

North Wales Hockey Umpires Report 2007-2008

This year was and wasn't a good year for umpiring. The good points were that the North Wales membership for Umpires is over the 100 mark. We also managed to appoint umpires for all the North Wales Men's cup games on the cup super weekend at Newi. We have some new up and coming faces to the umpiring world but we need more and younger ones too.

Unfortunately most of the 100 members don't seem to want to come forward for appointments so getting appointed umpires for high profile North Wales cup games, did become an issue.

As umpires secretary I shall be asking the Umpires committee to come up with ideas about how we can get more and younger Umpires to become active and also put themselves forward for appointments.

This year's National appointments saw some good appointments for North Wales umpires and technical delegates.

These included

3 judges and 2 umpires for the National Indoor finals at Newi

1 umpire for the Women's Shield Semi Final

2 umpires for the Welsh 2nd XI semi finals at Newi

3 Umpires for the Women's Plate semi finals

1 TD, 1 Judge and 2 umpires at the National 2nd XI and shield Cup finals at Cardiff

1 Umpire at the Wales Cup finals in Cardiff

1 Judge and 1 Umpire at the Clubs European Qualifying Tournament at Swansea

1 Judge at the Senior Celtic cup in Ireland

The umpires this year said a sad retirement farewell to an old umpiring friend, Terry Brookes. Terry hung up his whistle and more to the point for you players, handed in his cards and has retired from umpiring. He is going to retire quietly, (Terry quiet! I'll believe that when I see it) in his house in Colwyn Bay. I'm pretty sure we will all miss his happy smile at the side of the pitch and also his persistent arguing about when and where does the edge(s) of the stick finish and where the back of the stick begins. Enjoy your retirement Terry.