

# MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUES

## Newsletter September 2024

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### Are you season ready?

Many thanks to all for coming along to the All Clubs Preseason Meeting at the start of September. Copies of the slides were sent to all those present.

As mentioned, if you have any queries please contact your Divisional Secretary in the first instance, and all guidance and supporting documents can be found on the Midlands website, here:

<https://midlands.englishockey.co.uk/adult-leagues-competitions/regulations-supporting-documents>

### GMS Contacts & Fixture Details Deadlines

#### Club and Team Admin/Contacts

Please check all Club Admin and Team Contact details are viewable on GMS (e-mail and phone number) - you may need to check your GMS Profile to ensure your contact details are not 'Hidden'. Also check that the Team Contact displayed is the person to be contacted on the morning of a Fixture, in case of problems.

All contacts must be published and on view at the **start of the season** (as per Regulation 3.3).

England Hockey have created a useful YouTube video to help with this: [Making Contact Details Visible on GMS](#)

#### Fixture Deadlines

The deadline has passed for all pre-Christmas fixture details (pushback and venue) to be the GMS.

All post-Christmas fixture details (pushback and venue) **MUST** be on the GMS by **1 December 2024**.

#### Please note:

- Match start times must be within the times stated in Regulation 6.3. Times that fall outside of this must be agreed with the Divisional Secretary and opposition team
- Please remember to also include the end time of a fixture on the GMS (should be 1.5 hrs after the start time).

### Player Registration/Transfers

Please ensure all players are registered before the start of the season, as **completion of Team/Match Sheets for ALL League games is compulsory**. As per the Regulations, fines will be issued for non-compliance. Last year too many fines were issued for non-compliance.

There are several outstanding transfers on the GMS, please can all Club Admins check and process ASAP.

Please note that dual registration, Regulation 7.4, for those living partially away from home, such as university students, is only permitted at Grade 3 and below and if the two Clubs play in different League Areas (i.e. the second Club is not in the Midlands League Area).

GMS updates for both Transfers and Match Day management can be found in the Midlands website, here:

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### GMS Changes

Just a quick reminder about the GMS changes:

- Result and Match Sheet entry should be more smartphone friendly
- Details of the changes can be found on the Midlands Website, here:  
<https://midlands.englishockey.co.uk/adult-leagues-competitions/regulations-supporting-documents>

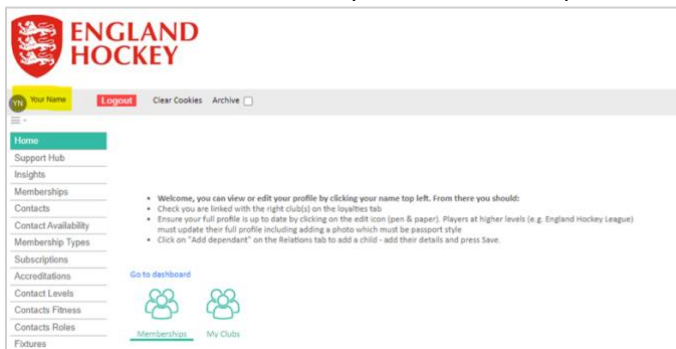
### Consent

Please remind all your players that for Midlands Hockey data to be meaningful all players need to update their GMS Profiles to allow 'consent' for their names to appear in the match details on the Midlands website.

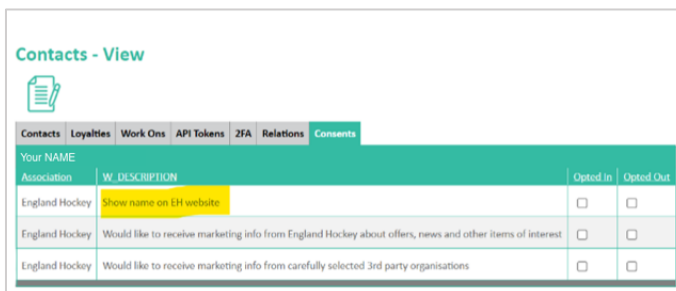
#### Process for individuals:

Consent can be given or withdrawn via an individual's profile on the GMS.

- From the home screen, click on your name in the top left-hand corner to open your profile:



- On the next screen, select the 'Consents' tab, here you can tick the 'Opted In' or 'Opted Out' check boxes to consent or withdraw consent for your name to appear in Match Sheets on the Midlands website:



- If a player does not tick either box it will be assumed that consent is not given and therefore the name will not be shared.

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### Central Calendar

- A Midlands version of the Central Calendar is available on the Midland website. [You can find it here](#)
- Please review as the calendar contains game priorities and details of dates that should be used for game rearrangement, see 'League Reserve Dates' and any 'Priorities'.

### Weather

With the possibility of thunder and lightning in the near future, please be aware of the EH Guidance: [WEATHER RELATED PROCEDURE – THUNDER & LIGHTNING](#)

### Communications to League Officials

Please contact the Divisional Secretary in the first instance for all queries. To help the League and to speed up responses, please include the following in all emails:

- Name, Role, Club (if club level e-mail)
- Name, Role, Team, Division (if team level e-mail)
- Name, Role, Team, Division, Date, Teams/Match details (if email is related to a specific match)

A list of League Officials, including e-mail addresses, can be found at the Midlands website here: [Adult Hockey League Contacts](#)

### Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) Request Form

Please ensure you have read and understood the regulations regarding Fair Play. If you need to submit a Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) for a player, please use the link below. Please ensure the request is applied for with plenty of notice, and one form should be submitted for each player.

[Selection Exemption Pass Request Form](#)

### Indoor

The competitive 'Tier 1' tournament (1<sup>st</sup> teams) to select the Men's and Women's Midland entries for the EH Super 6s will be held on **Saturday 14th December**.

We would also like to hold a 'Tier 2' competition for both men and women on **Sunday 15th December** for those Clubs who haven't played indoor before and would like to try it (can include 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> teams).

Please enter the Tier 1 competition and register interest for the Tier 2 via this link: [Register for the Midlands Indoor competition here](#)

### Facebook Group

We have a new Adult Leagues Facebook group to allow communication between clubs and teams in the Midlands Area. Please click here to join the group: [Midlands Hockey Adult Leagues Facebook Group](#)

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### Midlands Invoices

A gentle reminder of Regulation 3.1.4:

3.1.4 For their teams to be eligible to participate in the League clubs must, by the Due Date, have:

3.1.4.1 Completed their membership to England Hockey (and where relevant Hockey Wales), including any payments.

3.1.4.2 Paid League entry fees.

- Paid any fines or monies outstanding to England Hockey, Area and/or Sub-Area.

The Due Date will have been communicated on any Invoices issued by the Midlands Finance Director, including fines from last season. As per Regulations' Appendix 5, **all your Clubs matches may be recorded as Walkovers until paid.**

Let's hope we can all now have a problem free season.

Regards,



**MIDLANDS  
HOCKEY**



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