



MIDLANDS YOUNG UMPIRING GROUP

(Previously known as MRYUAG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of these Terms of Reference is to provide a framework for Midlands Young Umpiring (MYU) who will work within the Midlands region to recruit, train and support young umpires.

1. AUTHORITY

Midlands Young Umpiring Group (MYUG) is a sub group of the Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association (MRHUA), being authorised by this body and guided by England Hockey Board (EHB) to conduct its business in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out below. MRHUA is a constituent body of the Midland Region Hockey Association (MRHA). These Terms of Reference may be reviewed annually by the MRHUA and the England Hockey Board and where appropriate, revised to accord with the changing requirements of MRHUA and EHB.

2. MEMBERSHIP

MYUG membership may be drawn from each of the following bodies: MRHUA, Birmingham Counties Hockey Umpiring Association (BCHUA), East Midlands Hockey Umpiring Association (EMHUA) together with young umpires from the MYU panels, or graduates from the NYUPL programme. In addition MYUG shall co-opt onto the group the treasurer of MRHUA (who will be responsible for the finances of the group) and any other person deemed necessary for the efficient running of the group. All members of the Group (save the MRHUA Treasurer) may serve for a period of two years from the date of appointment but may thereafter be re-appointed for further periods of two years at a time.

A chairperson shall be nominated by the members of the group and ratified by MRHUA. Appointment to the group shall be the responsibility of the "MYUG Management Committee" (see paragraph 5 below). A quorum of a minimum of 5 members shall be required for all FULL group meetings.

3. FINANCES

Finances of MYU and any funding forwarded by other bodies will be held in an account set up by MRHUA for MYU and controlled by the MRHUA treasurer. Any external funding bids required by the MYU will be written and forwarded to MRHUA for approval before being submitted. MYU will not be directly funded by MRHUA or MRHA.

In the long term it is expected that MYU will be a self-financing group and will charge its members an annual affiliation fee which will be used towards covering coaching costs.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

MYUG reports to MRHUA and liaises with the National Young Umpire Group.

The aims of the group are:

- a. To appoint young umpires to appropriate level competitions/games
- b. To support young umpires by providing umpires managers, coaches and mentors to the competitions/events to which young umpires are appointed

- c. To ensure that all MYUG appointed umpire managers, coaches, tutors and mentors have a current enhanced CRB certificate and attend training courses and events (as appropriate) to ensure they are up to date with other certificates i.e. Safe Guarding and Protecting Children
- d. Feedback to the National Group on any relevant matters
- e. To guide Counties, where appropriate, in the setting up of any young umpiring programmes/events
- f. To support Counties who are hosting JDC and JAC competitions by providing coaches to assist the counties own young umpiring team, and the umpiring development programme
- g. To recruit, support and retain umpire managers, coaches, mentors and tutors by supplying a resource to guide and aide them
- h. To assist the MRHUA Coaching Committee in providing umpire coaching opportunities to develop both candidate and fully qualified coaches

5. MEETINGS

The MYUG shall meet face to face at least 4 times annually. The group will elect annually a "Management Committee" to oversee timely interventions, good practice, deal with umpire selection and cover any other urgent issues that may occur outside the normal schedule of full meetings. These decisions shall be ratified at the next full Group meeting if necessary.

The MYUG Chair will always be the lead member on the Management Committee or in his/her absence any other member of the Management Committee as agreed by the members thereof. In addition working Sub Groups may be appointed by MYUG to investigate and report back on specific project areas.

All minutes of the main group meetings shall be circulated within 14 days of each meeting to all members of the MYUG.

J.D. Litchfield
Chairman
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