

**1. Discussion of Challenges in Umpiring Polocrosse:** Possible issues that will be raised by participants or facilitators.

- Playing advantage
- Being able to communicate to players at a satisfactory level
- Being consistent as possible
- Throwing the ball in straight, hard, right height, consistently
- Getting respect of all players
- Keeping control of the game
- Getting line outs right
- Making hard decisions while umpiring and then having to play
- Seeing everything (back play) - watching all the players, ie all infringements
- Building a response involving consistency, transparency and confidence
- Making correct call/non call / decision at correct time (timely response)
- Knowing the rules and apply consistently- ie there are lots more issues (above) than just rules

**2. The Roles of Polocrosse Umpire?**

- Keep it safe - players, horses, spectators
- Keep it enjoyable
- Keep it fair - unbiased
- Umpires enable the game to be played- control and manage
- Have a sound knowledge of the rules
- Have an interest in umpiring
- Be suitably mounted
- Set your requirements prior to the match
- Allow game to flow safely, smoothly
- Provide service to players (as customers)
- Showcase the game

**3. Legal responsibilities of Umpires**

- Provide duty of care – Animal, Equipment, Field/environment, Surface/space
- Ensure field marked right/properly prepared
- Ensure players have correct uniform
- Ensure safety and well being of players and horses
- Representing PA on field in case of accident/incident
- Complete incident reports

**4. How are the legal responsibilities implemented?**

- Generally observe players equipment & ensure correct, Girths/ Spurs/ whips etc
- Enforce the rules re contact/ unsafe play
- Preventative officiating – if you can anticipate the incident
- Monitor horses condition
- Ensuring spectators are away from sidelines, end of field

Note: key gear/equipment aspects that umpires could focus on:

- Helmet
- 2 girth straps
- Breast plate
- Joined reins
- Playing numbers