

## **Hockey Ireland Cup Competitions - IHUA Umpire Appointments**

The number of official umpires remains at an all-time low, particularly in women's hockey. Over the past number of seasons, IHUA have found it very difficult to provide umpires to the early rounds of the Irish Hockey Trophy, Irish Hockey Challenge & Irish Junior Cup.

Whilst IHUA has absolute primacy on the appointment of all official umpires for all national competitions, there will be occasions that we need to ensure our feeder Provincial Umpire Associations have adequate cover for their senior provincial programme.

### **Irish Senior Cup**

IHUA will make every effort to ensure that all matches in Irish Senior Cup have official umpire coverage. IHUA have first choice and primacy for the appointment of umpires to this competition.

### **Irish Hockey Trophy, Irish Hockey Challenge & Irish Junior Cup**

To ensure these competitions are covered by official umpires and to assist the provincial umpiring associations, IHUA will appoint our members on following principles:

1. For Rounds 1 & 2, the Provincial Umpire Associations will have first choice of umpires to cover their premier division, excluding those appointed to EYHL matches (Note: Provinces must appoint to these matches at least 14 days in advance otherwise they will lose their primacy).
2. IHUA will then appoint official umpires to the remaining cup fixtures and cover as many matches as possible. Unfortunately, there may be occasions where umpire coverage is not possible.
3. From Round 3 onwards, IHUA will first choice and primacy for the appointment of umpires. It will be intention of IHUA to cover all matches however there may be occasions when full umpire coverage if not possible.
4. On any occasion where there are no official umpires appointed, each club is responsible for providing one umpire. In the event that the clubs are unable to find umpires, the match shall proceed with a player from each team undertaking the umpiring role [B - reference cup competition rule 12.2].
5. IHUA will try and post all appointments at least ten days prior to the fixture and indicate any matches which will be the responsibility of the clubs to provide umpires.
6. Clubs should enter the times of their matches on the IHUA website [A] and Sports Manager [C] no later than 10 days BEFORE the match (typically this will be by the Wednesday, the week before the match [B – reference cup competition rule 7.5]).

7. It is the responsibility of both clubs to check the IHUA website [A] to find out whether IHUA have appointed official umpires to their fixture.

[A] Go to IHUA website: <http://www.irishhua.com/> and click on 'Next Week's Appointments'. The website links to all provincial umpiring websites and umpire contact details are available there. Each club also has a login for this site, which provides them with appointment details for all matches.

[B] Hockey Ireland Competitions documents page:  
[http://www.hockey.ie/cupcompetitionsinfo?content\\_page=CompetitionDocuments](http://www.hockey.ie/cupcompetitionsinfo?content_page=CompetitionDocuments)  
includes copies of the Hockey Ireland Rules and Regulations and associated procedures.

[C] Sports Manager System: <http://admin.sportsmanager.ie/maint.php> Administrative webpage for entering fixture times which appear on the Hockey Ireland cups webpages.