

MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUES

Newsletter October 2024

We are four weeks into the season now and have several updates...

GSM Reporting

Several things are not being reported correctly on GMS:

SCORE REPORTING – this is an update to GMS not reflected in the ‘Team Admin GMS Reminders’ leaflets.

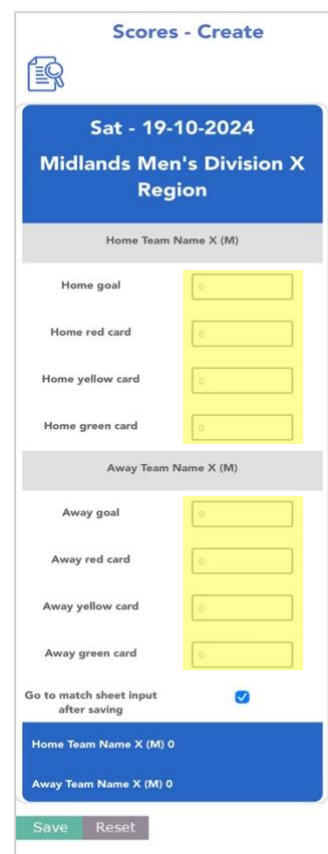
- BOTH sides must enter the **score AND cards** for BOTH teams ASAP after a match.
 - Even if ‘0’, enter the number of all goals and cards (Green, Yellow, Red) for BOTH teams.
 - For all scores, including 0-0, BOTH teams to report the score.
 - All elements, goals and cards, to be recorded in the Match Sheet (Timeline).
- ALL games involving Development teams **should be recorded as 0-0**.
 - Teams can record the goal scorers in the Match Sheet (Timeline) to keep a record if required.

Even if a team scores ‘0’ it must be reported.

In the Score submission window, ‘Scores – Create’, fill in **all fields** for goals and cards for both teams and press the ‘Save’ button. Ensure **all 8 fields** are filled in, even if all are ‘0’.

The following Match Sheet (Timeline) window is where the goal scorers and card details (player and minutes) must be added, and ‘Final Version’ checkbox ticked.

More details can be found here: [Match Day Process Guidance: Club and Team Administrators](#)



UMPIRES

Two umpires must be reported for all games, including Development. Please **double-check before the game** to make sure two umpires are listed on the Team Sheet.

Officiating – Club Cluster Leads

The Midlands Hockey Officiating committee are delighted to announce the creation of six very important roles, **Club Cluster Leads**, to support the engagement of clubs across the Midlands.

With responsibility for a cluster of hockey clubs they will;

- help drive the strategy of MHOC,
- be a local point of contact for clubs and improve the support, communication and messaging outreach from MHOC.

[Please click here to find a link to the role description in full detail.](#)

If you are interested, or have any questions, please email: areadmin@midlands.hockey

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Player Registration/Transfers

New players

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

Always check if a new player has previously played for another Club. If the player has previously played for another club, they MUST initiate a Transfer on GMS and not just create a new GMS account to register with the new club. This is relevant to all players, U18s as well as Adults.

Dual registration

Please note that dual registration for those living partially away from home (Regulation 7.4), 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).

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

GMS updates for both Transfers and Match Day management can be found in the Midlands website, here: <https://midlands.englishockey.co.uk/adult-leagues-competitions/regulations-supporting-documents>

Doubling Up Clarification

We've noticed from the first two weeks' team sheets that the doubling up element of the updated Fair Selection Regulation is not being followed as required. Please see a reminder below:

8.3.2 Conditions for Doubling Up:

- Permitted at Grades 4 and 5 **only to ensure that matches take place**.
- Permitted **only as a last resort** to cover player shortage.
- Generally allowed for lowest or second-lowest ranked teams only and no more than two teams apart in the Club's hierarchy of teams.
- **Maximum of 12 players** for the lower-ranked team for whom players are doubling up.
- Maximum of three players can double up, including goalkeeper.
- Excludes designated Development Teams.

We will be checking and enforcing compliance. Breaches could result in points deductions and result reversals.

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](#)

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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](#)

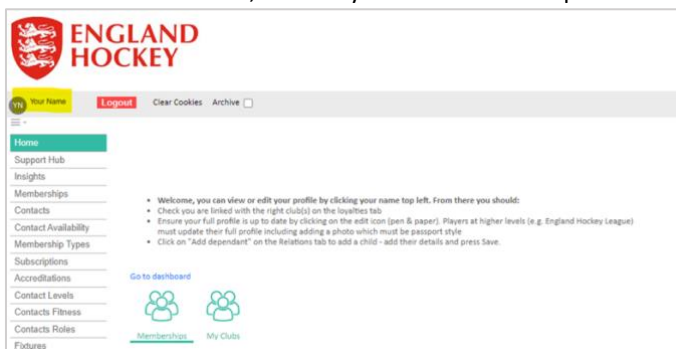
Consent on GMS

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.

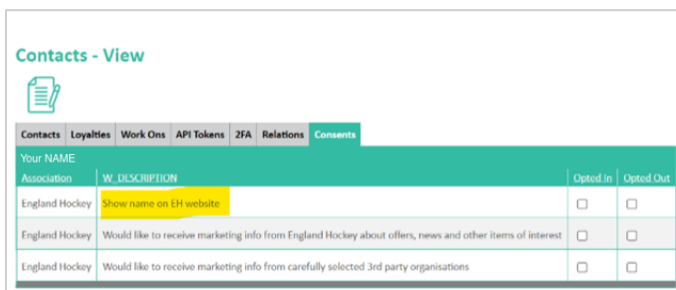
Process for individuals:

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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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](#)

Regards,



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