

## VOLUME 11

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the new season!

Thank you for your support last season - I trust you found something of help from us, even if only a kindly word from Marge!

Yes - Marge is rested and up and raring to go, so please write to her with your problems (address c/o any committee member)

Last season saw the start of our Assessment programme and several members attended coaching sessions. We shall continue this during the coming season and anyone wishing to attend one of our "Update and Assessment" courses should let Liz Powell know.

Two of the three open evenings we held last season were poorly attended. The people who spoke at these meetings gave us a great deal to think about and discuss.

**If you did NOT come to these open evenings PLEASE let us know why.**

Of course, it may be that you had prior commitments, but we need to assess our approach to the meetings and your comments would be very useful.

Were the topics of no interest?

Was the timing wrong?

Are open evenings in general of no interest to you?

PLEASE contact me or one of the committee to give your views. We want to do what you want, so we need to know what that is!

The date of our next open meeting is **September 14th (7.30pm Clifton College Pavilion)**. What would you like to discuss?

To try and bridge the gap between committee and members we have allocated several clubs to each committee member. They will be contacting you soon to discuss umpiring concerns, coachings and problems.

Finally, insurance.

Personal injury insurance is available through your club, but increasingly we hear of umpires being blamed for injuries and claims being pursued through the courts. To guard against this please read the attached form from AE and become insured if you feel so inclined.

Have a great season - we look forward to meeting you and hearing from you soon re the open meetings. Best Wishes, John Burr.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

Many of us are feeling very confused at the present time as lots of new initiatives, orders and regulations are bandied about.

I would like to try to explain where all these come from and thereby shed some light onto the confusion.

Firstly, we are all, or should be, members of a **club or school**, who may have some regulations of their own to enforce. Club uniform and payments for training sessions will be covered in their regulations. They should certainly have a code of discipline! This will include the behaviour of spectators and players as from this new season because the clubs are instructed by AEWHA in this matter.

So, we now have the next authority, the **All England Women's Hockey Association**.

Every club or school who takes part in the county or school events or is part of the League, must belong to this association.

AEWHA has a "white" book which is sent to all club secretaries every season. In it you will find all the regulations about dress, discipline and the procedures for tournaments and assessments of umpires. (It also has some very useful addresses.)

The regulations about the wearing of coloured cycling shorts is from the AEWHA.

AEWHA belong to the **European Hockey Federation (FEH)** and to the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**. It is the FIH who produce the Rules of Hockey book which we umpires read avidly every evening! They are responsible for the changes to the penalty corner which caused so much confusion and the rule about Goalkeepers wearing helmets.

The other body who write rules and regulations is the **West League**. The club again receives the League Book each season if they are part of the league.

The book contains all the regulations for their league and should not be confused with the regulations for playing friendlies, or the matches played as part of the AEWHA Cup or Plate competitions.

I have not mentioned the role of the **County** or the **Western Counties Women's Hockey Association (WCWHA)** as they have few regulations as such, but they do have rules about who is eligible to play for their representative teams and the uniforms. The West League are ultimately responsible to the WCWHA.

On the next page is a flow diagram to show the hierarchy of the Hockey world.

I hope it is of some use to you.

Remember that regulations can come from any of these bodies and should be adhered to if you or your club wish to continue to be part of the organisation.

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CLUB

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1994/5

Chairman : John Burr

Secretary : John James

Treasurer : Peter Lovell

Committee ; Liz Powell

Richard Powell

Lynda Watts

Joyce Alger

Val Harding

DO NOT FORGET TO CHECK WHETHER YOU ARE  
REGISTERED TO UMPIRE IN THE LEAGUE THIS  
SEASON

THERE WERE A FEW UMPIRES WHO DID NOT CHECK LAST SEASON AND  
THEIR CLUBS ENDED UP BEING FINED FOR USING AN ILLEGAL UMPIRE.  
IT IS WORTH CHECKING WITH YOUR CLUB SECRETARY.