

# MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUE

## Newsletter November 2023

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### Indoor Reminder

Still places in the Indoor of 17<sup>th</sup> December, at Aldersley, we're extending the deadline to 10<sup>th</sup> November.

If you want a taste of Indoor and **the chance to represent the Midlands in the National Jaffa 6s**, please contact **Melissa Lau** @ [mel8@live.co.uk](mailto:mel8@live.co.uk)

### GMS Update

#### Deadlines

Future Games: Team Sheets (players, officials and umpires) and Scores **by 20:00 on the day of the game.**

Timeline Scorers/Cards (including times) **by 20:00 on the day after the game.**

A Warning followed by Fines will be issued if not completed by the deadlines.

If you are having problems updating, please let your Divisional Secretary know.

#### Final Version on Match Sheets

We had lots of problems with 'Final Version' being set and updates lost.

I'd therefore like to suggest that you update all the scorer/card details. Save, check 'Timeline' to make sure they are there, then go back and click 'Final Version' and Save.

Once Final Version is set it no longer appears on the O/S Actions list.

#### Video Updates

Some new videos from EH:

- Making Contact Details Visible – <https://youtu.be/2R02SBVclgs>
- Finding Contact Details – <https://youtu.be/hbR6oscq5GU>
- Amending Team Contacts (Admins) – <https://youtu.be/wB5g02yza6c>
- Editing Match Details – [https://youtu.be/DWa\\_XCHjLIg](https://youtu.be/DWa_XCHjLIg)
- Adding Match Results – <https://youtu.be/lK3giEReAAs>
- Adding Match Details (Scorers and Cards) – [https://youtu.be/m\\_J0AAukpeE](https://youtu.be/m_J0AAukpeE)
- View Members and Manage Panels - <https://youtu.be/Td2ZGnUnmG0>

#### Fines

As you may have noticed, we are reinforcing the compliance with the Regulations this season by issuing Warning Fines. Hopefully by issuing a warning you are made aware of non-compliance, we don't really want to take the next steps and issue the actual Tier fine. So, please, take note of what is needed especially on GMS so we don't have to.

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### Umpires

#### Adding Umpires to Team Sheets

We have had reports of Umpire entries disappearing when Team Sheets are updated. It would appear this happens if Umpires have been selected from the Players Panel and not from the registered Umpires Panel. To ensure you are selecting from the Umpire's Panel make sure the 'Filter by Panel' is set to 'Choose' when selecting.

#### Registering Umpires

All umpires should be registered on the GMS, even at the lowest level. Umpires will automatically become a Bronze member when they register on the GMS. Registration to England Hockey Officiating Bronze is **free**.

#### To register:

- Please go to the GMS registration page - <https://secure.whotheumpire.com/signup.php/>
- Choose '**Hockey**' and then '**Officiating**' and use the **same email address** as you use for your player GMS registration, the two accounts will then automatically be linked (it's very important to use the same email address!).
- Follow the prompts to register as an umpire for your club.

If they umpire multiple Clubs, they need to be registered for each Club, this can be done by contacting a request to [GMS.Support@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:GMS.Support@englandhockey.co.uk).

#### Umpiring Courses

Please encourage your Clubs Umpires to sign up to the online Level 1 courses.

#### Forfeit games/Requests for rearrangement

Remember to **contact your Div Secs first**, you may agree with the opposition but not get Div Sec agreement.

There is a document on the Midlands Website that shows you the Guidance on actions and what is allowed.

#### Fair Selection

Unfortunately, this season we have a number of queries about team selection.

The Regulation Section 8 was updated this year in an attempt to make it clearer as to what is and not allowed. To ensure you are complying, if you are considering playing a player from a higher team, please contact your Divisional Secretary. We will be analysing the requests we receive, to see if the Regulations can be made clearer next season.

Please ensure your Team Sheet on GMS reflect all players on the pitch and the bench, including coaches.

#### Doubling Up

Make sure request a **Special Exemption Pass for ALL doubling down**.

#### Hospitality

If not provided don't expect on return fixture. Teams will be charged if they don't stay but did not confirm they would not be by previous Wednesday.

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Regards,



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