



YOUTH UMPIRE AWARD

**INFORMATION BROCHURE
FOR ORGANISERS**



Scottish Hockey Youth Umpire Award is an enjoyable, educational, interactive programme to assist young people in gaining a greater understanding of the rules of hockey and to develop a positive attitude towards umpiring.

The award is linked to Scottish Hockey Player Pathway - playground to podium Fun Start and Active Lifestyle stages. Resources have been created for each of the modified games (Fun Fours, Super Sixes and Eights) which aim to educate and develop the potential of young hockey players. This provides progression for developing children physically, emotionally and mentally not just technically and tactically. The Youth Umpire Award provides a leadership and responsibility element to the programme.

The award is aimed at young people and students in schools, clubs and district programmes, throughout the country. Anyone from 12 to 18 years old, who has a basic knowledge of hockey will learn from completing the award. All registered schools, clubs and other groups are able to access the award. It can be delivered in either modular format or across part of a day. The modules comprise theory, practical and an observation.

The purpose of the award is to provide young people with an opportunity to develop a better understanding of the role and techniques employed by the umpire and the rules of hockey. It introduces the rules and the role of the umpire to young players, young spectators and young leaders in an enjoyable, motivating and confidence building method.

It is aimed to be fun..... for both the participant and tutor.



The award involves 5 modules

Module 1

Behind Umpiring - A theory session explaining the background information (30 - 45 mins)

Module 2/3

On the Pitch - A practical session demonstrating the modified rules of hockey, the practical umpiring of the rules and gives an opportunity to practice umpiring (1hr - 1.5hrs)

Module 4

Homework Assignment - A worksheet that the attendees complete with the use of the modified rules (30 mins)

Module 5

Practical Observation - 15 minutes of practical umpiring (can be part of the award or a separate session)

The award lasts between 3 and 4 hours and requires access to a meeting room and a facility that can simulate a Fun Fours, Super Sixes or Eights hockey pitch. Candidates are strongly advised to seek practice opportunities between the theory and practical modules. The practical observation should be completed after the conclusion of modules 1 to 4 and when candidates have had sufficient opportunity to practice umpiring. Each candidate needs an individual observation whilst umpiring for a minimum of 15 minutes during Fun Fours, Super Sixes or Eights hockey games.

The facilities required could be a pitch, outdoor or indoor, or another sports court with line markings. To tutor the course you need a "C" Badge /Umpire Level 1 or Scottish Hockey approved with enthusiasm, imagination and a willingness to improvise. 12 people is an ideal number to run the award but anywhere from 8 to 16 is appropriate.

To assist in running this award, Scottish Hockey will provide a guide to organising the award, tutor notes, completion guides and other resources. We will also happily discuss any questions you have and provide advice where possible.

If you would like to organise a Youth Umpire Award just complete a registration form. The registration cost of the award is £20 per award run plus £6.00 per candidate. We will then send you the material to deliver the award and the candidates will receive links to the rules, a whistle and a certificate.

If the District, Club or School is registered with Scottish Hockey then the award fee is waived. For more information call Scottish Hockey (0141 550 5999) or alternatively you can e-mail any enquiry to: coaching@scottish-hockey.org.uk

HOW DO I ORGANISE A YUA?

You will have already registered your interest in running this award with Scottish Hockey. Within the following information you will find everything you need to run your YUA.

If you have questions at any time please call or email Scottish Hockey.

THE AWARD ITSELF.....WHAT DOES IT COMPRISE OF?

It's all very easy! As previously mentioned there are 5 modules.

They are:

Module 1 Behind Umpiring: a theory session giving details on some of the background to umpiring. We recommend you allow approximately 30 - 45 mins. This is conducted indoors allowing discussion of the role of the umpire and the rules. A PowerPoint presentation is included as resources.

Module 2 On the Pitch: Practical umpiring instruction that demonstrates the role of the umpire, positioning, signalling and other basics on the pitch.

Module 3 Umpiring the game: Practical interpretation of the rules, demonstration of the rules and how to umpire.

Note:

For these two sessions you will require access to a practical facility. This will be a minimum of 1-hour total for both sessions but could be longer to allow increased practice time. Pitch notes have been provided to help you present these modules.

Module 4 Homework assignment: This is to be completed in breaks or between sessions. It is to be completed by candidates with reference to Fun Fours, Super Sixes or Eights rules and can be done individually or in small groups. It is assessed as being completed or not.

Module 5 A practical observation umpiring modified games. Each candidate must umpire a minimum of 15 minutes. The candidate must demonstrate capability against the criteria on the observation sheet. This includes positioning, signalling, whistling and understanding of the rules. Guidance and advice should be offered during the practical observation.

