can be nominated for the National Umpire Challenge event is controlled by England Hockey Board and not by MYU.

County In2 Hockey Festivals.

- Where such competitions take place and we are notified of the details, MYU we will endeavour to provide support or guidance on young umpire issues.

The MYU encourages young umpires to continue playing hockey while developing their umpiring careers.

We wholly embrace the following from our Governing Body, England Hockey Board:

"It cannot be emphasised enough that England Hockey Board recommends that U18 umpires, other than those approved by the NYUG and RYUs, do not umpire adult matches unless supervised by appropriately qualified and checked coaches/mentors. Welfare precautions should ensure the deployment of young umpires to games appropriate to their stage of development"

Chairman
Midlands YU

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