

UMPIRING PROTOCOLS

Before the Day :

- Reply to the Club after they have confirmed the match details with you.
- If the Club has not sent any confirmation (text, email, phone) by Thursday evening, umpires should inform the YHUA Appointment Secretary.
- Without any confirmation, umpires are at liberty to contact the Club OR to NOT go to the fixture, but then offer their services to YHUA for a different game.
- When a coach or assessor is appointed to a game, it is the responsibility of the umpires to confirm match details (and any later changes) with the coach/assessor.
- Coaches may ask umpires to provide 1 or 2 points the umpire would particularly like the coach to watch – umpires should not just ask for a general watching.
- Contact appointed colleague to decide on shirt colour & arrival time.
- Make sure you know your EH number.

On the Day:

- In case of an emergency, have a Mobile number to hand for your colleague/Club.
- Umpires should arrive at least 45 minutes before the start time. This gives them plenty of time to relax; pair up radios; have a pre-match chat; do a pitch check; and have a meaningful warm-up.
- Be prepared to tell the team captains if the radios stop working.
- Expect to socialize with the teams after the game, and/or spend time with a coach/assessor.
- In the unfortunate event of aggressive/anti-social behaviour by players or spectators after the final whistle (whether it's on the pitch, in the car park or in the clubhouse), consider issuing a Match day Misconduct Order (MMO) against a Club or individual. (MMO Rules – see NHUA website).
- After the game, umpires should enter match details on the YHUA website as soon as possible.

Please remember to keep up-to-date with your availability on the YHUA website, and try to give the Appointments Secretary (Richard Sykes) as much notice as possible if you have to change your availability.

Watcher Feedback is very important & useful for coaches & assessors – they need constructive comments to help them improve, just like umpires.