



SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

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In order for us to help you we would like to remind you all to please keep all your contact details up-to-date 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.

Save the Date

The provisional date for the South Central Hockey Ltd AGM have been set for Thursday 18th July 2024 at 19.30.

Please mark this date in your calendars so you can have your points of view heard and recorded.

We are always listening and want to help develop hockey in the area along the lines that the majority of clubs want.



We particularly want to hear from grass roots hockey, junior and youth hockey, umpire development youngsters as well as those more experienced.

Contact us:

operations@southcentral.hockey

Adult Leagues

Promotions & Relegations

Clubs have been enquiring as to whether the promotion and relegation lines will be entered on GMS. It is our intention to do so shortly.

Clubs will be aware that any decision on promotion and relegation is dependent on what team (if any) come down from the Conference Leagues.

Unfortunately for South Central there is a strong possibility of THREE teams coming down from the Women's Conference Leagues and we have therefore set the lines with that expectation throughout the Women's leagues.

On the Men's side we are hoping that Fareham and Banbury are safe, so no relegation from the Conference Leagues.

This could all change over the next few weeks but we are giving you the worst case scenario, especially on the women's side.

We will endeavour to have 12 team leagues, wherever possible next season

We will also need to consider the positioning of new teams (if any) that might wish to move from other areas.



Match Sheets

Ahead of the roll-out of match sheets to the South Central website, please see the below details and process information for your club.

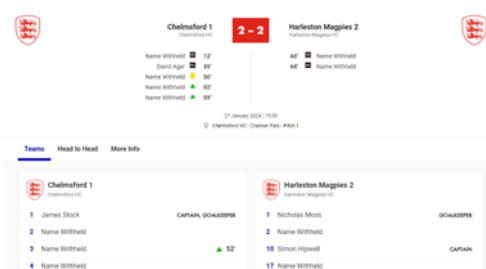
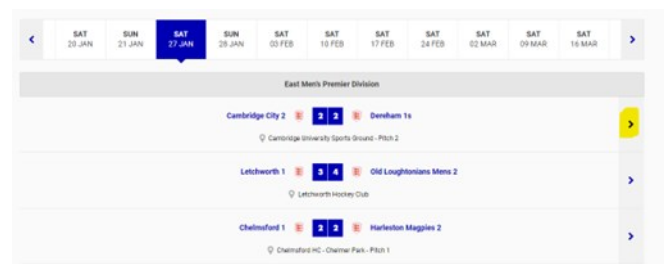
This information was emailed to clubs recently – please feel free to copy and forward relevant elements from this document into any communications you send to your members.

This document includes info for team and club admins, and also guidance specific to Competition Managers and Admins.

What to Expect:

All Area websites will be populated with this season's match sheet data from 27th February.

When looking at a fixture/result on the website > click on the arrow on the right-hand side to access the match sheet information.



From the 27th February 2024, match sheet data will be auto-populated on the website through the live GMS API.

The data will appear on the websites upon completion of a fixture, and when match sheet data has been saved and finalised.

We expect data to show on the website within 15 minutes of it being submitted in GMS, but at peak times (and considering the large amounts of data being processed across the country) this may take longer.

Player's opt-in or withdrawal of consent will also auto-populate the site.

Key Considerations:

The data on the website will only be as good as the data input on GMS

Any errors, such as incorrect scorers or cards will display.

Expect a large amount of match sheets to only have 2-3 players appearing, due to current consent uptake.

If match sheets are not saved as 'Final Version' the data will not transfer in the API.

Once 'final versions' are submitted the data is locked, so teams/clubs will not be able to make changes – please encourage team admins to double check information before submitting.

Competition Admins/Managers do have the ability to make changes to match sheets – and push data across to the website

This means that errors can be corrected, and the changes reflected on the website.

If a match sheet is not 'Finalised' by a team, then the Comp Admin can confirm the match sheet and send it to the website on the teams' behalf.

Results and League tables will update on all websites as usual, regardless of whether match sheets are submitted or not.

Information for club/team admins:

- Match sheets will be 'live' on Area Websites from this week
- Encourage your players to consent if they would like to appear on the website, many players will currently be displaying as 'Name Withheld' until they opt-in. They can opt-in via their GMS Profile

Info on how to consent is here:

[https://
www.englishhockey.co.uk/
media/news/have-your-name-
show-on-the-match-team-sheet](https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/media/news/have-your-name-show-on-the-match-team-sheet)

- Ahead of the weekend, clubs/teams/players can go onto the websites and view match sheets from previous fixtures
- Take extra care when completing match sheets after games:
- Ensure scorers, cards and times are correct
- Save as 'Final Version' when you are happy the data is correct
- If 'Final Version' is not selected, then the match sheet will not be sent to the website

4. Select 'update website' under fixture information

| Fixture | |
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| Date | 03-02-2024 (Sat) From 16:00 |
| Competition | Men's Conference East |
| Level | 1 |
| Fixture Id | 2468631 |
| Fixture | Old Georgians 2 (M) 4 : 1 Ipswich 1 (M) |
| Venue | St Georges College - Pitch 1 |
| Association | England Hockey |
| Notes | Game switched from 4th to 3rd as agreed by both teams |
| DBS Req | N |
| Date created | 11-07-2023 at 09:46 |
| Created by | Elaine LEITHEAD |

Men's Over 65's Masters Hockey

Following this first meeting of the Over 65's Men in Winchester last month, so further dates and competitions have been arranged by the Manager Colin James. These are Sunday 7th April, 14th April, 12th May and 9th June, (and of course the tournament on weekend of 15th and 16th June at Richmond).

