

# West Hockey Masters

CLUB COMPETITIONS SURVEY RESPONSES

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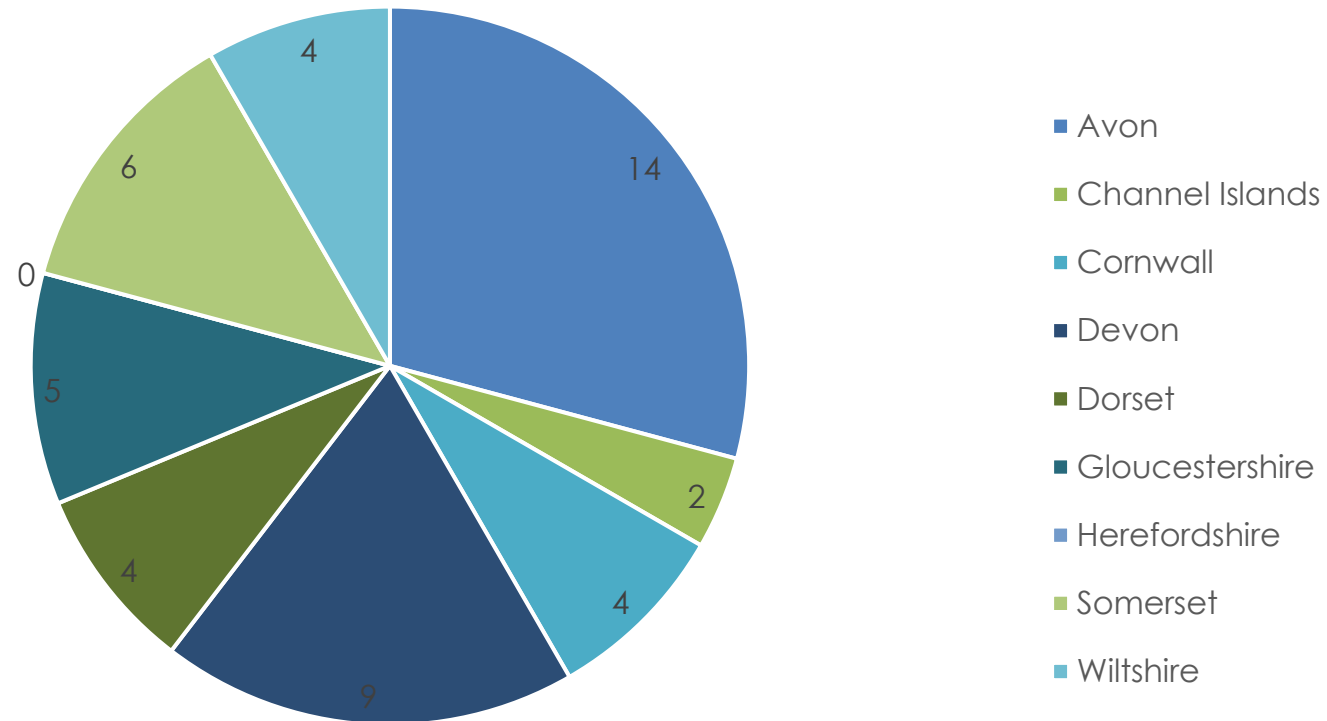


**WEST  
HOCKEY**

# Club Competitions Survey Responses

- ▶ Total responses 67 from 48 different clubs / organisations
- ▶ 30% of West member Clubs responded
- ▶ 46 Clubs
- ▶ 1 Informal (Gatfers)
- ▶ 1 Masters (County)

