



**ENGLAND  
HOCKEY**

## **England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO) Launch and Enrolment**

Dear colleague,

As the new season approaches rapidly, I wanted to write to you to update you on some changes that have been made to Officiating within England.

England Hockey are delighted to announce the launch of a new governance structure within the domestic game in England, following a resolution that was passed by its members to change the governance structure of the game to “A Structure Fit for the Future”. The headlines of this include:

- A structural change from 5 x Regional Hockey Association to 8 x Area Companies
- Production of a standardised Adult League format, with standardised regulations across England
- Aligning over 100 different volunteer led bodies that oversaw the sport into a more streamlined, efficient structure.

For umpiring and officiating, the change in governance structure has allowed the existing HUAs across the country to come together to create a new, national body for all Officials, called England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO).

From its launch at the beginning of September, the EHO will replace the current membership model from existing HUAs ensuring that members from every corner of the country, at every level of the game, will have a membership offer that is to support their development as an Official.

### **What will change for us?**

Instead of individuals potentially being a member of more than one association, the EHO is a national membership body so your one membership subscription covers all Area Branches across the country.

Your local Area Branch will be your first port of call for any support with your Officiating, as well as any opportunities to undertake independent appointments. Your Area Branch contact details can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **Do I have to pay to become a member of the EHO?**

No, the membership subscriptions on offer include a free membership option (Bronze). A full list of all subscription packages on offer are available by clicking [here](#).

### **I am a current member of the NPUA, do I have to join the EHO as well?**

No, as the NPUA will be enrolling you into the EHO. An agreement is in place where a very small portion of your NPUA subscription will be paid to the EHO to cover the insurance element of the membership.

If you would also like to be an Area Branch member, then we would ask you to register as the steps outline below, however please include “England Hockey” as the Primary Area Branch, then the Secondary Area Branch as appropriate to yourself.

Through this process, please select the “EHO Bronze Membership” and this will be administered for you centrally by the EHO Admin Team so you do not have to pay twice.

**I am a Technical Official, who occasionally takes appointments from TAP. Do I have to be a paid member of the EHO to do this?**

We would welcome any member of the EHO, at any level of membership, to get involved in Technical Officiating. In the first instance, we would advise for you to speak to WHUA about upcoming opportunities to be involved as a Technical Official for competitions being held in Wales and then enquire with TAP later.

I am a Life Member of a Hockey Umpiring Association, what level of membership is suitable to me?

The EHO would like to offer any existing Life Member of an HUA the Gold membership level at no charge, to ensure that your recognition and involvement can continue as previous years. To receive this membership category, please register with the EHO using the instructions below and choose “EHO Bronze Membership”. Once done, please e-mail [officiating@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:officiating@englandhockey.co.uk) and we'll manually change this to the Gold membership category for you.

**What do I do next?**

For individuals who wish to become a member of the EHO, we would welcome you to undertake the following steps:

- a) Visit <https://gms.englandhockey.co.uk>
- b) Click the “register” button
- c) Select “Officiating”
- d) Enter your e-mail address and submit for a verification code (if you are not already registered with the Officiating Management System)
  - a. Once you receive your verification code, please proceed to the next screen

If you are already registered with the OMS, this step (d) won't be needed and you'll progress straight to the registration screen

- e) Select your Primary and Secondary Area Branches as appropriate. Your Primary Area Branch should be the one where you wish to either undertake the majority of independent umpiring opportunities or receive support with your Officiating.
- f) Complete the rest of your details as requested
- g) Select the appropriate membership category.
- h) Press Send

This will now complete the registration process and you will now be registered with the EHO.

**What if I have more questions?**

A fuller list of FAQs is available via the England Hockey website by clicking [here](#).

If you have a question that is not within the FAQ's, please e-mail [officiating@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:officiating@englandhockey.co.uk)



I wish you well for the upcoming season and, fingers crossed, we all enjoy an uninterrupted season with no undue disruptions due to COVID-19.

Yours in hockey



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