

11 Conduct of play: umpires

- 11.1 Two umpires control the match, apply the Rules and are the judges of fair play.

- 11.2 Each umpire has primary responsibility for decisions in one half of the field for the duration of the match.
- 11.3 Each umpire is responsible for decisions on free hits in the circle, penalty corners, penalty strokes and goals in one half of the field.
- 11.4 Umpires are responsible for keeping a written record of goals scored and of warning or suspension cards used.
- 11.5 Umpires are responsible for ensuring that the full time is played and for indicating the end of time for each quarter and for the completion of a penalty corner if a quarter is prolonged.
- 11.6 Umpires blow the whistle to:
- a start and end each quarter of the match
 - b start a bully
 - c enforce a penalty
 - d stop the time after the awarding of a penalty corner
 - e re-start the time before the taking of a penalty corner
 - f start and end a penalty stroke
 - g indicate a goal
 - h re-start the match after a goal has been scored
 - i re-start the match after a penalty stroke when a goal was not scored
 - j stop the match for the substitution onto or off the field of a fully equipped goalkeeper and to restart the match on completion of the substitution

- k stop the match for any other reason and to re-start it
 - l indicate, when necessary, that the ball has passed wholly outside the field.
- 11.7 Umpires must not coach during a match.
- 11.8 If the ball strikes an umpire, unauthorised person or any loose object on the field, play continues (except as specified in the guidance to Rule 9.16).