



Welcome to the February 2025 Newsletter

This is the February 2025 newsletter for South Central Hockey. It includes information on various hockey-related activities and events such as:

1. **Umpire Development Day:**
2. **England Hockey vacancies:**
3. **South Central Hockey Vacancies:**
4. **Coaching Workshops**

We ask members to keep their contact details up-to-date for effective communication by updating their details on [GMS](#) and for those who are committee members through the [England Hockey Club portal](#). It is this method that allows us to communicate information to you.

Umpire development day

Sunday 16th February 1-4.30pm
Sonning HC

As with the previous umpire development day that was held in Fareham in the first half of the season, we are delighted that Keely Dunn (of FH Umpires fame) will be running a session for us all around Interior Positioning (otherwise known as Mission Critical Positioning or MCP).

We will start in the clubhouse with a briefing on what it's all about, followed by pitch time with a mixed game being played. There will be an opportunity for you to practice MCP with Keely and other members of the Development Team available to help you learn, refine and enjoy the benefits of the most efficient and effective way to umpire hockey. After the game, we will return to the club house for a bite to eat and a debrief from Keely.

There's no pressure to give it a go, but if you want to participate, please bring your kit!

If you've been struggling to implement MCP, want to check what you're doing is right, or have only heard of it and want to practice in a safe environment with expert guidance on hand, this is your chance :)

We're hoping that because of the more northerly venue, many of you unable to make Fareham because of the distance, will be able to make this one. As before, you will be told on the day how to claim your mileage too (all umpires there on the day will be eligible, whether you get pitch time or not).

We need you to register your attendance as soon as possible so we can sort out catering for the day - please complete the form [here](#) on umpiredev.co.uk and we look forward to seeing you there.

Vacancies

England Hockey

Ahead of the England Hockey AGM (to be held online on Tuesday 18 March 2025) we wanted to England Hockey wish to draw your attention to an exciting opportunity for a Member Elected Non-Executive Director to join the England Hockey Board. This is an opportunity to support them to deliver the strategy to grow participation in all areas of our sport.

Further details of the role and how to apply can be seen by following this link:

<https://bit.ly/3WCWiiY>

South Central Hockey

The South Central Hockey AGM will be held at 7pm on **Thursday 17th July 2025**. We have a number of roles available for members to apply for. These are:

- **Chair**
- **Vice Chair**
- **Operations Director**
- **Finance Director**
- **Governance Director**
- **Chair of Adult Leagues**
- **Chair of Junior Leagues**
- **Chair of Masters hockey**
- **Chair of Officiating**



If you wish to express an interest in any of these roles in the South Central Area please email

operations@southcentral.hockey

for a job description.

News stories

We would love to share stories from your clubs so if you are aware of any clubs doing really positive work across the

community, fundraising or working closely with a state school please let us know.

England Hockey would share this too. operations@southcentral.hockey



Coaching Workshops

England Hockey has announced the launch of the "25 in 2025" Coaching Roadshows. This innovative programme is designed to elevate coaching, empower players, and engage communities across the country.

This exciting initiative will see 25 locations across England host a new, engaging Practice Ideas workshop. Each two-hour on-pitch session will be packed with lots of practice ideas, from arrival activities to carrying and passing, ensuring dynamic and enjoyable sessions for both coaches and players, creating a truly energising and engaging experience for everyone involved.

Coaches will gain valuable hands-on experience and access to videos of all the practices via YouTube, making it easy to revisit and refine sessions.

To learn more and express your [interest in hosting a workshop](#), please visit the [England Hockey coaching webpages](#).

