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### What happens after I have completed the Level 1 Umpire Course?

Congratulations you are now a Level 1 'unassessed' umpire and will receive confirmation of your accreditation from England Hockey.

It is very important that you contact the DHUA Membership Secretary ([membership@devonumpires.co.uk](mailto:membership@devonumpires.co.uk)) with your registration number and other details as soon as you receive confirmation from EH to enable the DHUA web site to be updated and give you access to your personal area of this web site if this is not already in place.

You must add any matches you umpire but have not been appointed to by DHUA into your personal area as shown in this link <http://www.devonhockey.net/handbook/handbook345.doc> . Appointed matches are added automatically.

Late manual entering of umpired fixtures is clearly unacceptable for many reasons. The umpire often forgets what fixtures they have umpired and also means they are not accessing the Devon Hockey Website on a regular basis, thereby not keeping up-to-date on hockey and umpiring related matters. Please keep umpiring and adding any matches you umpire to your record. You have to record at least 5 matches a year to maintain your active status. This is reduced to 3 if you are a player/umpire/coach. Please be aware that you have **only 21 days** after a match has been umpired to add it on your record otherwise you need to contact the DHUA Membership Secretary.

If you do not maintain your active status there is a possibility that you will not in future be able to umpire in certain competitions including the men's and women's leagues.

Check the current league rules to see which tiers of the leagues you are currently permitted to umpire together with any other conditions as these can change and are outside of DHUA's control.

Devon umpiring shirts are available for you to order – just go on our website and look on the “All Links” page where you will find near the bottom an “Umpiring Equipment” section and then it should be self-explanatory.

Our subscription is currently £15, however, this is reduced to £5 for U21's and free for U18's. This subscription covers membership of the association and **insurance** for matches you umpire.

Other benefits of membership are:

Coaching - in order to receive coaching please add your availability to umpire matches on the website through your Personal Area. If you need any assistance to add your availability please follow this link <http://www.devonhockey.net/handbook/handbook262.pdf> or contact the DHUA Membership Secretary. Umpires are encouraged to receive coaching and to umpire away from your club but if you only wish to be coached on one of your club games please put this in the comments box on your availability page and DHUA will attempt to provide coaching.

Rulebook - If you wish to receive a current copy please contact the DHUA Membership Secretary.

Umpire Forums including light refreshments which members can attend these free of charge. Please check the website regularly.

Good luck and enjoy your umpiring!