

LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS

There are TWO OPTIONS:

Option 1 is for Clubs, where they have a minimum of THREE Candidates wishing to be assessed on the same day, at the same venue. Option 2 is for individual Candidates – it could be 2 Candidates umpiring the same match.

OPTION 1:

The Club Umpire Liaison Officer/Secretary/Club Developer should contact the YHUA Coaching Co-ordinator (Barrie Pollard) to arrange a suitable date and a plan to suit the Club's needs – a date where the Club has 2, 3, 4, or even 5 Home matches on which to appoint 4, 6, 8 or even 10 Candidates. YHUA are also offering to coach your Club Level 1 Assessed umpires on that date too.

OPTION 2:

This is a new experimental system for L1 Unassessed Umpires to arrange their Assessment game – the onus is on the umpire to contact a listed & approved YHUA assessor, all of whom, meet the criteria laid down by England Hockey.

The list of YHUA Assessors can be found on the YHUA website (www.yorkshirehua.org) – click on 'The Association' and then on 'Assessors & Coaches'.

Wherever possible, Assessors should NOT be affiliated to the same Club as an umpire undertaking an assessment. This is to protect the integrity of the assessor, and to ensure neutrality in umpire performance and to prevent questions about an umpire's ability in future matches. YHUA are the quality assurance body for umpiring in Yorkshire, reporting to England Hockey and Yorkshire Hockey Association.

- L1 Unassessed Umpire selects an Assessor from the YHUA website.
- The Umpire contacts the Assessor to arrange a suitable time & place for the assessment. [NB. Assessors often have playing/coaching/assessing appointments arranged weeks in advance. It is unrealistic to expect them to be available with less than a week's notice. It may help to look at appointments published on the YHUA website, as an assessor might be coming to your club for another match.]
- The Assessment will cost £17, paid by cheque or bank transfer to YHUA Treasurer – Ross Anderson (rossco532@hotmail.co.uk), and entitles the new L1 Assessed Umpire a year's Membership of YHUA. This must be paid before the assessment. Club umpires are usually only insured to umpire their own club matches. YHUA Membership provides insurance to umpire any game, for any club.
- The Assessor will contact the YHUA Coaching Co-ordinator to inform him/her of the arrangements. All HUA's keep records of assessments.
- When/If the assessment is successful, the Assessor should email the completed EH Form to England Hockey AND Yorkshire Hockey Umpires Association Membership Secretary (jooleymc@hotmail.co.uk).

In order to help Umpires be successful when being assessed, I would urge all Unassessed Umpires preparing for their L1 Assessment, to read the following England Hockey documents that can be found on the YHUA website:

1. L1 Umpire Assessment Criteria
2. L1 Umpire Assessment Form – Guidance
3. L1 Umpire Assessment Form 2015-16.

If candidates have any problems at any stage of the process, they should contact the YHUA Coaching Co-ordinator for help/advice - (bpollardyhua@gmail.com).