



West Hockey Ltd AGM

8 July 2026



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AGM 2026



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Of course, we will share the minutes & presentation with all Members post meeting



AGENDA

1. Introductions & Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of Minutes of last AGM held on 8 July 2025
4. Director Report
5. Announcement of results of the election of Directors & Committee Chairs
6. Finance Director's presentation of the Financial Report and Accounts
7. The Independent Scrutineer's report on the Company
8. The Proposals for Membership Fees and for entry fees for Competition & Leagues
9. Any Other Business (due notice of 14 days has been given by written notice of the issue)



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Director Report



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West Strategy Update



Strategy Update



Key Objectives

The West Board remains focused on supporting Counties, Clubs, Schools and individuals to deliver against our strategic objectives

More people involved and once involved stay in the game

Lead Positive Change

Support Clubs and Counties in creating more & different opportunities to play and volunteer

Drive Visible Impact

Develop & promote West brand, seek commercial relationships

Responsible Leadership

Good governance and strong financial processes and performance

Meaningful Growth

Support Clubs and Counties in growing participation for both playing, coaching and umpiring



Strategy Update

More people involved and once involved stay in the game

Lead Positive Change

- Steady increase in number of Masters, coupled with success at Area tournaments
- Improved reporting to understand more about active umpires and how many games they are officiating
- Focus on delivery of State School competitions has seen good increase in number of schools

Drive Visible Impact

- West Awards for the first time this season, with a good showing at National level for West representatives
- Success on the pitch in Area tournaments for West Masters sides
- 17 schools at inaugural U14 West State School Finals
- West Counties Leagues successfully run at U17, U15 and U14 level

Responsible Leadership

- Continue to have a healthy financial position
- Club affiliation and League fees remain frozen allowing Clubs to use that money to invest in themselves
- Some financial support provided to Talent Academy members

Meaningful Growth

- Growth in number of umpires, with number of women also growing
- Over 500 state school participants in specific state school competitions – twice as much as any other Area
- Number of teams competing in the West has grown by 10% since 2019



West Strategy Feedback

Metric	2024	2025	2026	Comment
Clubs – West	127	124	121	Club mergers & one club moved to Wales
Mixed	65	65	62	
Men only	8	7	7	
Women only	33	31	33	
Junior only	4	4	4	
Other	17	17	17	
Teams	540	564	581	Teams are remaining around same, with just under 10% growth since transition in 2019
Women	262	273	270	
Open/Men	253	266	266	
Junior	25	25	45	
Officials	1,455	1,635	1,730	Growth in numbers and improved reporting on active umpires
Women	417	520	558	
Young	36	38	TBC	
Players	22,700	22,927	20,262	Impact of new EH Membership model
Senior	10,800	10,982	10,021	
Junior	11,900	11,945	10,241	
Adult league	-	11,423	11,290	
Social Media				Steady growth, with renewed focus in place going forward
Instagram	222	757	1,175	
Facebook	80	129	>1,000	
X	1,900	-	-	



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Junior Competitions Report

West Schools

- Thanks to Val Shipsey & the Technical delegates who run the competition days
- 12 West Schools Tier 3 finals organised with around 1,100 players in 11 aside competitions
- An inaugural U14 Open/Boys & Girls West State School finals held at Taunton School, thanks to Laura Bennett for hosting with free pitches. Around 170 young players participated. U16 also planned for 2027
- Over 500 State school players took part in the West area, with County events leading to West finals, twice as many as any other Area. Thank you to the Counties for their support.

