



## EuroHockey Institute: 2026 Nomination Booklet

Dear member national association,

The EuroHockey Institute continues to develop following its formal launch in 2023 at the EuroHockey General Assembly. Now two years from that point, the EuroHockey Institute is proud to host a range of education programs for our national associations and their members.

This letter contains the nomination details, and links for further information, for the key EuroHockey Institute programmes that will take place in 2026. Some programmes do not have a nomination window as the participants are either selected by a committee to participate or are not running in 2026.

Please take time to read through this information to ensure that your national association is prepared for the nomination windows when they open.

### How to nominate

All nominations for 2026 programmes will take place on the EuroHockey Portal, if you have any issues accessing the portal, please speak to the administrator within your national association. Reminders will be sent by the portal to the relevant contacts within each national association when each nomination window opens.

### Any questions?

Please contact [cameron@eurohockey.org](mailto:cameron@eurohockey.org) if you have any questions about the EuroHockey Institute and the programmes for 2026.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Findler'.

Cameron Findler  
**EuroHockey Institute Manager**

## Key nomination dates

1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025			
Top Coaches Programme	Coaches for Europe	Umpires for Nations	Umpires for Europe
1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025			
Judges for Europe		Academic Research Grants	
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025			
Youth Leadership Certificate			
1 <sup>st</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025			
Club of the year			
5 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026			
Solidarity Grants		Developing National Coaching Systems	
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026			
Athlete 365 Career Workshop			



## EuroHockey Institute Pillars

Following feedback from member national associations, we have now split the umpires and technical officials into their own pillars and added a funding pillar. For more information about any EuroHockey courses, please click on the programme below where you will be taken to the relevant page on the EuroHockey website.

ATHLETES	COACHES	UMPIRES	OFFICIALS	WORKFORCE	GOVERNANCE	INNOVATION	FUNDING	SUSTAINABILITY
JOHAN CRUYFF DUAL ACADEMIC STUDIES	TOP COACHES PROGRAMME	UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	TECHNICAL DELEGATES COURSE	TRAINER	ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH	INSTITUTE BUSINESS CLUB	EURHOCKEY SOLIDARITY GRANTS	UN SDG 3 WELLBEING
IOC ATHLETE 365 CAREER WORKSHOP	COACHES FOR EUROPE	UMPIRES FOR EUROPE	TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS COURSE	EDUCATOR	EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION GUIDANCE	ACADEMIC RESEARCH GRANTS	UN SDG 4 QUALITY EDUCATION
IOC ATHLETE 365 BUSINESS ACCELERATOR	DEVELOPING NATIONAL COACHING SYSTEMS	UMPIRES FOR NATIONS	JUDGES FOR EUROPE	DEVELOPER	EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CAPACITY BUILDING	FACILITIES & PITCH GUIDANCE	CLUB OF THE YEAR	UN SDG 5 GENDER BALANCE
IOC ATHLETE 365 CAREER MENTORING	HOCKEY ID COACHING	NATIONAL UMPIRING PATHWAYS	LOCALLY APPOINTED JUDGES COURSE	TEAM MANAGER PROGRAMME	YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (18-30)	KIT & EQUIPMENT PROVISION	EUROPEAN UNION FUNDING GUIDANCE	UN SDG 10 INEQUALITIES
		UMPIRE MANAGER CONFERENCE	NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIATING PATHWAYS	YOUTH HIGH PERFORMANCE GROUP SUMMIT	YOUTH LEADERSHIP FESTIVAL (18-30)	INSTITUTE PODCAST	IOC SOLIDARITY GRANT GUIDANCE	UN SDG 13 CLIMATE
		UMPIRE MANAGER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME		HOCKEY INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY FORUM				UN SDG 16 PEACE

## Appendix 1: Changes to the Judges pathway and Judges for Europe

The EuroHockey Institute and EuroHockey Officials Committee have decided to change the Judges for Europe programme and the pathway for becoming a EuroHockey Judge. The new pathway will now take into consideration the previous experience of the prospective judge.

