



# Junior Premier Hockey's Umpire Expectations

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# What to expect at JPH

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## Players

- Speed of Play
- Contesting the ball
- Lack of skill vs Intent
- Appealing
- Challenging decisions
- Pushing the boundaries!
- Pressure from coaches
- Mistakes → Frustration!

## Coaches

- Being loud – shouting!
- High Emotions
- Disputing decisions

## Facilities / Weather

- Not much wiggle room on court
- Close proximity to Tech Table/Benches/Spectators
- Indoors – Cold
- Outdoors – Hot, humid, windy, rainy

## Other

- Support from UM/TD/Colleagues
- Radios – help with communication
- Hospitality & Rest Area



# Umpire Priorities

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Teamwork, Cooperation and  
Communication

Preparation

Match Play and Consistency

Pro-active Management

Player Safety at all times



# Teamwork, Cooperation & Communication

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Teamwork, Cooperation & Communication at all times with Players, Tech Table and each other

Use your voice, eye contact, hand signals & body language

Take responsibility and be prepared to assist when colleague is in need

Work together to get the correct decision



# Preparation

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Prepare both physically and mentally

Pre-match chat with colleagues

Watch teams warm-up and have a game plan for every match

Take down time away from hockey



# Match Play & Consistency

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Focus from start to finish

Increase the FLOW of GAME – aim for less whistle and find the balance

Be aware of changes in match tempo, skill level, fitness, frustrations, etc

Be confident, consistent, and prepared to adapt

Do not get caught ball watching

Continually improve performance – be the best we can be



# Pro-Active Management

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Set Standards early – communicate with players to let them know what is required

No surprises – prevention is better than cure

Reset if needed

Use Captains – they are responsible

Be Brave and prepared to follow through



# Player Safety at all times

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Protect and encourage skillful play and penalize offences

Penalize intentional and serious offences such as dangerous or physical play early

Use general scanning to be aware of off ball play





# Thank you and enjoy your Season!

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