

# **Umpire Mentor Program**

The Hockey Queensland Umpire Mentor Program provides Associations throughout Queensland with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills of their local umpires.

The Umpire Mentor Program utilises the skills and experience of advanced and national level umpires throughout Queensland to provide support to Associations throughout the state through the delivery of seminars or workshops, on-the-field support and individual advice.

The Umpire Mentor Program was first developed in 2003 by FIH Olympic & World Cup Umpires Manager Jan Hadfield, in response to a growing need for consistency and quality in umpiring throughout Queensland.

Queensland is in a unique situation whereby we have many resident umpires who currently umpire at a national and international level. These umpires have the skills and experience to assist other umpires to develop their skills.

## **How are the Umpire Mentors Selected?**

Umpire Mentors are selected based on their umpiring experience at state, national and international level. Each umpire mentor holds a nationally recognised Umpire accreditation, with many mentors holding National and International qualifications.

Not only do our umpire mentors have the accreditation and experience, they also have a passion for developing umpires at all levels and assisting Associations to provide quality competitions through quality umpiring.

# Where do the Umpire Mentors go?

Umpire Mentors travel to all Associations throughout Queensland. When an Umpire Mentor is selected, they indicate their availability to travel to regions within Queensland.

### How can Associations be Involved?

The Umpire Mentor Program is coordinated through the Hockey Queensland office.

Umpire Mentor Request Form can be completed online through the Hockey Queensland website (Participate – Umpiring).

#### **HOCKEY ED LEVEL 1 UMPIRE COACH COURSE**

HQ conducts this course to qualify umpires to coach other developing umpires: <a href="http://www.hockey.org.au/Officiating/Umpirecoaching">http://www.hockey.org.au/Officiating/Umpirecoaching</a> A minimum of five participants are required to conduct the course. HQ encourages Associations to work together to plan a course in conjunction with a championship/event to provide the required learning opportunity for umpires.

If your Association has active Umpire Coaches who are interested in attending this course, for further information please contact HQ.

To arrange an Umpire Mentor visit or for more information on the Umpire Coach Course please contact Hockey Queensland.

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