



Officiating Encouragement Award

This award was introduced and sponsored by Alison Monk, Southern Officiating Coordinator in 2021. The inaugural recipient was Hayley Reardon (OHA).

In 2022 Rob Valentine MLC, a long-term supporter of hockey in Southern Tasmania, arranged seed funding to support the presentation of this award annually for the next ten years. The funding will enable two awards to be presented each year, with the recipients receiving a package of selected items from the range of HT Officiating uniform introduced in 2021.

This award provides an opportunity to promote and recognise the efforts of the young club volunteers who have undertaken the role of judge on Premier League matches; and to encourage them to progress along the officiating pathway to become involved as an official at state, national and international events.

Criteria:

The recipient will be a young person (age approx. 16-30 yrs)

- who has regularly undertaken the role of judge on premier league matches
- has fulfilled the role of judge in a professional, competent, and confident manner
- has demonstrated a willingness and confidence to set up the scoreboard and use the clock correctly during premier league matches
- has demonstrated a willingness to listen and act on advice from technical officials and more experienced judges
- has potential to become an HA accredited technical official

Nominations:

By the last round of Premier League matches, members of the SHL Technical Panel will be invited to nominate one or more persons from among the group of young volunteers who have undertaken duties on the PL Technical Bench.

The nomination should include details to address each of the criteria listed above and be sent to shl.officiating@gmail.com

The Southern Officiating Group will assess each nomination to determine the recipient/s.

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