# Club Responses by County

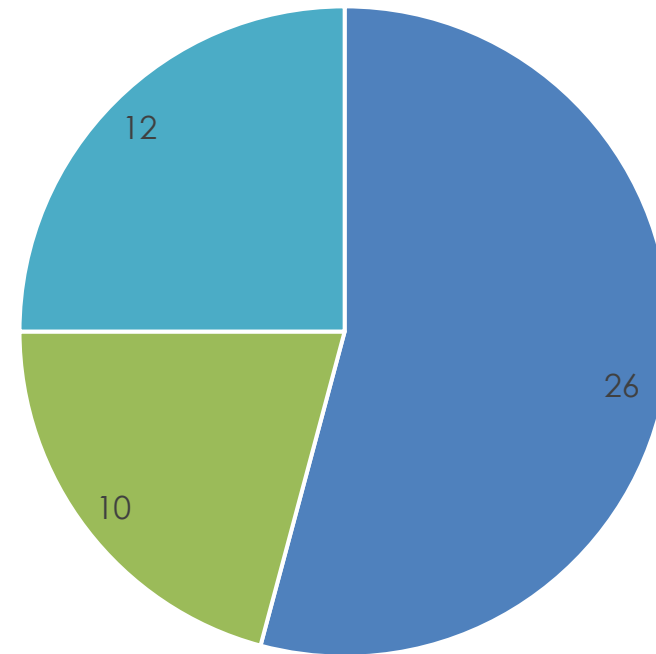


MEN'S O40's  
One Day Festival  
RESPONSES



# Expression of Interest Men's O40's One Day Festival

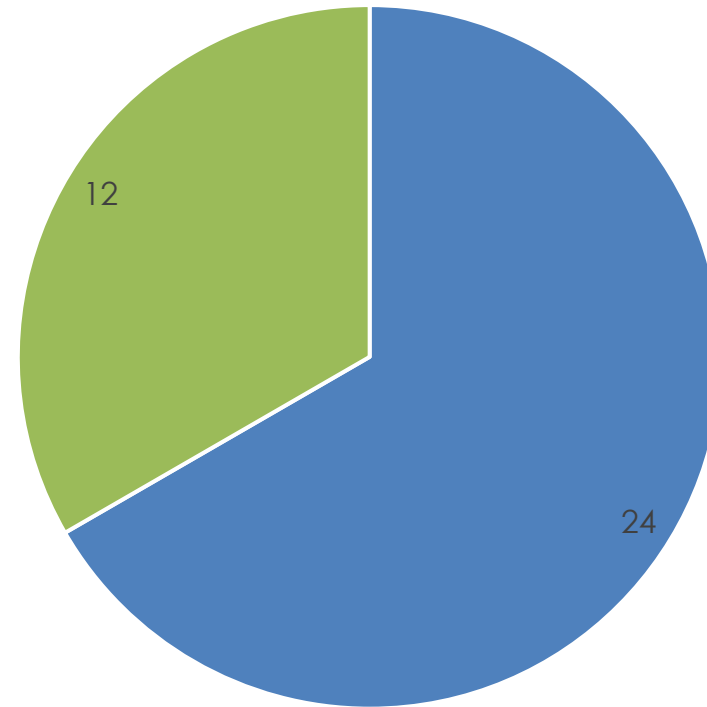
Men's Clubs Interested in Playing West  
Masters O40's Festival



