



EuroHockey Institute: 2027 Nomination Booklet

Dear national associations of Europe,

The EuroHockey Institute continues to develop following its formal launch at the 2023 General Assembly. Now three 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 key details for the EuroHockey Institute programmes that will take place in 2027. Please take time to read through this information to ensure that your national association is prepared for the nomination windows when they open.

For more information about each of the programmes please visit the institute page of the EuroHockey website: <https://eurohockey.org/eurohockey-institute>

How to nominate

All nominations for 2027 programmes will take place on the EuroHockey Portal unless otherwise specified, 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 if you have any questions about the EuroHockey Institute and the programmes for 2027.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Findler'.

Cameron Findler
EuroHockey Institute Manager

COACHES		UMPIRES		OFFICIALS		WORKFORCE	
TOP COACHES PROGRAMME	NOMINATIONS OPEN 15TH AUGUST TIL 16TH SEPTEMBER	UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	SELECTED BY OFFICIALS COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER	TD COURSE (FOR PROMISING TO'S)	SELECTED BY OFFICIALS COMMITTEE - NO COURSE PLANNED TIL 2028	TEAM MANAGER PROGRAMME	ONLINE COURSE TO BE RELEASED LATER THIS YEAR
COACHES FOR EUROPE	NOMINATIONS OPEN 15TH AUGUST TIL 16TH SEPTEMBER	UMPIRES FOR EUROPE	NOMINATIONS OPEN 15TH AUGUST TIL 16TH SEPTEMBER	TO COURSE (FOR PROMISING JUDGES)	SELECTED BY OFFICIALS COMMITTEE - NO COURSE PLANNED TIL 2028	YOUTH HIGH PERFORMANCE SUMMIT	GROUP FACILITATED BY EUROHOCKEY
HOCKEY ID COACHING	RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON EUROHOCKEY WEBSITE	UMPIRES FOR NATIONS	NOMINATIONS OPEN 15TH AUGUST TIL 16TH SEPTEMBER	JUDGES FOR EUROPE	NOMINATIONS OPEN 16TH SEPTEMBER TO 16TH OCTOBER	MEDIA OFFICER COURSE	NEXT TAKING PLACE IN 2028
DEVELOPING NATIONAL COACHING SYSTEMS	NOMINATIONS OPEN 4TH TIL 31ST JANUARY	DEVELOPING NATIONAL UMPIRING PATHWAYS	SUPPORT AVAILABLE USING SOLIDARITY GRANT FUNDING	ONLINE JUDGES COURSE	AVAILABLE ONLINE	TRAINER, EDUCATOR, DEVELOPER	EUROHOCKEY INSTITUTE WORKFORCE ROLES
		UMPIRE MANAGER CONFERENCE	NOMATIONS OPEN 1ST TILL 28TH FEBRUARY	DEVELOPING NATIONAL OFFICIATING PATHWAYS	SUPPORT AVAILABLE USING SOLIDARITY GRANT FUNDING	INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY HOCKEY FORUM	TO TAKE PLACE ON 11TH SEPTEMBER

GOVERNANCE		INNOVATION		FUNDING	
ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH	SUPPORT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION GUIDANCE	GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	EUROHOCKEY SOLIDARITY GRANTS	NOMINATIONS OPEN 4TH TIL 31ST JANUARY
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM	NEXT TAKING PLACE IN 2028	PITCH & FACILITIES GUIDANCE	GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	ACADEMIC RESEARCH GRANTS	GRANT SUPPORT FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CAPACITY BUILDING	MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	KIT & EQUIPMENT PROVISION	OFFICIAL SUPPLIER DETAILS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS	NOMINATIONS OPEN 5TH TIL 30TH OCTOBER
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE	NEXT TAKING PLACE IN 2028	PODCAST	RELEASED ON THE EUROHOCKEY INSTITUTE PODCAST FEED	EUROPEAN UNION FUNDING GUIDANCE	GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
YOUTH LEADERSHIP FESTIVAL	NOMINATIONS OPEN 2ND TO 30TH NOVEMBER			IOC SOLIDARITY GRANT GUIDANCE	GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Appendix 1: Direct nominations to Coaches for Europe and Top Coaches Programme

Beginning with the 2027 editions of Coaches for Europe and the Top Coaches Programme, the EuroHockey Coaching Committee has made the decision to allow the individual coaches to directly nominate themselves to these programmes.

