

South Central Area League Management Committee  
End of Season Report to Clubs 2025-26

Thank you to all clubs for the immense amount of work you have done to get teams out to play hockey over the season.

Our congratulations go to Trojans OM1 for winning the Premier Division title and therefore promotion to Conference. Witney W1 were successful in doing the same in the Women's Premier League. We are fortunate this season NOT to have any relegations from the Conference league.

Pennants for the Champions of each Division will be posted out shortly, if not already presented.

South Central held its inaugural play off competition the 18<sup>th</sup> April and the following teams were successful and will be promoted as shown. Feedback from those present is that the day went well and should be continued in future seasons.

- Wallingford OM1 promoted to Premier Div 2
- Yateley OM 3 promoted to North 6
- Romsey OM4 promoted to South 6
- Oxford W2 promoted to Premier Div 2
- Marlow W4 promoted to North 3
- Winchester W4 promoted to South 3

Thank you to all twelve teams for making it an exciting day of hockey. This day would not have been possible without Umpires, and we thank the South-Central Officiating team for providing them. We also had Match Officials for each pitch, and we thank them and the Technical Director for their support.

The Promotion and Relegation lines are now on GMS and hopefully transposed to the South-Central website. It is with regret that I have to report that the prediction we laid out in the Season Welcome Letter has come to fruition, with the number of relegations in the Ladies South divisions 1, 2 and 3 and into the sub-areas being much greater than we had hoped. This has been exacerbated as no team has been relegated from Prem 2 to the Women's North divisions.

As previously promulgated, we have determined that 12-team divisions are in the best interest of hockey in South Central, and we hope that future changes will not be so difficult to control. You are reminded that the season will start on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, except the sub-area divisions that we have had to keep at 13 teams, who will start a week earlier.

The ALMC will start work on producing the divisions for next season, which will depend on if we have any team dropouts or, hopefully, new teams joining. Please ensure that you enter teams by the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We have been tracking goalscorers, and the number of clean sheets teams have had, and here is the result. Well done to all.

Overall Open-Men's top scorer- Todd Clark, Wimborne Wayfarers- 57

Women's - Michelle Hughes, Portsmouth HC- 57

Clean sheets

Open-Men's

Aran Dhak, Stoke Green HC - 10

Martin Jones, Havant HC -10

Paul Shelby, Swanage & Wareham HC - 10

Women's

Ella Robertson, Winchester HC- 14

The Area regulations for 26/27 are with EH and we hope to be able to circulate them by the end of May.

It is hoped that the league's fixtures will be released in early June.

The South-Central AGM is on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, and clubs will receive the calling notice in due course.

There will be a *mandatory* pre-season ALMC briefing for all clubs/teams on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, via Zoom.

If there is anyone who would like to be involved with the administration of the Adult Leagues, please do get in contact with me at the email address below:

Once again, thank you all for your input – enjoy summer hockey or even enjoy a break from hockey.

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