Note:

Umpires demonstrating sufficient competence during most of the observation shall be measured to have passed this section of the Youth Umpire Award. Course Organisers/Tutors should use their discretion to differentiate between candidates who make the occasional mistake and those who are experiencing real difficulties. If the latter applies, candidates will be required to repeat the practical observation at a mutually agreed time and venue.

During the observation the assessor / tutor shall complete a summary sheet, grading candidates on their performance on different areas of umpiring. Part of this shall include an

action plan for the umpire. This must be completed whether the umpire is competent or not. A copy of this should be given to the candidate and forwarded to the Scottish Hockey office.

When a candidate has completed all modules it is recommended they umpire where they feel most comfortable to increase in skill and confidence (i.e. Fun Fours, Super Sixes or Eights). When a candidate is ready they should be encouraged to umpire 11 a side youth hockey and progress to different ability groups. If a candidate (14 years and older) is capable of umpiring senior 11 a side hockey they should be encouraged to attend an Umpire Level 1.

WHAT ABOUT RESOURCES AND OTHER COSTS?

Your resources should be ordered at the same time as you register the award. Scottish Hockey has a registration cost of £20 (unless you are a registered club or school) and a fixed cost of £6.00 per candidate for resources (rules, whistle and certificate for each candidate).

As the organiser you will be sent the resources and an invoice for them therefore don't forget to collect the money from the participants.

Additional costs you might incur include

1. Facilities need to be hired (i.e. classroom and pitch etc.)
2. Tutor's travelling expenses, if required.

However, every effort should be made to keep costs to a minimum.

Note:

You must order your YUA materials at least 14 days in advance of your start date, so as to allow sufficient time for delivery.

WHAT NEXT? STEP BY STEP

PRE YOUTH UMPIRE AWARD

Advertise the award and develop a register of your candidates

1. Flyers in your club or school
2. Substitute the award for a couple of training sessions
3. Anything else you want to try

Establish the number, age, gender and experience of your youth umpires.

- Minimum of 8, Maximum of 16 for 1 tutor is recommended

Organise the venue and the times of the modules.

- You will need an indoor meeting room for about 45 minutes. Preferably with AV access.
- Access to a pitch (you need something that can represent lines and be used to simulate a hockey pitch. Options include Artificial Turf Pitch, Grass pitch, Indoor pitch, Netball, Basketball or Tennis court for modules 2 and 3 (1 - 1.5 hrs)
- It is important to consider how the candidates will get practical experience and plan for this. Additional time can be allowed in the practical sessions and / or additional opportunities can be set up.
- You need to consider how candidates will be practically observed. They each need to do 15 mins practical umpiring, start planning early how this will be arranged.

Decide if you are going to tutor the course yourself. You will be an accredited C badge/ Umpire Level 1 or above (or a Scottish Hockey approved tutor) to do so, however, the most important factor is that you are experienced and enthusiastic about working with children/young people. Alternatively you may perhaps prefer to invite someone more experienced than yourself to tutor it for you.

If you feel you are capable of tutoring, but are not a C badge/ Umpire Level 1 etc., please contact Scottish Hockey for approval.

If any of the candidates have a disability, do whatever is necessary to accommodate their requirements. This may mean that you will need to make special arrangements or preparations in advance.

RUN THE YOUTH UMPIRE AWARD

Deliver the theory and practical sections

- Follow the tutor notes provided
- Make changes to suit your own style
- If you have any good ideas that work, put them on the feedback sheet

Allow the candidates' time to complete the homework assignment

- This can be done between sessions or during a break

Ensure all candidates have the opportunity to be practically observed

- To do this you could either
 1. Organise access to a pitch and players and provide each candidate time to umpire.
 2. Provide opportunities to umpire at existing events (School, Club or District festivals, etc)
- Complete a checklist for each candidate

AFTER THE YOUTH UMPIRE AWARD

Complete the paperwork

- Ask each candidate to complete an evaluation form
- Complete the organiser evaluation form
- Send copies of the individual candidate form
 1. to the candidate
 2. Return the other copy, the checklist and evaluation forms to the Scottish Hockey office via coaching@scottish-hockey.org.uk

Scottish Hockey will send each candidate a certificate of achievement.

THAT'S IT, FINALLY.....

Please note that it is crucial to the ongoing success of the YUA and the development of umpiring, that your YUA be fun!

Younger umpires are essential to the development of hockey. Your commitment to making this award and umpiring fun is essential to attracting more umpires to hockey.

THANK YOU

AWARD REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Organiser

District/Club/School

Address

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Email

Telephone(H)(M)

Details of Award

Venue

DatesTimes

Name of Tutor (if different)

Email Address

Costs

Registration Costs £20. This is waived if your organisation (School/Club/District) is registered with Scottish Hockey.

Number of resources required @ £6.00 per person

TOTAL:

We can send an invoice for the total amount if requested

