

Southwest Zone

Area of control



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Area of Control and awarding decisions in each area.

Area of Control: Each umpire is responsible for decisions in their half of the field, I have attached a diagram of areas of control for you to use.

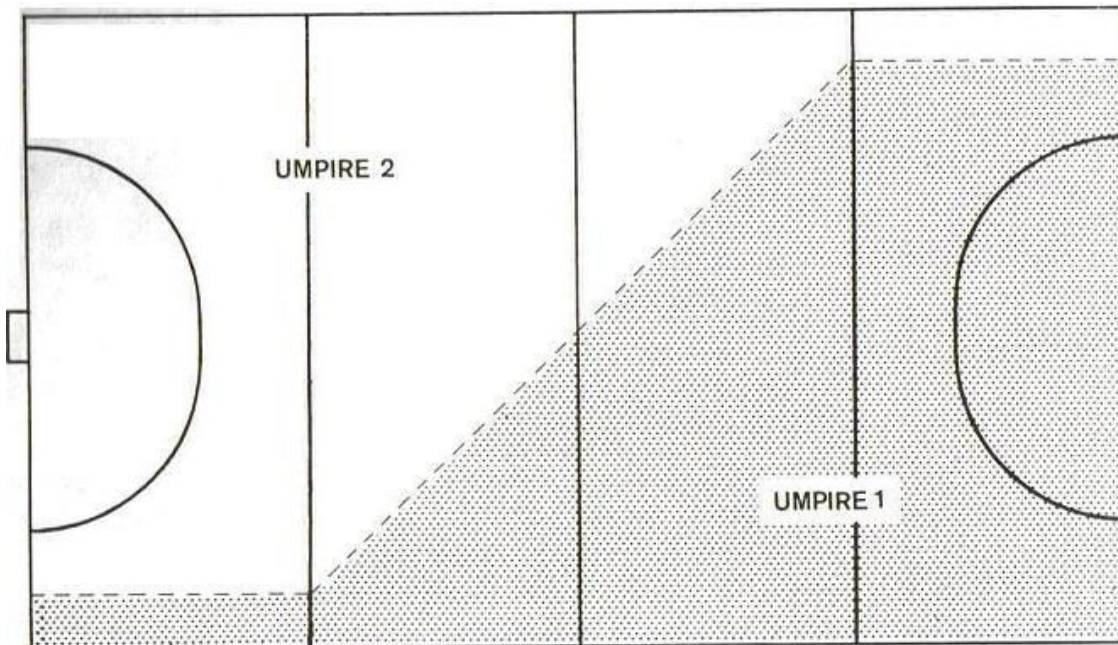


Illustration 7: Area of Control

Awarding frees inside your co-umpires area of control.

Refrain from awarding or making decision inside your co-umpires circle, this is your co-umpires area and you should just signal if required. This allows co-operation between both umpires and ensures they are controlling their area and allowing you to control your area.

Suggestions if a free hit needs to be awarded by the non-controlling umpire, hold your whistle and allow the controlling umpire to make the call first, if they have not seen a major breach and this would allow a goal to be scored then award the free hit, however you cannot award a penalty corner or penalty stroke so in effect you can only assist with defensive free hits.

In your pre-game talk, this areas of control and awarding/making decisions in your co-umpires area should be discussed and an agreement arrived at. The suggested / preferred option would to not award decisions inside you co-umpires circle and just signal, co-operation between both umpires in this area of the ground is important.

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