

IMHA Umpiring Criteria



These requirements are intended to provide specific details for the Standard of Umpiring required at IMHA 2019 tournaments.

Please note: the criteria are a guideline for selections, however the decision to appoint umpires is at the sole discretion of the IMHA Officials Committee.

	IMHA Men & Women Age Category: 35 - 40 – 45 Rotterdam (NED): 22 – 31 July	IMHA Men & Women Age Category: 50 – 55+ Krefeld (GER): 8 – 17 August
1. Minimum Age	Age 25	
	<u>Guidance:</u> No Maximum Age - umpiring ability / fitness/experience taken into consideration	
2. Minimum Umpiring Qualification/ Level required	Minimum: IMHA L2 Strongly Preferred: IMHA L3	Minimum IMHA Level 2 Preferred: IMHA L3
	<u>Guidance:</u> this provides a basic guideline to help umpires compare their own Continental Federation (CF) /National Association (NA) /Local Umpiring Association (LUA) and playing levels with IMHA required standards. *If your country is not listed or differs let IMHA Officiating Committee know *IMHA Level 2 – will be considered upon References submitted and checked before confirming selection to IMHA tournament in Rotterdam Asia HF: (IND: National, MAL, SIN, CHN, HK, JPN: Level 2 & 3) Africa HA: (GHA, NAM, RSA, ZIM) Level 2 & 3 Europe HF: (All NA's) Level 2 & 3 OCEANIA: (AUS, NZ) Level 2, 3 + Australian Pam Am HF: (ARG, CHI: Grade B & A, CAN: Regional /Canadian, USA: Level 2 & 3)	
3. Currently Active as an Umpire in any of the Local Umpires Associations (LUA), National Associations (NA) or Confederations (CF) levels	M or W: Premier, National, State Div 1, 2 League M or W: Senior Regional / Provincial Club Div 1,2 Hockey M or W: U23, U21 State, National, District /NCCA Competitions M or W: 40 + Masters Leagues	M or W: Premier, National, State Div 3 & 4 League M or W: Regional / Provincial Club Div 3 to 5 Hockey M or W: U18 School / Regional / District Competitions M or W: 50 + Masters / Veterans Leagues
	<u>Guidance:</u> The noted levels are guidelines to gauge the standard of hockey that each umpire is regularly (e.g. weekly or fortnightly) involved in officiating. Request assistance from your LUA/NA to umpire at a higher level to see if you are ready for the challenge. Different membership applies – make sure you know what is required by your CF /NA/ LUA	
4. Registered Member of IMHA, CF, NA or LUA	All selected IMHA Umpires will be: a registered and insured member and in good standing with their CF / NA /LUA. All IMHA umpires will be required to sign the IMHA Code of Conduct	
	<u>Guidance:</u> provide membership # on application form. If any concerns IMHA will notify umpire directly	

5. Key Umpiring qualities to maintain success at IMHA tournaments

Each IMHA umpire has a responsibility to ensure that matches proceed safely and fairly within the spirit of the rules. They should:

Have **very good knowledge** of how to apply interpretations of FIH outdoor rules. Have **good experience** of umpiring Masters Level hockey and able to understand the nuances of these fit, experienced and competitive players. It is very important that Umpires officiating at IMHA tournaments **understand and respect the spirit** of hockey played under the IMHA banner and have the skills to **manage** participants in the game appropriately.

Be strong **Communicators** and make **Consistent** decisions in similar situations; apply **rules** equally to both teams for level of skill and fitness of Master players.

Guidance: The IMHA has set the bar high as they strive to improve the quality of officiating. Anyone can whistle a game, but can they umpire a high-level match with experienced players? It will be beneficial that each umpire, with the support of their LUA/ NA will be responsible to help improve their overall umpiring strengths. Gain as much experience in umpiring Masters level games (prior to attending IMHA in Rotterdam /Krefeld), with the aim to maintain the recommended standard throughout the tournament.

6. Physical Fitness Options

Actively umpiring and maintaining good physical fitness level based. Attain above or average on either the Beep or Cooper Test for respective tournaments.

Age Group	IMHA tournament Age Category: 35 - 40 – 45				IMHA tournament Age Category: 50 - 55 – 60			
Age	MEN	Above Average	WOMEN	Above Average	MEN	Average	WOMEN	Average
<30	10 (Beep Test)	2400-2800m	9	2200-2700m	9.2	2200-2399m	8.2	1800-2199m
30+	9	2300-2700m	8	2000-2500m	8.2	1900-2299m	7.2	1700-1999m
40+	8	2100-2500m	7	1900-2300m	7.2	1700-2099m	6.2	1500-1899m
50+	7	2000-2400m	6	1700-2200m	6.2	1600-1999m	5.2	1400-1699m
60+	6	1900-2200m	5	1600-2000m	5.2	1400-1899m	4.2	1300-1499m

Guidance: The Masters athletes are putting in a lot of time training to be fit so it’s only fair that our IMHA umpires work towards an achievable fitness goal

The Beep or Cooper Test provides an agreed standard by IMHA. Each umpire must confirm their most recent result when submitting their application. If you have done neither test - try them and see what level, you achieve and if you need to improve!

This can be organised by NA /LUA at start of playing season and at end of season to see comparison