■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No ■

# Expression of Interest Men's O40's One Day Festival

Men's Club Team or joint Club Team entry



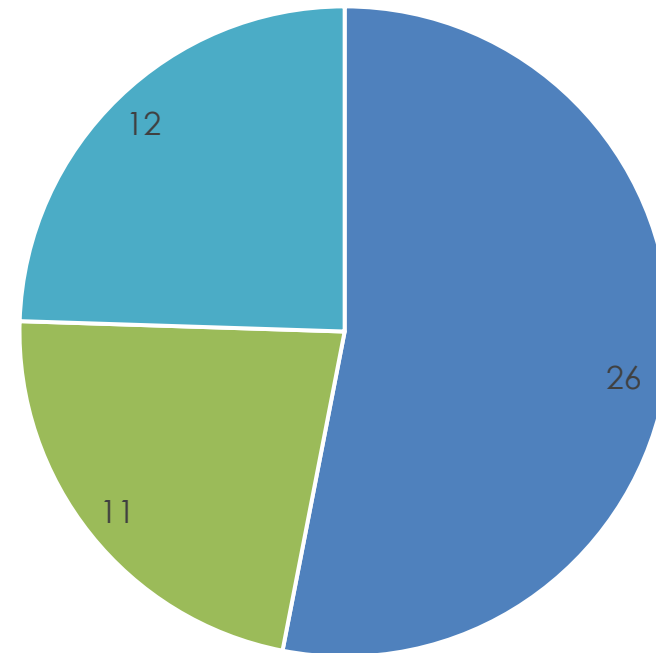
■ Club Team ■ Partner Club

# WOMEN'S O40's One day Festival RESPONSES



# Expression of Interest Women's O40's One Day Festival

Women's Clubs Interested in Playing West  
Masters O40's Festival

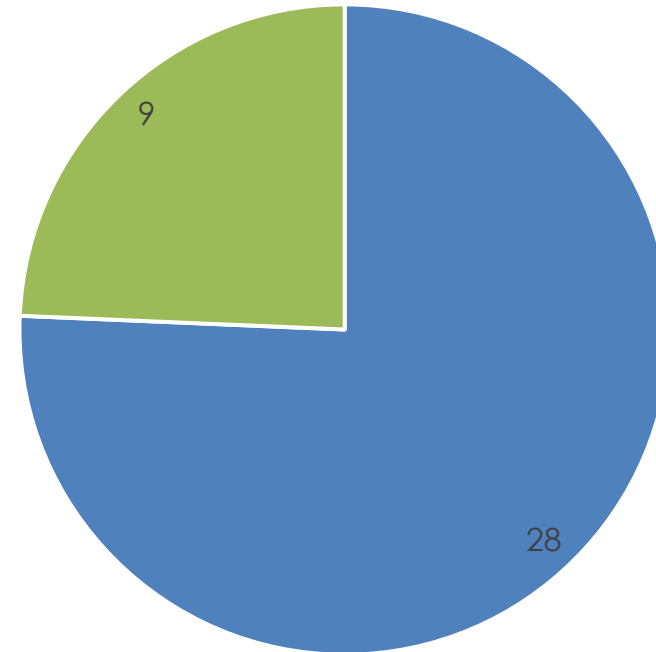


■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No ■



# Expression of Interest Women's O40's One Day Festival

Women's Club Team or joint Club Team  
entry



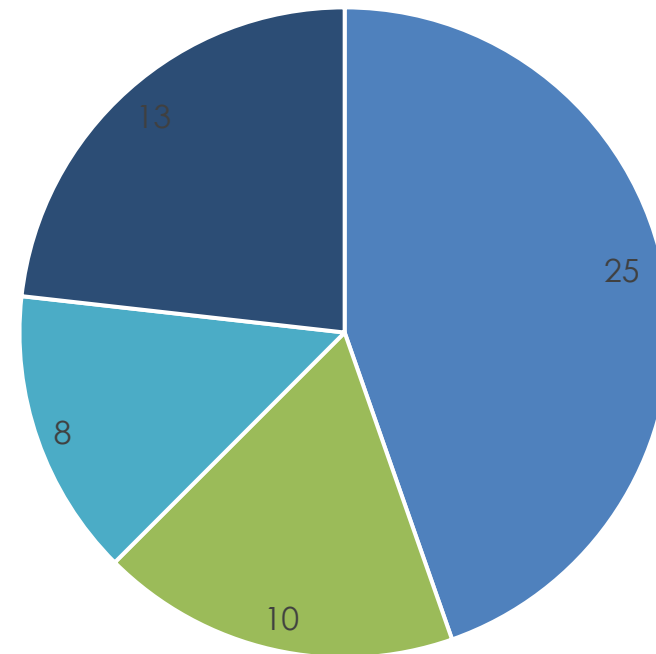
■ Club Team ■ Partner Club

# MIXED CLUB MASTERS KO CUP & PLATE RESPONSES



# Expression of Interest Mixed Club Masters KO Cup & Plate

Clubs Interested in Playing West Masters  
Mixed KO Competition



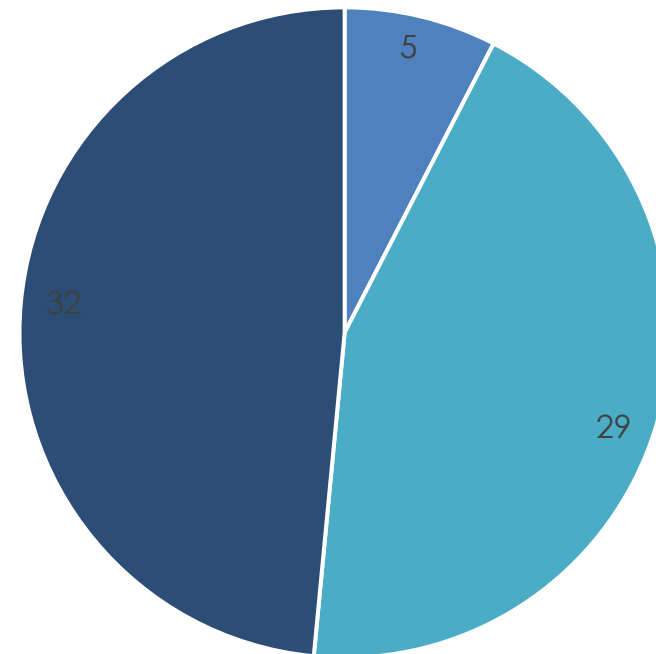
■ Over 40 ■ Over 50 ■ Maybe ■ No

# Offer of Support West Masters Competitions



# Offer of Support

## People Interested in supporting West Masters Competitions



■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No

# Comments



# Additional Comments

- ▶ I've answered maybe as I am not involved in the running of the club but I'm happy to pass this info on. Personally I'm up for playing as much as possible!
- ▶ Early communication regards dates, formats and venues, as potential players personal, social and work calendars are becoming more and more congested.
- ▶ Having taken part in the West Selection, it might be beneficial to hold something more Bath/Bristol based - I think a lot of people couldn't commit to the travel as the selection days were quite last minute and didn't give people enough time to clear their diaries. It would also mean that people not already "in the system" might have a chance. I know that standard is very high but there isn't much of a bridge between some levels of club hockey and then Area standard. Or maybe add some skills drills as part of the selection sessions, as you would with junior selection. Being thrown into game situations with a mix of West & Intl players was quite a leap! Perhaps a few Masters competitions throughout the season will help bridge this gap and give players some experience before attending next try outs.
- ▶ We are looking to enter our own teams but may be willing to partner with another club if we don't get the numbers.

# Additional Comments continued

- ▶ There is already a strong masters presence at the club and any organisation will likely go via them so they can coordinate more appropriately. They will no doubt support other clubs with the structure in place. Thanks
- ▶ We would need to know planned day of the week, weekends or evenings
- ▶ Is there any way it can be run from 035's not 040's? Our team is open to over 035's, which I understand is the start of master's age groups.
