



Umpires Council

Terms of Reference

(adopted from Hockey NZ Umpires & Officials Advisory Group)

Purpose:

To support Wellington Hockey in the continued growth and development of Umpires and Officials in the association, ensuring a community perspective is provided on issues and opportunities relating directly to Umpires and Officials.

Key Responsibilities:

- Attend and actively participate in Council meetings
- Bring Hockey issues and opportunities to the Umpires Council
- Assist WHA to canvas the views of the wider Umpires & Officials Hockey community
- Support WHA decisions and maintain a positive, solution focussed approach
- Advocate for and on behalf of all Umpire & Officials and support opportunities for Umpires & Officials to participate in Hockey
- Advise and input into Umpires & Officials programmes run by WHA

Membership:

The Umpires Council will include up to 6 members and WHA will endeavour to make this council representative of the Umpires & Officials Hockey Community.

Criteria for the Umpires Council is as follows:

- To have been involved in sport within New Zealand in a capacity as a player, coach, manager, official or administrator
- To reside in the Wellington Association
- To be enthusiastic, energetic, and pro-active
- To be committed to attending meetings regularly
- To be able to work well within a team with fairness, integrity and respect for others
- To collectively have the broad range of skills and experience required for the council to fulfil its purpose

Selection of Umpires Council and Term of Appointment:

Wellington Hockey will facilitate and notify the wider hockey community when applications for membership is required. People interested in applying for membership of the Umpires Council will be asked to complete an application form, provide a Hockey CV and a cover letter.

Appointment to the Umpires Council will be made by a panel led and appointed by the WHA CEO.

The term of appointment will be three years at which time further applications will be sought.

The term of appointment can be less than three years if a member:

- Resigns
- Misses more than 3 consecutive meetings

If an Umpire Council member resigns, a replacement will be conducted through the process for recruitment currently in place with Wellington Hockey.

Reporting:

The Wellington Hockey Community & Development Officer will report on the activities of the Umpires Council to the Wellington Hockey CEO.

Operation and Miscellaneous:

- Wellington Hockey will oversee the administration of the Umpires Council
- The WHA Community & Development Officer or CEO appointed Umpires Council Chairperson will prepare the agenda for meetings
- A nominated Umpires Council member will take minutes of meetings
- Umpire Council members are required to report any conflicts of interest to the WHA Community & Development Officer as soon as possible
- Umpire Council members must not bring Wellington Hockey into disrepute through their actions

Any behaviour that is deemed negative may result in termination of the Umpires Council membership. This will be required to go through the CEO of Wellington Hockey for a decision to be made.

The Umpire Council member in question may represent themselves, with or without support, but the CEO will have the final say.