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RULE CHANGES AUGUST 1992

Attached is a photocopy of the article in the recent 'Hockey Digest'. It outlines the reasoning behind the changes to the rules which come into effect after the Olympic Games.

At present we have no information about the changes from All England but have arranged a meeting for September 8th at 7.00pm, to discuss the interpretations of these and the controversial obstruction interpretation. We hope to provide two teams to demonstrate salient points to all who attend.

This is open to all, but non-members will be charged £3.

There are 5 basic points to remember:

1. There can be up to 5 substitutes used at any time during a match, except at a penalty corner. They can be substituted as often as necessary without stopping the game. Penalty for having too many on the pitch is a penalty corner and the incoming player sent back off the field until the next opportunity to substitute arises.
2. At a penalty corner the person taking the corner has to have at least one foot behind the back line.
3. The ball must be stopped outside the circle when taking a penalty corner, before the first shot at goal can be made.
4. Manufactured fouls are to be dealt with with a penalty against the person causing the other player to foul.
5. Bad language must be stamped on. Do not let a player swear on the field of play at herself, her opponents or the umpire. A quiet word in passing is all that is necessary in some cases. Abuse to another player or umpire is dealt with by using a card.

Please try to come on the 8th to see how the top umpires are interpreting these new rules.

***HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE
COMING SEASON?***

LEVEL I UMPIRING TEST

We say Good-bye to the old 'C' Test in August and welcome in the new

'Level I'. This is a joint award run on the same lines by the Men's and Women's Associations. The same standards apply to both sexes.

It is, as far as aspiring umpires are concerned, the same as the 'C' test.

Candidates have to do at least three practice matches, a theory paper and a practical test. The cost however, is to be raised to cover the costs of pitches, the hire of halls and assessors expenses, which have up until now, been given free or paid for by the Association.

Successful candidates will receive a lapel badge and a card to record their success.

The changes are basically to the way the test is administered. It will be run by the Counties so the wait for marking papers and issuing of pass certificates should be a lot less.

PRELIMINARY UMPIRING AWARD

The Preliminary Award, which was so very successful last year, will take place on September 3rd, 6th & 13th this year.

This is a basic award aimed at those people who would like to become umpires but who are not sure of their ability. It is a good place to start if you are considering taking the 'C' test this year but have done very little umpiring. In fact, we consider the award so good that we are offering the Prelim and the 'C' at a discounted price if you sign on for both at the same time!

The course consists of three hours coaching, one hour theory session, a 15 minute practical test and a 30 minute theory paper. To pass the Award you must attend all the coaching sessions.

BEGINNERS THEORY SESSION

The Beginners theory session we hold at the beginning of each year, is to be incorporated into the theory session for the Prelim. Award to be held on September 3rd. 6.30 - 9.00pm, at Clifton College Pavilion, Abbots Leigh.

This will cost £2 to those not doing the Prelim Award. It is open to anyone, player, coach, man, woman, or child!

See club secretaries for details.

If you know anyone within your club who is considering taking up umpiring please let them know about these courses and ask them to fill in the form sent to their club secretary. (Hassle the secretary! We know from experience that things are sometimes 'lost'!)