

Umpire Secretary Report (2017 - 2018 Season)

In the 2017 – 2018 season there were 5 refresher courses, 2 beginner courses and 1 premier workshop that were organized by the HKHA umpire's section.

Women's Section committee required that each club needed to have the same number of registered umpires as teams a few years ago. However, not all the club has fulfilled the requirement, I think we need to educate to the club more about the role of umpire duty.

There are 5 new ladies umpires registered this season so the total number of ladies registered umpires is now 65. However, out of the 65 female umpires, there are 9 umpires who took the refresher course but didn't fulfill the basic requirement of the HKHA umpire section. As a result, there is a chance they will be taken off the umpire list.

In this season, the women's section has required that premier to division 2 teams need to use female umpires to do their club duties. I understand it was not an easy task for some of the clubs but if each of us takes that extra step, umpires one more game then more umpires will come up and improve. If we don't then we will always continue to think it is a tough job that nobody wants to do. We need to start somewhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to the number of female umpires and some male umpires who have helped me out with most of the umpire appointments during this season.

Finally I would like to thanks all the club convenors for your support, co-operation and patience throughout the season. Last but not least thank you to Janice, the HKHA office staff, for her admin work.

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