- ▶ Would be interested in Men`s competitions at Over 60, Over 65 or Over 70
- ▶ Think there is going to be a big problem trying to get any over 40s team out
- ▶ Hockey does not finish at 50 so you may have to look at us old farts of a far greater age. All the best in your new role. At England Hockey level it is essential that Masters Hockey is separated from England Hockey.
- ▶ Need to fit well with EH Calender. Early and late season might be best.
- ▶ Great work to the Masters committee in making Masters more available, we have just started some come and play sessions during the summer (difficult for pitch time in the winter) but may well try and keep this going on the winter if there is enough desire for it.



# Additional Comments continued

- ▶ Jersey Hockey would be interested in hosting a weekend of West Masters hockey.
- ▶ We do not have enough players to field a team and we do not have a mens section.
- ▶ Happy to help. My views are my own not the views of the club!
- ▶ Please note i am just a member of the plymouth marjons club and not a club official. i had to answer some questions to complete the form i would have liked to leave blank. Also for your information, the plymouth marjons site has two astroturfs next to one another which would make the most ideal site for a multi game festival. There is also plenty of free parking next to the pitches.
- ▶ Outside a formal competition framework a need to look at more local friendly fixtures or regular get togethers - Trojans do this & draw people from all the clubs local to them. This though needs easy pitch access at a reasonable cost + suitable numbers
- ▶ Devon HA already run a Master Tournament, this year we are moving to O40s, we have 6 ladies teams entered but only 3 male teams. I am the Competitions and Hon Secretary for Devon HA, I am very interested in the results of this survey for Devon.
- ▶ This is a superb initiative which we will all support 100%

# Conclusions



# Club Competition Survey Conclusions

- ▶ Overwhelming Club demand for West Masters Competitions for Men, Women and Mixed teams
- ▶ One day festivals – possible 2 or 3 venues leading to West Finals
- ▶ KO Preference for Over 40, although some appetite for Over 50
- ▶ Guidelines for club entry criteria needs to be set

# Next Steps



# The Future ...

- ▶ Share the Club Survey findings with all West member Clubs and County HA's (June 2022)
- ▶ Identify Competition Organiser/s
- ▶ Start formulating a West Masters Competition Plan for next season (dates & venues)
- ▶ Set Masters Competition Guidelines
- ▶ Formal entry form to all Clubs (August 2022)

**If your club has any further thoughts or questions on how the West can increase opportunities and participation in Masters Hockey please contact-**

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