This decision has been made to cast a wider net, allowing for more coaches working outside of the national performance pathways to access EuroHockey Institute courses. All nominees must be based in Europe to attend the course.

This route will not replace nominations from the national associations. Nominations made through the national associations will still be considered ahead of individual candidates with similar experience – due to the benefit of NA support.

Once an individual candidate has made their nomination, they will be assessed alongside NA nominated coaches by the EuroHockey Coaching Committee. If selected, EuroHockey will check with the relevant national association (where the coach is currently based/qualified) whether there is any reason why this coach should not be accepted onto the EuroHockey Institute Programme – i.e. safeguarding issues or misrepresentation.

Individual coaches will be invoiced directly after selection and must pay for the course prior to the first event.

Appendix 2: 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 prospective judge's existing experience. In previous years every candidate had to join a face-to-face course in Breda, The Netherlands.

After being nominated by the NA for the pathway to become a EuroHockey Judge, the candidates 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.

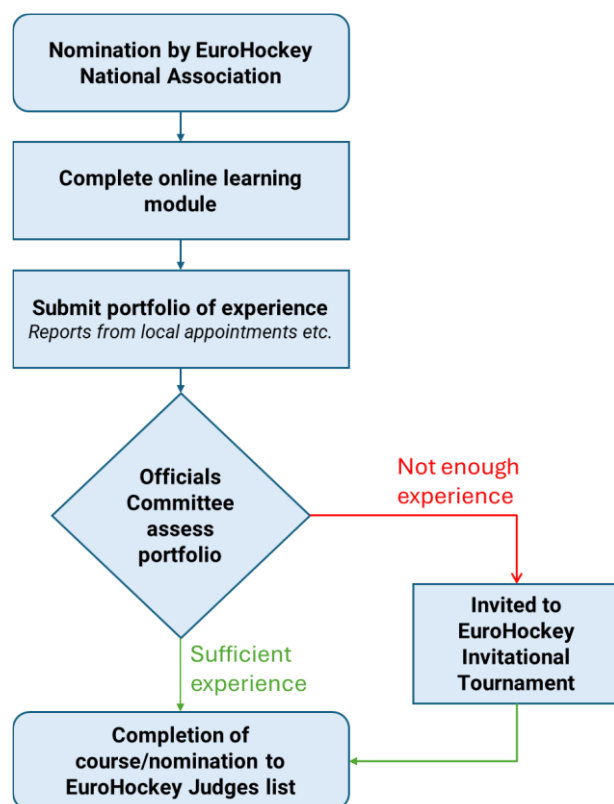
The portfolios will be looked at on a case-by-case basis but, the following have been considered as sufficient experience:

- 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 if you have any questions regarding the changes to the Judges for Europe programme.





Appendix 3: Guidance for applications to the EuroHockey Solidarity Grants

Since their launch in 2021, 35 national associations have benefited from 84 solidarity grants. Across this time, the grant has seen some changes and iterations in its structure as well as what you can apply for - moving away from equipment grants and short-term projects towards strategic projects with long-term effects. This year we have also begun to develop more robust evaluation practices for the grants.

We would like to take this opportunity to establish early what the priorities for the 2027 grants. For 2027, we will be targeting grants for:

- Youth Leadership
- Female Coach programmes
- School's programmes
- Developing National Umpiring Pathways
- Developing National Officiating Pathways

We will also accept applications for topics outside of this list, however, they must demonstrate a strategic priority for your national association and must be sustainable beyond the length of the grant.

To support the delivery of umpiring and officiating grants, the EuroHockey official's committee is currently producing programmes for '**Developing National Officiating Pathways**' and '**Developing National Umpiring Pathways**'. These will include a step-by-step process with accompanying curriculum to develop umpires and officials in your NA.

General coaching applications will not be accepted through the solidarity grants and should instead be applied for through the [Developing National Coaching Systems](#) programme which will also be open to applications in January.

The window for nominations will be 4th to 31st January, so there is plenty of time to consider your applications.

If you have any questions regarding the grants, please get in touch with me by email – cameron@eurohockey.org