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ERHUA radio sets – frequently asked questions

ERHUA is pleased to announce that all active umpire members will receive an umpire radio to umpire with when appointed to an ERHUA match. This is a huge investment in technology made jointly with East Hockey which we hope will significantly improve the quality of umpiring for all clubs.

We have had great feedback from the clubs where radios are used, but also a number of complaints where they haven't been. We hope that all members embrace this opportunity to advance the quality of umpiring that we provide to the clubs.

This document is issued by the ERHUA Executive Committee to answer some of the common questions we have received from members regarding the provision of new radio sets.

Do I have to use the radios?

Yes. Introduction of radios is very important for the clubs and we know that when used properly it improves the standard of umpiring. As such, the use of radios will be mandatory for all members at all ERHUA appointed games, and we expect all members to make use of this technology.

Who owns the radios?

The radios have been purchased in conjunction with East Hockey, so the units will remain the property of ERHUA.

Members will be responsible for looking after radios properly, in line with the guidance that will be provided. All radios will have a serial number and ERHUA will keep track of who has each radio; if you leave ERHUA or stop umpiring, you will have to return your radio.

How will they work?

Every umpiring member will receive one radio unit that can be paired with your colleague before each game. This is simple to do, and a comprehensive training guide will be supplied for all umpires. Lots of testing has taken place on different radio sets, and we believe that these units are the most suitable and cost effective option for our requirements.

What headsets will be available?

Standard headsets will be provided with each radio. Members may purchase other headsets at their own cost, should they wish.

What if my radio breaks?

If the radio breaks you are expected to contact Umpiring Talk directly to arrange repairs. When doing this also contact Trevor Norman trevdnorman@hotmail.com and inform him of the issue. We expect all members to take care of the radios in line with the guidance that will be issued. If radios are not looked after in line with the guidance, or are lost, members may be liable for the cost or repair or replacement.

If you have any queries that are not answered in this document, please contact a member of the ERHUA Committee.