

UMPIRES GUIDELINES



Attention: All SWHL Opens and Masters Umpires

Umpiring Standards 2019 and beyond.

The Sydney Women's Hockey League acknowledges umpires are an integral part of our game. Whilst players should respect umpires, umpires must also respect the players. Please remember umpires also have to acknowledge the SWHL Conditions of Play and Code of Conduct.

1. Umpires are only allowed to umpire for 2 x opens division and 1 x masters division or 2 x masters division and 1 x open division and for only one team in that division and no more than 2 matches umpired in one day. If you do more then, this you will be called before the committee as it is a breach of the Code of Conduct and you cannot mentally provide your attention required for the matches. If you are an active player in SWHL that umpires or any other umpire and you wish to umpire more than two matches you must apply for an exemption to the umpires convenor.
2. All umpires must wear the correct uniform;
SWHL shirt, plain black skort/skirt or plain black trousers and plain black socks
For unpleasant weather a fluoro yellow umpires jacket is permitted.
No other items or articles are permitted at all times except a hat for protection from the sun. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
If you do not wear the correct uniform the club you umpire for will be fined \$25 per offence.
3. Sunglasses should not be worn when umpiring. And mobile phone calls are not to be taken during match(es) or whilst umpiring.
4. If you fail to attend or umpire a game, the club you umpire for will be fined \$200 per offence. It is your responsibility to cover the game if you cannot. You can only cover your match from umpires within your division or above.
5. Matches for Opens ML1 and ML2 are appointed four weeks in advanced by the umpire convenor and Opens ML3 – ML6 and Masters Divisions MD1 – MD4 are appointing 18 weeks in advanced so there is sufficient time to get matches covered or swapped. If you do swap a match or someone is covering your game you need to let the umpire convenor know. It is your responsibility.
6. All umpire must PRINT their name on the match card.
7. Umpires must not be warming up or playing on the field before their match or at half time.
8. All SWHL matches start 10 minutes after the scheduled time. Umpire must adhere to this and not start the clock early. The players are entitled to their warm

up and game time. Game time will be 4 X 17 minute quarters, 2 x 2 minute quarter time and 5 minute half-time. Please note there will be no time out for short corners.

9. If you issue a yellow card or red card in a game you must record it on the match card and send an umpires report to the Umpire Convenor within 48hours. All green cards must be noted on the match card as well.

10. Umpires must be aware of the SWHL wet weather policy and the lightning safety code.

11. If you know an umpire is not complying with these standards you should let the Umpires Convenor know. Don't be embarrassed or think you are dobbing someone in. If someone is doing the wrong thing it is lowering the standard of umpires which SWHL wants to protect.

12. All umpires must attend the compulsory umpire briefing in March.

13. All umpires must be either registered with Hockey NSW as a player or nonplaying member.