

# MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUE

## Newsletter August 2024

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### All Clubs Preseason Meeting

The All Clubs Preseason Meeting will be held online on **Thursday 5 September 2024**. At this meeting we will discuss changes and focusses for the coming season and answer any queries you may have to make sure we have a problem free season.

As per Regulation 3.1.7 **every Club MUST send a representative**. Fines will be issued to Clubs that do not have a representative present at the meeting.

**Online meeting date: - Thursday 5 September 2024 – Time 19:30**

To register for the online meeting please click here: [All Clubs Preseason Meeting Registration](#)

Meeting invites will be sent to the emails provided in the form. Please ensure a member of your Club will be present.

### Midlands Website Updates

All fixtures are on the GMS and have been published on the Midlands website. [You can find them here](#)

The updated 2024/25 Regulations and support documents relating to the Adult League can be found on the website here: [Regulations & Supporting Documents](#)

All the information is there to help you, please take time to review.

- Men's League Structure 2024/25
- Women's League Structure 2024/25
- Adult League Organisation Structure 2024/25 (including all Divisional Secretary e-mail addresses)
- [Area Adult League Regulations 2024-2025](#)
- [Summary of Major Regulation Changes 2024/25](#)
- Midlands Adult League Promotions & Relegations 2024/25
- Player Transfers 2023 (to be updated)
- Adult Leagues & Competitions Committee Roles
- Adult Leagues & Competitions Selection Exemption Pass (link to form)
- Forfeit Fixture Guidance
- Postponement and Rearrangement Guidance (including dates allowed for rearrangements)
- Adult Leagues Competitions Committee TOR
- Development Team Guidance 2024/25
- How to Complete Match Sheet
- Ramadan Guidance
- Midlands Calendar 2024/25 (including League Reserve dates)

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### Regulations

- [Area Adult League Regulations 2024-2025](#)

The Regulations 2024/25 have been published and this includes a major re-write and simplification of Regulation 8 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - FAIR SELECTION. Also updated is Appendix 5 - STANDARD PENALTIES & TARIFFS OF FINES.

It also points to new EH Regulations:

- EH Code of Conduct
- EH Disciplinary Regulations
- EH Guidance on Faith and Fixtures
- EH Transgender Participation Policy

Please see the Summary of Changes document for a detailed list of all the updates: [Summary of Major Regulation Changes 2024/25](#)

### GMS Contacts & Fixture Details Deadlines

#### Club and Team Admin/Contacts

Please check all Club Admin and Team Contact details are viewable on GMS (email 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 in 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 YouTube video to help with this: [Making Contact Details Visible on GMS](#)

#### Fixture Deadlines

All pre-Christmas fixture details (pushback and venue) **MUST** be on the GMS by **8 September 2024**

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 (usually 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.

GMS updates are expected for both Transfers and Match Day management, details will be supplied at the All Clubs Preseason Meeting.

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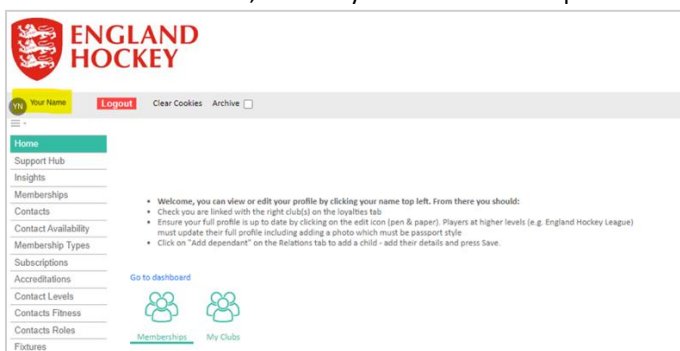
### Consent

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.

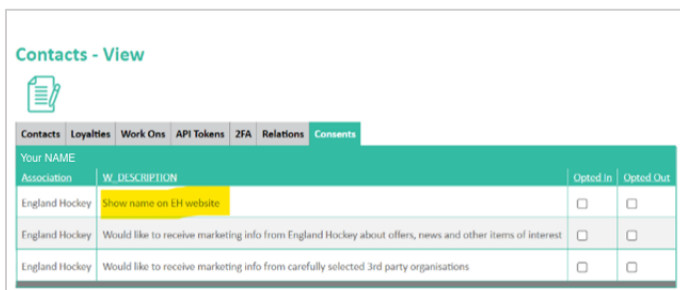
#### Process for individuals:

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:



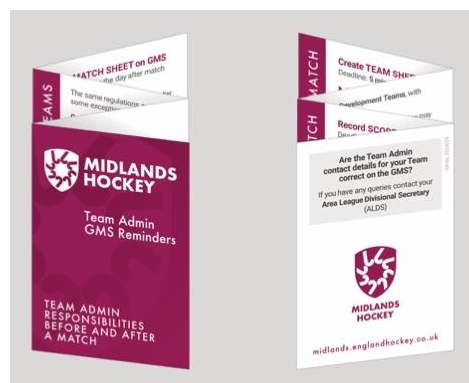
- If a player does not tick either box it will be assumed that consent is not given and therefore the name will not be shared.

### Team Admin GMS Reminders Leaflet

Midlands Hockey have created handy Team Admin GMS Reminder leaflets for use pitch side. Printed copies of the leaflets will be sent to all Clubs.

The leaflets include deadline reminders for Team Sheets, Scores and Match Sheets (Timelines), as well as guidance for Development Teams.

Please ensure copies of the leaflets are given to relevant Captains, Team Contacts and Club Admins for them to keep in their kit bags and refer to as required.



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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 Contacts](#)

### 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.
  - 3.1.4.3 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.

### Central Calendar

A Midlands version of the Central Calendar is now 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'.

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

Regards,



**MIDLANDS  
HOCKEY**



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