West Clubs

- Thanks to Paul Westgate for his scheduling, many redraws and patience!
- Tier 1 Club Competitions saw some West clubs reach National finals & win, U16 organised by E.H. and U14 Tier 1 by the West
- Tier 2 competitions Club finals held at Yate in March
- In2Hockey West Clubs Finals for U10 & U12 Boys/Open and Girls held in April. There were 30-32 clubs in each age group and around 960 players taking part

Further information is available on the Junior survey reports on West website under Junior Competitions



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Junior Competitions Report

West Junior County

- Thanks to all the County Admins for their support, especially Sarah Rendell
- Successful West County League U14,U15, U17 venues around the West with 6 counties participating , over 900 players participating
- Under 13 county informal matches between some counties, were very successful for development
- Central venues to reduce travel on 4 set dates, each team having 2 matches on each date
- League tables on West website
- Opportunity for umpire training and assessment at some venues

West Junior Indoor

- Thanks to Stacey Androllah who runs the West Indoor Hockey competitions
- School U16 & U18 competitions for Boys & Girls – good number of entries
- Club U16 Boys & Girls disappointing with low entries
- Club U18 Boys & Girls disappointing with low entries

Further information is available on the Junior survey reports on West website under Junior Competitions



West Hockey Adult League Report



- 5,711 games were played
- 11,290 players took part (5,575 women, 5,715 Open/Men)
- 24,523 goals were recorded, with 6,350 different people scoring them. Each team had on average 12 different goalscorers
- 9,800 umpire appointments were made in the season – 8,200 by Clubs, 1,600 by West
- 1,761 different umpires took charge of games, 1,200 of whom took charge of both Women and Open/Mens competitions



- Discipline....
 - Women – 778 cards across 2,785 games (2 red, 104 yellow)
 - Open/Men – 2,893 cards across 2,926 games (23 red, 658 yellow)
- Good improvement in recording Umpires – more to do
 - Women 92% of matches
 - Open / Men 81% of matches
- Respect for the Regulations – information on matchsheets, hospitality

West
League
Dates
26 27

26 Sep

24 Oct

5 Dec

9 Jan

13 Feb

10 Apr

Easter 27 Mar



Officiating Report

Successes this year:

- Continue to successfully develop umpires to progress to NPUA
- Umpire Coach Development Programme implemented with our first cohort of new umpire coaches graduating
- Continue to appoint to Men/Open and Women Premier Divisions and Men/Open Division 1
- Nominated Officiating liaison representatives to Clubs – details on website
- Umpires provided for a range of events and competitions across the West at all age groups
- Specific Umpiring Kit and equipment available to purchase for all Umpires in the West

Focus for 2026/7:

- Improving support to Club umpires and development of new umpires
- Continue to grow and develop Umpire coaches
- Work with EH to help implement the new Umpire pathway in 2027/28
- Improve support to our Club liaison
- Better at communication on what is happening
- Coaching of potential L2 umpires



Masters Report

- Masters database increased to over 900 individuals
- EH GMS email produced 100 new expression of interests along with another 100 from the Club email in September.
- 8 women's age group teams and 10 men's age group teams
- No local tournaments this year due to a packed EH calendar
- More interest in England Hockey Championship Cups at Masters level age groups.

Further information is available on the West website under Masters Hockey

West Success

Representative teams at all 8A tournaments with some great success:



Women – 2 Gold – O45s & O65s



Women – 1 Silver – O55s

Three teams – placed 4th and one 7th



Men's – 2 Gold – O65s & O70s



Men's – 2 Silver – O35s & O75s



Men's – 2 Bronze – O45s & O50s

One team – placed 4th and two 5th

Very successful 8A National tournament organised by Jan Bowen at Old Bristolians/Firebrands pitches with our Men's O45s winning Bronze at that event.



