



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 2013/2014 season.

Please

- Make sure that you keep your contact details and availability up to date.
- If you recorded expenses last season, your annual subscription will already have been deducted. If not, please let Simon Seabrook (simon.seabrook@tesco.net) have your 2013/2014 annual subscription as soon as possible.

Cheques for £15 made out to BHUA should be sent to 3 Reach Road, Burwell Cambs CB25 0BU

If you joined us by registering on one of our Level 1 courses during 2013, you will not need to pay an annual subscription until the beginning of the 2014/2015 season.

Remember that **when** your subscription has been received, you will be covered by our insurance.

Appointments

Andy Sparrow andy_sparrow650@gmail.com will again be our Appointments Secretary.

As ever, we will struggle to fulfill all requested appointments this season. It will particularly helpful if you can make yourself available on occasional Sundays.

If you do not normally accept appointments you can make a crucial contribution by making yourself available occasionally, say one Saturday and Sunday a month. You can see when there is a heavy press of games by going to the Fixtures/Appointment page of our website.

Coaching, watching and grades

The Selection & Coaching committee will review everyone's grade periodically. They have already hatched plans for coaching, watching and development during the new season.

Members not normally taking appointments will not be forgotten. Please keep Lynn Turnbull and Andy Sparrow up to date with what you are doing and would like to do so they can support you.

Red card or match-day misconduct offence

Make sure that you know the procedures you must follow, regardless of the level of game, if you issue a red card or witness a match-day misconduct offence. Go to the England Hockey website to see the latest Regulations and the Report form. Go to the Web Handbook & Downloads section of our website and read 'Advice to umpires for the completion of red card/MMO report forms', which is almost entirely based on a document from Chris Bond and Hampshire HA.

It is particularly important that you note any involvement of a player under 18 years old.

Mark Rutherford (mark.rutherford@btinternet.com) is again the CDA (County Disciplinary Administrator) for Buckinghamshire HA.

Please **phone or email Mark as soon as possible after issuing a red card or MMO** for advice on what to put on the form.

If you take appointments

Clubs are told they must confirm match details with you by the Tuesday evening prior to the match you are appointed to. If they do not, please contact Andy Sparrow.

We have urged clubs to invite you to join them after the game, and not to assume you know where to go for showers or teas. It is not going to be possible after every match, but please do try and accept invitations. It is particularly important for our new members to make them feel welcomed and valued, and us all to learn from each other and from what players have to say.

You should aim to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start time (at least for your first match of the day). This is the time to talk about what is to come, as well as being sociable. Build up teamwork so that you and your colleague are consistent throughout the match, and from match to match.

Remember that during each match the captain of a team is responsible for the behaviour of his entire team, coaches, spectators, etc. Dealing with misbehaviour on anyone's part early and firmly can prevent further problems both on the day and in future. Do not forget the rule that SCHUA introduced last season:

If a bench member (which includes any member of the team management ie Coach/Manager) is suspended temporarily (i.e. yellow card) by the umpire, a playing team member is to be removed from the field for the same period.

This rule covers any match, male female mixed or junior, played between two South affiliated teams, with or without umpires, appointed or otherwise.

After the match, record your mileage, the number of yellow or red cards you give to each team, and add feedback on the conduct of both teams.

Rule Books

Last season you should have received a printed copy of the 2013 rule book from me or as part of your Level 1 course. If you did not, or you are a new member, please make sure that your address details on your Personal page of the website are up to date, and then contact me at roger.dobson@open.ac.uk

Rules

There are no new hockey rules this season.

Umpiring kit

HUA-badged and other kit can be bought from http://www.hawkinsport.co.uk/clubs-bucks-hockey-umpires-association-c-28_144.html

Two-way radios

We have bought three sets of two-way radios for use by a coach and an umpire. You do not have to accept an offer of a radio during coaching, but if you do you will be given advice on how to make best use of it. In case you are wondering, we were unable to find suitable and reliable three-way sets at a reasonable price.

Some members have expressed an interest in buying a two- or three-way radio set. Andy or Jim Patel (maharajah.patelmbe@hotmail.co) will be able to advise you. If you do buy a set, please let Andy know so he can inform our coaches.

People

Congratulations to Emily Swales on receiving the England Hockey Young Umpire of the Season and to Zoe Baker on receiving the SCHUA Young Umpire Award.

These awards reflect greatly on the efforts of their clubs (Marlow and Wycombe) and on our Lynn and Andy who work so hard with our Young Umpires.

Lynn has become the chair of the South Young Umpire committee.

Thanks to David Monger (himself the holder of 2012 SCHUA award for merit or progress in umpiring) for his excellent informal talk that followed our recent AGM.

The 2013–2014 Council

David Jenney is our President, David Tobin Chairman of Council, Roger Dobson Secretary, Simon Seabrook Treasurer, and Jim Patel is Chair of our Coaching & Selection committee.

Lynn Turnbull is our Level 1 coordinator. She and Andy will be again be taking a particular interest in Young Umpire development, and be our main liaison point for club umpires. Mark Rutherford will report on disciplinary matters, and Michael Dillow will be a link with members umpiring ladies games.

Following the AGM, David Monger agreed to be co-opted onto Council, and will join our Coaching & Selection committee. This leaves one place unfilled. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Roger Dobson (r.p.dobson@open.ac.uk)

Roger Dobson Hon Secretary secretary@buckshua.co.uk September 2013