



SUMMARY OF CHANGES

ADULT, MASTERS & MIXED REGULATIONS

Review of 2026-27 Adult, Masters & Mixed Competition Regulations

General

There are some wording changes, with the main change being that the levels of competition are named rather than referring to Tiers. (Tiers) are referred to in brackets to help with understanding

Reg 5.2.6 – Offshore Fixtures

Existing - Any offshore island team participating in the EHC shall play its home matches on the mainland unless that team is able fully to contribute towards the additional expenses incurred by the away team and match officials in travelling to the home team's venue. This includes accommodation, flights/ferries and associated parking.

New - Offshore fixtures offer unique competitive opportunities and EH welcomes their participation in the Championships. Offshore island teams may host fixtures when drawn at home subject to the visiting team's agreement to the proposed travel arrangements. Offshore teams must meet all additional travel, parking and accommodation costs. If agreement is not reached, the fixture shall be played on the mainland. Teams should cooperate to find reasonable travel solutions and honour the home fixture of the island team where possible

Reg 9 – Breach of Regulations & Penalties

Complete re-wording within this section to bring the appeals process in line with the EH Disciplinary Regulations

Appendix 5 Player Eligibility

2. Masters Championships

i. Clubs

To be entitled to play in the MC for a club a player must be registered with that club to play Masters hockey and, since time of their first match during any one season, not have played for another team in the same age group of the Championships. Registration must be using the GMS and must comply with the Regulations as set out below.



A player may not represent a different club at an age group than a club they have played Saturday league hockey (See Appendix 1 for definition) for

Additional wording shown in Red

a. if the latter has entered the MTC at the same age group unless the player has transferred in respect of league hockey to another club (who have not entered the relevant MTC) and their eligibility approved by EHCD or

b. if the latter has entered the MTC at the same age group unless their regular Saturday league hockey club approve for the player to do so, see d below.

c. if they have played for any England International Masters team in a match in a World, European or Four Nations Championships event sanctioned by World Masters Hockey in the current or previous season unless they are a “guest” player, see d, below.

d. A team may field a maximum of two players, designated “guest” players in line with b. and c during any one season. players must be advised to EHCD in advance of participation in any game by the process specified.

~~A~~ player who has transferred in respect of Saturday league hockey to the club participating in the Championships is only eligible in line b. and/or c and d if approved by EHCD.

ii. Counties

To be entitled to play in the MTC for a county a player and since time of their first match during any one season, must not have played for another team in the same age group of the Championships. Registration must be using the GMS and must comply with the Regulations as set out below.

Players must play Saturday league hockey (See Appendix 1 for definition) for a club affiliated to the relevant county. Players who have not played Saturday league hockey for any club may play for

Additional wording

a county if their main and permanent residence is within that county. “Main and permanent residence” means the address at which the player ordinarily lives for the majority of the year and which is recorded for official purposes (e.g. on the electoral roll, for tax or utility billing). Ownership of, or residence in, a second home or holiday property within a county does not qualify for eligibility. Such players must be advised to EHCD in advance of participation in any game by the process specified. EHCB reserve the right to request such evidence as required.

Appendix 4

Complete re-wording within this section to bring in line with the new FIH Regulations for Shootouts

Appendix 8

Additional appendix to bring the appeals process in line with the EH Disciplinary Regulations