Disciplinary Committee

- The West Disciplinary Panel has remained consistent in sanctions aligning with those Nationally.
- **Nationally** there were 300 Red Card or sanctioned Misconduct complaints (formerly Matchday Misconduct Offences) dealt with by the 8 Area Disciplinary Panels. In addition, there were 115 Misconduct Reports raised.
- **West** for 2025-26 was chaired February to April 2026 by Martyn Harvey in my absence. I sincerely thank both him and Aidan Wilday as they dealt with disciplinary issues during that period. Both Gentlemen are willing to continue for the 26-27 season. We are always happy to encourage new panel members to join us.
- Links with Hoci Cymri are good, with John Taylor and Amanda Roberts dealing with Welsh clubs involved in West Leagues.
- The West Panel will always respond to enquiries with regards to the Disciplinary process, whichever side of the coin you are.
- We are still frankly astonished that the requirements on receiving a Red Card still seem to be a surprise. **Go away from the playing area and it is 16 days. Immediately. (and it may well be more...)**



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West Overview 2025-2026

Season	West Total	Of which Welsh cards in West leagues	Category A Non-Violent	Category B Violent offence (object or participant)	Category C Violence Official	Category2 Minor Offence Double yellow	Misconduct Offence Complaints	NDP actions. ADA respond to National issue.
21-22	25	0	5	14	0	6	4	0
22-23	26	0	14	6	1	3	11	7
23-24	34	9	13	13	1	3	2	6
24-25	29	5	14	6	0	7	3	2
25-26	36	2	22	6	0	6	10	8



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National Overview 2025-2026

Area	Total	Category A Non-Violent	Category B Violent offence (object or participant)	Category C Violence Official	Category2 Minor Offence Double yellow	Misconduct Offence Complaints	Allocated NDP actions
West	36 ↑	22 ↑	6 ↓	0	6	10	8
East	28 ↓	13 ↓	14 ≡	0	1	12	8
London	21 ↓	12 ↑	4 ↓	1	1	14	6
Midlands	65 ↑	44 ↑	15 ↑	0	5	22	14
N West	48 ↑	31 ↑	15 ↑	2 ↑	1	19	13
South Central	37 ↑	22 ↑	9 ↑	0	6	16	7
South East	23 ↑	16 ↑	6 ≡	1 ↑	1	11	10
Y N E	27 ↓	23 ↑	2 ↓	0	2	6	4
National	15 ↑	5 ↑	7 ↑	0	2	4	10

Election of Directors

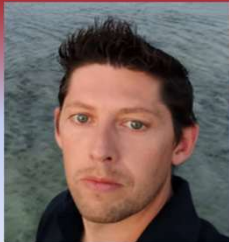
Board: Directors

Chair	Vice Chair	Finance Director	Governance Director	Operations Director
David Chard	Liz Powell	Bridgette Jones	Caroline Baynes	Jan Bowen
				



Election of Committee Chairs

Management: Committee Chairs

Adult League & Competitions	Junior Leagues & Competitions	Officiating	Masters	Area Discipline Board Appointment
Stuart Richardson	Anne Baker	Steve Hamey	Debs Gemmell	Lesley Love
				



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Finance Director Report



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Finance Director Report

During 2025/26, we have continued to invest in delivering the West Hockey Strategy, in Juniors, Officiating and Masters, a collaboration of the Committees and Board.

The last 3 years results are as follows:

23-24 £9,186

24-25 £(16,496)

25-26 £(1,032) - *Draft Result*

The result for 2025/26 result, included an investment in Junior Hockey, Masters Hockey was breakeven, and a small investment in umpire development.

Accounts for the YE April 2025, were filed in Jan 25 with Companies House, with the results showing a surplus for West Hockey Ltd of loss of (£16,496).

Therefore, as reported the reserves decreased coming into the current financial year from £148,644 to £132,146.

West Hockey Ltd is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Co. Act 2006. Copies are available publicly at <https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company>



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Balance Sheet for the YE April 2025

WEST HOCKEY LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 09634401)

BALANCE SHEET 30 APRIL 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	12,066	12,935
Cash at bank		<u>131,772</u>	<u>137,705</u>
		143,838	150,640
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>11,691</u>	<u>1,996</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>132,147</u>	<u>148,644</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>132,147</u>	<u>148,644</u>
RESERVES			
Other reserves	6	148,644	139,458
Income and expenditure account	6	<u>(16,497)</u>	<u>9,186</u>
		<u>132,147</u>	<u>148,644</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2025.



