

MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUE

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Support Documents

The following Support Documents can be found on the Midlands website:

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

All information is there to help you, please take time to review.

- League Men's League Structure 2023/24
- Women's League Structure 2023/24
- Adult League Organisation Structure 202/24 - Including all Divisional Secretary e-mail addresses
- Midlands Adult League Regulations - 2023-24
- Mids Hockey - Adult Leagues & Competitions Clubs Guidance - Major changes to Regulations this year
- Mids Hockey - Adult Leagues & Competitions Committee Roles
- Mids Hockey - Adult Leagues & Competitions Development Teams - Guidance post Forum update
- Mids Hockey - Adult Leagues & Competitions Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) Management (to be updated before season start)
- Forfeit Fixture Guidance - Updates as per Regulations update
- Postponements/Rearrangement Guidance - including dates allowed for rearrangements
- Adult Leagues & Competitions TOR - no change
- Relegation/Promotions Details - to be updated following Women's League Re-structure review
- How to Complete Match Sheet
- EH Fixture Management during Ramadan
- Midlands Calendar - including League Reserve dates

Communications to League Officials

First, a plea... Whilst your League Officials, including Divisional Secretaries, would love to think they know which club/team everybody is a member of, with over 114 clubs and 650 teams, I'm afraid it is unlikely to be easy. To help us and speed up responses, can I ask you to include the following in all emails:

- Name, Role, Club (if club level e-mail)
- Name, Role, Team, Division (if team level e-mail)

A list of League Officials, including e-mail addresses, can be found at the Midlands Website.

Midlands Invoices

A gentle reminder of Regulation 3.1.4:

- 3.1.4 For their teams to be eligible to participate in the League clubs must, by the Due Date, have:
 - 3.1.4.1 Completed their membership to England Hockey (and where relevant Hockey Wales), including any payments.
 - 3.1.4.2 Paid League entry fees.
 - 3.1.4.3 Paid any fines or monies outstanding to England Hockey, Area and/or Sub-Area

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The Due Date will have been communicated on any Invoices issued by the Midlands Finance Director, including fines from last season. As per Regulations' Appendix 5, all your Clubs matches may be recorded as Walkovers until paid.

GMS Update

from gms.support@englandhockey.co.uk

Updates to Administrators and Fixtures Secretaries/Treasurers

If you need to change Administrators for your club for the upcoming season, please get one of your existing Club Admin to email us and provide details of what changes you need to make. At present, you cannot change the Fixture Secretary and Treasurer contacts either – we will need to do that for you, please follow the same process as above, though do note that these roles generally are not linked to any specific permissions on the system (that is controlled by Club Admin and Team Contact roles), and is more used for Areas emailing specific contacts within your club via the system.

Contact details – Club/Team Contacts

Please check your contact details are viewable, especially in Fixtures view. If they are not blue, e.g. [Nick HAYNES](#), then you need to check your Profile to ensure your details are not 'Hidden'. Also check that the Team Contact displayed is the person to be contacted in the morning of the Fixture, in case of problems.

Log In Issues

If you are having login issues, please ensure that you are definitely trying to log in via <https://gms.englandhockey.co.uk> and NOT any whostheumpire bookmarks you may have saved. Also, if you have tried resetting your password, please return to the GMS url (as above) to login and do NOT use the login screen you are immediately presented with having reset your password.

Transfers

If you wish to transfer any players, we need an email from the 'releasing' club confirming that a player does not owe money, and then details of which club they are moving to, and then we will do the rest. The coding for an in-system transfer process is being finalised currently, and should be available before the season starts, but we can process transfers manually up until that is live.

Dealing with Duplicates

If you believe you have registered twice with two different email addresses, please let us know which one you would like to keep, and we can now merge all accounts (and history) into the one you wish to keep.

We are also working on system enhancements to help improve both the Match Result / Team Sheet options, and also allowing clubs to better manage their members; the roll out plan for these enhancements is being discussed with the board, and with the developers so that a better roadmap can be provided for future developments.

Please email the support team at GMS.support@englandhockey.co.uk for help and advice.

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Fixtures

The 2023/24 fixtures have now been made 'public' on GMS.

Club Admins **MUST** update all fixture Venues and Start Times. All fixtures for **matches pre-Christmas by 8th September**. All fixtures for **matches post-Christmas by 1st December**. To avoid a fine, if you cannot achieve these dates, please let your Divisional Secretary know.

Calendar

A Midlands version of the Central Calendar is now available on the Midland website.

Please review as the calendar contains game priorities and details of dates that should be used for game rearrangement, see 'League Reserve Dates' and any 'Priorities'.

Player Registration/Transfers

Please ensure all players are registered before the start of the season, as **completion of Match/Team Sheets for each League game is compulsory** for all games, and as per the Regulations, fines will be issued for non-compliance. Last year we had to issue far too many fines for non-compliance.

Match Officials

Midlands Area Officiating would like all Premier sides, both Men & Women, to consider appointing Match Officials for their Home games. Contact Jo Barnes at jobarnes111@btinternet.com for further information.

EH Club Championships

Thinking of entering this year? Here's all the info:

Adults' Competition Information

Information and entry details can be found here - <https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/english-hockey-adult-club-championships/mens-and-womens-championships>

Deadline Date for entry: 4 September 2023

Masters' Competition Information

Information and entry details can be found here - <https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/english-hockey-masters-club-championships/masters-club-championships>

Deadline Date for entry: 4 September 2023

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Mixed Competition Information

Information and entry details can be found here - <https://www.englishockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/english-ockey-adult-club-championships/mixed-championships>

Deadline Date for entry: 2 October 2023

Juniors' Competition Information

Information and entry details can be found here - <https://www.englishockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/english-ockey-junior-club-championships/junior-club-championships>

Deadline Date for entry: 25 August 2023

Let's hope we can all now have a problem free season.

Regards,



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