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Negotiations have taken place with Harris's Sports Superstore, Park Street, Bristol and it has been agreed that a 10% discount on any umpiring or other sports goods will be given to members of our association.

When purchasing equipment all you have to do is inform the assistant that you are a member of Avon County Women's Hockey Umpires Association and 10% will be deducted from the cost of your purchase.

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VETTING

As most of you are probably aware, league rules allow a 'C' candidate in training to umpire a league game division 2 or below providing they have been approved by our association. This inevitably has involved us in a considerable amount of vetting of these umpires in the early part of the season and to date we have watched some 35 candidates. It is hoped that this vetting procedure will be complete by Christmas.

All candidates are obliged to complete their umpiring cards and have them returned to John James prior to the end of the season, when we will then be involved in the process of official 'C' testing.

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BADGES

Very soon now we will be placing a further order for umpire's badges. Some people in the past have made tentative enquiries regarding second or maybe third badges so that they are able to put one on each of their jumpers. Should you require further badges could you please let Peter Lovell know at the earliest opportunity so that it is possible to assess the quantity required for ordering.

The price of each extra badge will be £2.75 inclusive of VAT and postage.

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QUIZ

Roll up - Test your knowledge of the rules !

1. A free hit is always taken on the spot where the offence occurred except?
2. If a penalty corner has been given for a foul outside the circle, what is the decision for the same foul inside the circle?
3. A hit in close to the corner flag to the attacking team is raised. Can the defending team bring the ball up to the 16yd line?

4. The ball is struck legally by an attacker into the goal. En route it splits in half exactly. One half goes into the goal, one half goes over the backline. Give a decision.
5. When is a kick not a kick?
6. Why do we have an 18" backboard?

ANSWERS NEXT TIME!

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POSITIONING

Umpires need to be :-

1. In the RIGHT PLACE
2. At the RIGHT TIME
3. to make the RIGHT OBSERVATION
4. to lead to the RIGHT DECISION

It would be very easy to say that X marks the spot for the umpire at any given situation within the game - but we umpires never take the easy road, do we? Every umpire has a different stature, variations of eyesight and differing levels of speed and fitness. So each umpire has to find their own position - one where they feel comfortable and obtain the best view of play.

Anticipation has a great deal to do with positioning. If umpires are alert to the movement of the game they will be aware of what could happen at any one given moment and be ready to move accordingly. The more experienced umpires become the better their levels of anticipation and the fewer 50 yard sprints they need to do.

Some useful "rules":

1. Never turn your back on play or take your eyes off play.
2. Try not to make decisions on the run.
3. Never let play get ahead of you.
4. Don't go after the ball!

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CONGRATULATIONS

To JULIE GIBLETT of Yate and South Gloucestershire LHC on passing her 'B' first time. Julie umpired the West Championship match between Devon and Wiltshire in awful conditions at Bodmin. But she did it well and joined the elite group of umpires coached by Liz Bennison who gained the badge at their first attempt !

Well done Julie (and Liz).

DISCIPLINARY CODE

In the last Newsletter I told you to ask your Club Secretary for a copy of the AE Disciplinary Code. I hope you did!

As it is a lengthy document here are brief details:

1. The code applies to **all** games except friendlies. A match report form should be completed for all games (Indoor and Outdoor).
2. A red card shall be given to a player who offers or uses violence towards an umpire or player. She is then prohibited from playing for a minimum of 30 days (see code for details).
3. If a yellow card is given to a player on 3 occasions, she is prohibited from playing for a minimum of 30 days.
4. The club is responsible for reporting any penalty. The umpire is responsible for completing the match report correctly and filling out the "Red Card" form.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 November	08.00	Open Meeting	Imperial Club
27 November	07.00 - 09.00	Beginners Theory	Bristol University
10 December	10.00 - 12.00	Beginners Practical	Redmaids School
25 December	All Day	Day off (Xmas)	Wherever you like

Chairman : Liz Bennison

Secretary : John James

Treasurer : Pete Lovell

Where is all the correspondence?

We have heard nothing from you!

Surely something has happened in the game since the last Newsletter!

Our Secretary awaits your fan mail!