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Draft Accounts for YE April 2026 Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet

West Hockey Ltd
As at 30 April 2026

30 Apr 2026

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Fixed Term Deposit	75,000.00
West Hockey - Main Account - 45051162	10,044.21
West Hockey Adult Comps - 45080162	11,275.80
WH - Junior Comps 45081662	4,881.83
WH - Masters 45082663	14,593.01
Total Cash at bank and in hand	115,794.85

Accounts Receivable	30,975.00
Accrued Income	1,473.59
Other Debtors	23.00
Total Current Assets	148,266.44

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	12,987.31
Accruals	4,000.00
Other Creditors	100.00
WH - Officiating 45082062	65.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17,152.31

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	131,114.13
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	131,114.13
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Net Assets	131,114.13
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	(1,032.66)
Retained Earnings	132,146.79
Total Capital and Reserves	131,114.13



Draft Accounts for YE April 2026 - I & E Account

Profit and Loss

West Hockey Ltd

For the year ended 30 April 2026

	2026
Turnover	
Adult Fines	650.00
Affiliation Fees	4,790.00
Area Competitions	5,495.00
Interest Income	1,858.76
Junior - County Income	21,082.80
Junior County Income - AC Comps	11,372.72
Junior League - Income	2,160.00
League Fees	12,055.00
Masters Tournament/Training/Assessment Income	12,544.40
Officiating Income	53,655.00
Officiating Memberships	1,184.31
Sponsorship Income	1,500.00
Total Turnover	128,347.99
Gross Profit	128,347.99

Administrative Costs

Administrators Fees	3,000.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,110.00
Bank Fees	521.10
Divisional Secretary Fees	6,650.00
England Hockey	4,032.00
Facility Hire Costs - Outdoor	26,625.02
Fixture Generation	500.00
General Expenses	230.31
GMS Officer	1,800.00
IT Software and Consumables	2,534.50
Junior - Administrators Fees	1,500.00
Junior County League - Pitch Hire	8,152.80
Junior Technical Officials	3,866.22
Junior Umpire Costs	2,393.26
Masters - Area Competition Entry Fees	4,162.76
Masters - Playing Shirts	2,378.00
Masters 8A Tournament Costs	3,937.00
Masters Technical Officials	257.68
Officiating - Shirts	1,077.38
Officiating Appointments Lead	500.00
Officiating Development Lead	1,000.00
Officiating Expenses	42,544.68
Postage, Freight & Courier	210.10
Stripe Fees	184.15
Subscriptions	34.00
Trophies and Shields	7,329.14
Umpire Development	2,850.55
Total Administrative Costs	129,380.65
Operating Profit	(1,032.66)



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Independent Scrutineer's report

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
WEST HOCKEY LTD**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the financial statements of the West Hockey Ltd for the year ended 30 April 2023 which comprise the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given me.

This report is made solely to the directors of the West Hockey Ltd. My work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of the West Hockey Ltd. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors of the West Hockey Ltd for my work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that the West Hockey Ltd has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and deficit of the West Hockey Ltd. You consider that the West Hockey Ltd is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

As stated on the balance sheet the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of the financial statements of the West Hockey Ltd. For this reason, I have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to me and I do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Mr P J Hodge
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PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Proposals for Membership Subscription Fees are as follows;

**West Membership Fees have been set at £10.00 per team
for the 2026/27 season.**



PROPOSAL FOR COMPETITION FEES

The Proposals for entry fees for Competitions and League are as follows;

All competition fees to be set by appropriate league and competitions committees in consultation with the Company Directors

West Adult League fees have been set at £25 per team



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Any Other Business

Any Other Business (of which due notice of 14 days has been given by written notice of the issue)

- **No matters have been raised for inclusion within AOB**
- **Any Other Business from the meeting**