

TECHNICAL OFFICIATING

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The England Hockey Technical Appointments Panel (TAP) is always on the lookout for new recruits to act as League Match Officials (MOs) or EH Tournament Officials. Starting at EHTO Level 6 (Starter/Trainee), new officials can quickly progress up the career path within EH Leagues and Tournaments, and after 2-3 years can easily reach European or even full International level, as well as taking charge of some of England Hockey's top events.

England Hockey operate a 3 Step recruitment and induction procedure for individuals wishing to become an England Hockey match/technical official for the first time. The procedure for new recruits is as follows:

Step 1

A new recruit attends a nearby national league match (men or women) with the appointed MO to see how the job is done and learn the procedure. The recruit can select a match on a date and at a venue that suits them and EH will make arrangements with the appointed MO to contact the recruit in advance to discuss attending the match and any pre-match requirements. Full details of the tasks and responsibilities of a Match Official are available in the EHMHL or IWHL regulations, available on the England Hockey website.

Step 2

Following step 1, a new recruit will be appointed as an MO to a national league match and will be mentored and assessed by a senior MO before, during, and after the match to ensure that they are fully conversant with the requirements of the role and able to undertake the appropriate duties correctly.

Step 3

Assuming that the recruit is approved at step 2, they will then be offered future appointments as an MO, subject to their ongoing availability. At this stage, individuals will also be considered for EH tournament appointments (indoor and outdoor), subject to their availability.

All officials' appointments are made through the NPUA website (www.npua.co.uk), and EH will register your details on the system and will provide user information to access your own personal page. Officials also enter their availability, their match reports and also claim their travel expenses through the NPUA website.

Further information on being an England Hockey match/technical official is available on the England Hockey website (Officiate & Volunteer), and new information will be available there soon.

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