

# MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUE

## Newsletter March 2023

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As we are going up to the last four weeks before Easter and the end of season, I thought I should communicate a few things to bring your attention.

**Please communicate to your Committees and Team Captains.**

### Fair Selection

I mentioned the other week, but please remind captains of the 50% rule:

**8.5.5** Tighter restrictions in place for the last four matches in the League season. All players must have played a **minimum of 50%** of the League matches they have played in that season for the team they are selected for, or a lower team, unless a Selection Exemption Pass is agreed by the ALMC.

We currently have teams checking up on their oppositions' team selections, so to avoid complaints, this means, if you want to play a player in a lower team for which they have not played 50% please submit a Selection Exemption Pass to the relevant Divisional Secretary for assessment and approval.

### Weather Affected Matches

With the potential of losing a few games in the next couple of weeks, the League Committee has reviewed rearrangement requirements. Guidance is now that all games should be completed before Easter, therefore, to be played on any of the Sunday and mid-week dates up until **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, preferably Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

We will review if there is more than one weekend of weather affected matches, but if the Fixture cannot be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> April, we may have to consider Cancelling fixtures.

### End of Season's Promotions/Relegations

We have previously published to standard promotions/relegations based on:

- All Men's Divisions, two promotions and relegations to match. Exception for Premier.
- All Women's Divisions, two promotions, except where two divisions go into one or four go into two, where there is only one, with relegations to match.

For this weekend we will be turning on the indicators in GMS to show the promotion positions. Unfortunately, this currently will not be reflected on the Midlands website.

Currently we are unable to confirm relegation numbers, hence positions, as it would appear we are expecting more than one relegation from the EHL, in both the Men & Women's Leagues. This will mean additional relegation(s) until the number is absorbed.

### Checking Fixture submitted Timelines

We are aware that sometimes GMS is not saving the details entered after a match for the scorers and cards when a Match Sheet (Timeline) is saved. Please ensure that the details are correctly saved before clicking the 'Final Version' check box, as once this is ticked you can no longer correct or add any missing details. NB: Club Admins have access to all club fixtures.

- You can either find the Timeline submission window, **'Scores – Create'**, via the GMS home dashboard after a score has been submitted when prompted to **'input timeline'**, or by clicking on to the score when viewing fixtures (the score will be highlighted as a link).
- Enter the Timeline details in the window titled **'Scores -Create'**
  - Sometimes you may need to re-enter the score to then see the Timeline submission window.
- Click on **'Confirm'**, this will put you back to the 'Fixtures' detail with 'Team Sheet', 'Teams' and 'Timeline' tabs.
- Select the 'Timeline' tab, to view the details and check they are entered correctly.
- If incorrect, repeat the process to amend the Timeline in the **'Scores – Create'** window.
  - Only click **'Final Version'** when you know all Timeline details are correct. When the 'Final Version' check box is ticked and you then press the **'Confirm'** button, the Timeline closes to further editing.
- If you cannot save/edit your Timeline, contact your Divisional Secretary to amend any missing details.

A more detailed 'How To' Guide can be found on the Midlands Website, 'How to Complete a Matchsheet'.

<https://midlands.englandhockey.co.uk/adult-leagues-competitions/regulations-supporting-documents>

### Club Forum

Thank you all that have volunteered to be part of a sub-group. The sub-group Leads will be in touch with you shortly, to start the next stages of understanding the problems and proposing solutions.

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Regards,



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