After being nominated to the Judges for Europe programme, judges will be asked to complete an online learning module. Following this, they must submit a portfolio of their experience as a technical official. The EuroHockey Officials committee will then determine whether the experience is sufficient to complete the programme and enter onto the EuroHockey Judge list.

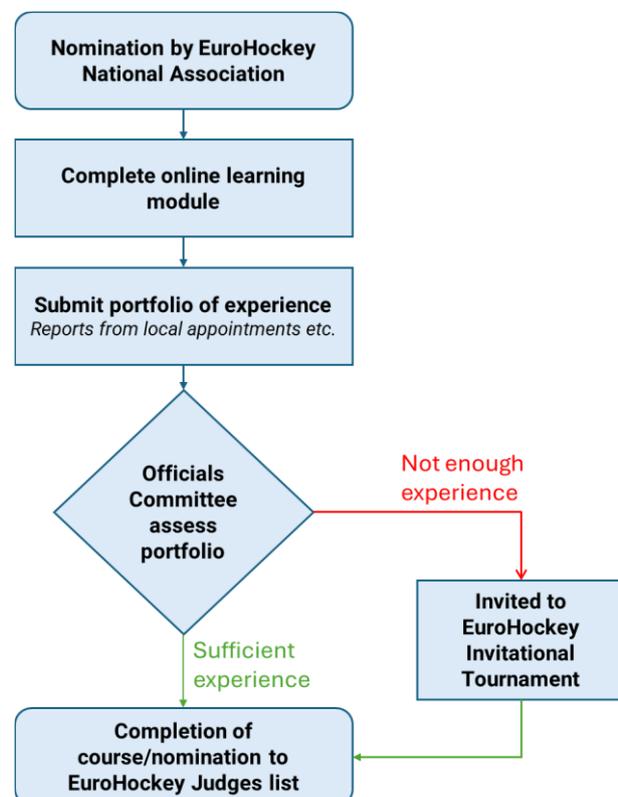
The portfolios will be looked at on a case-by-case basis but, the following have been considered as sufficient experience:

- Significant experience as a table official in a country with a formalised officials' structure as assessed by the EuroHockey Officials Committee.
- Good reports from EuroHockey or FIH TD when a local judge at a EuroHockey tournament.
- Good reports from EuroHockey or FIH TD when a local judge at test matches.

Judges who are deemed to not have sufficient experience will be invited to a EuroHockey invitational tournament, such as EHL U14, to gain suitable experience to complete the programme and enter the EuroHockey Judge list.

The following diagram also details the new Judges for Europe programme and process for becoming a EuroHockey Judge.

Please contact [cameron@eurohockey.org](mailto:cameron@eurohockey.org) if you have any questions regarding the changes to the Judges for Europe programme.





## Appendix 2: Changes to the Umpires for Nations and Umpires for Europe Programme

The EuroHockey Officials Committee, in coordination with the EuroHockey Institute, has decided to make a change to the timeline of the Umpires for Nations and Umpires for Europe Programmes, starting in 2026.

For context, the courses have traditionally held their first seminars, theoretical classroom seminars, at Easter weekend alongside a EuroHockey tournament. Then their second seminars, a practical weekend, in late August.

For 2026 and beyond, the first seminar will take place in January and will be the theoretical seminar. Then the second, the practical seminar, will take place at easter weekend.

Specifically for 2026, the dates of these two seminars will be:

1. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026
2. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

As detailed in the nominations' booklet which this appendix is attached to, the nomination window will remain as the month of September. However, due to the quick turnaround between these nominations and the first seminar, the selections for these courses will be made immediately after the closing of the window, **meaning no opportunity** for late applications or deadline extensions.

Please contact [cameron@eurohockey.org](mailto:cameron@eurohockey.org) if you have any questions regarding the changes to the Umpires for Nations and Umpires for Europe Courses.