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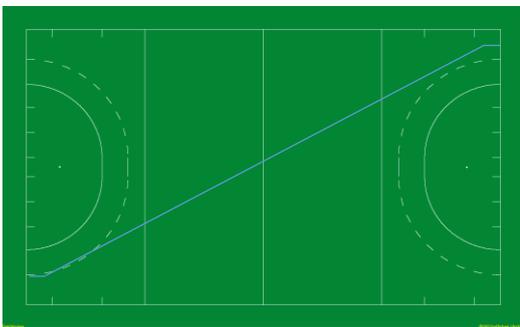


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Well the season is well and truly going with only 5 Minor rounds to go. In this newsletter, hopefully, explain some of the rules that umpires are having trouble with. If you wish to have any rule clarified, please contact me on whaumpiring@gmail.com or see me at the games.

What part of the field do you umpire??

As per the diagram below umpires need to umpire diagonally across the field so as to help the other umpire out as it is difficult to see across the circle.



Umpires should not call short corners or penalties if it is not their circle. They can assist by pointing a free (not blowing) and the umpire in control of the game needs to make the call. If they are unsure then they call time to discuss what has happened.

Umpiring is teamwork and you need to work together.

Umpire Positioning

Umpires should be positioned in line with or in front of the ball at all times. This helps to see what is happening. When the ball is in the circle you should be positioned on the baseline approximately 5 metres from the goal. The other umpire should be positioned down in the 23 metre line to assist with calls in the circle.

Over Shoulder Rule

This rule is not being played in Whyalla so no sticks above the head to deliberately stop the ball. If the umpire deems it accidental raising with no connection of the ball it can be play on unless the act is near another player and it creates danger. If they stop the ball it is deemed a professional foul and they should receive a yellow card.

Inside 5 Rule Clarification

If there is a free on top of the circle opposing players are allowed to be inside the circle and shadow the player even if they are not five yards. **Please note: anyone can be standing on top of the circle inside the 5 metres who were within that area of the time of the infringement. NOT JUST ONE PERSON.**

This is to stop players running down from the half way line and becoming a defender.

Match Cards – Injuries, Cards, Disputes

It has come to my attention that match cards are not being filled out correctly. If there are any cards issued (green, red or yellow) they need to be documented on the card. If they are not put down then they do not go against the players total which can affect possible suspensions.

If anyone is injured and time has to be stopped this needs to be documented on the back of the card in case they need to make an Insurance Claim.

Captains – if they have a problem with anything during the game or wish to lodge a complaint against an umpire or the opposing team this needs to be documented on the card before signing it.

UMPIRING COURSES AND INFORMATION NIGHTS

Community Umpiring – Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd August from 5.00 – 6.00 pm. A laptop or tablet will be required for the online component.

Information Nights - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd August from 6.00 – 7.30pm

Level 1 Course – Friday 26th August (Theory) and Saturday 27th August (Practical) run by Hockey SA. Need at least 2 from each club please.

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