

Umpiring Report (2018 - 2019 Season)

In the 2018 – 2019 season there were 9 refresher courses and 3 beginner courses that were organized by the HKHA umpire's section.

Originally we had 50 registered female umpires, and there were 16 new female umpires registered till the end of the season. However, there are 14 umpires who took the refresher course but didn't fulfill the basic requirement of the HKHA umpire's section. According to the HKHA umpire's section, those umpires might be put on an inactive status and they would need to take a refresher course next season to re activate their status.

The Women's Section committee required each club to have the same number of registered umpires as teams a few years ago but sadly not all clubs have fulfilled this requirement. The Women's section also required that premier to division 2 teams needed to use female umpires to do their club duties, and it is not shown to work well even when we allowed teams to use female umpires from other clubs this season. I think for next season the Women's Section should continue with the use of female umpires and if any team cannot fulfill the requirement the team will get points deducted. I will have further discussions with the new committee before taking action.

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 Jowie, the HKHA office staff, for her admin work.

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