A friendly fixture against Amersham and Chalfont Grand Masters has been arranged on 7th April between 12:00 and 14:00. Colin is also trying to arrange a fixture against an LX side on 9th June and in Southampton area on 12th May. (14th April is a reserve date.)

If you qualify and wish to take part in the Trials please contact Colin James

cjames555@hotmail.co.uk



Hockey 5's Easter Tournament

Registration is now open for the inaugural Marlow Hockey5s Easter Tournament. This is a unique opportunity to experience a new and exciting format of outdoor hockey. Here is the key information so you can share the information and start those conversations with club colleagues and team mates.

The FIH has produced an introduction to Hockey5s video ahead of the inaugural World Cup held in Oman - here's the link on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nro0ODhNF38>

It will be a fun tournament, played on 2 adjacent pitches at Marlow Hockey Club, Pound Lane. Games will be 10 minutes one way and teams of 10 can use rolling substitutions to keep 5 players on the pitch at any one time. The tournament will be a round robin format, with 8 teams all playing each other. The morning tournament will start at 10am (with warm up time on the pitch from 9am) and finish at 12:45pm. The afternoon tournament will start at 1:30pm (with warm up time on the pitch from 12:45pm) and finish at 4:15pm.

There will be a DJ playing during the intervals between games and there will be trophies for winning teams in all categories. The registration fee per team is £180 and we would prefer to limit the number of teams in each category to 1 per Club. We also welcome entries from scratch teams and corporate teams.

The tournament includes 6 categories, which take place either in the morning or afternoon as follows:

Friday 29 March

U16 Girls (morning)

U16 Boys (afternoon)

Saturday 30 March

Adult Women - For players/teams no higher than South Central Women's Division 3 or equivalent (morning)

Adult Men – For players/teams no higher than South Central Men's Division 5 or equivalent (afternoon)

Monday 1 April

Women, open category (morning)

Men, open category (afternoon)

Delivering a safe tournament will be our priority; we will be providing a first aider on site to attend to any injuries that might occur. Hockey5s is a faster game than outdoor, with different rules compared to both indoor and outdoor hockey. We will provide a rules briefing for all teams at the start of the tournament and all our EH registered and assessed umpires will have had Hockey5s training prior to the tournament.

There will be a BBQ and players will be able to buy meal vouchers (including a vegetarian option) at a discounted price of £7.50 when registering. There will also be other food and drink available to buy close to the pitch.

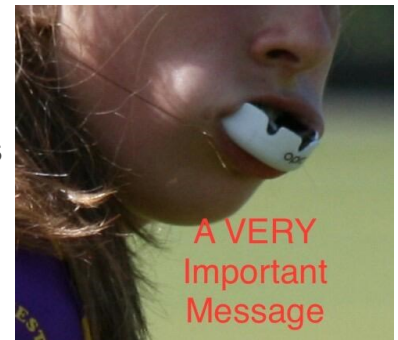
We look forward to seeing you in Marlow at Easter! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask via email hockey5smarlow@gmail.com



Safety equipment in Hockey

Recently a young lady had a near miss when a hockey ball hit her face. These are the words of her mother after the incident which has been posted on our social media channels:

Hi everyone, I'm Zazie, mum of Charlii Carter in the blacks. Yesterday, as many of you know, Charlii was injured in the In2 hockey tournament.



A sideline hit that was intended to be hit very hard cross pitch ended up in the air and hitting Charlii on the upper lip at 5 yard range. She has a nasty injury on the inside of her mouth - her upper lip has basically split on the inside causing a deep gash 4cm long almost to the outer skin. Sorry for the gruesome details, but A&E told me they have no doubt that if she wasn't wearing a decent gum shield she would have lost multiple teeth.

Fortunately, I forked out £50 on an Opro custom-fit gum shield with enhanced protection this season. At first she resisted wearing it as it felt big and uncomfortable but it has saved her teeth. I am sending this message because I watch the girls playing hockey a lot, and I see so many of them wearing loose fitting gum shields that they have hanging half chewed out of their mouths as they're running / playing. I urge you to please get them ones more appropriate for the level of play they are at now. As much as Charlii is suffering right now and looks like she's had a Botox accident, it could have been a different story. Zazie

Buckingham HC in EuroHockey Indoor Action

Buckingham ladies team have recently returned from representing England in the 2024 EuroHockey Indoor Club Championships held in Turkey. This was a tough task for the club who were asked by England Hockey to step up when Repton HC dropped out. Finishing 8th out of 10 which means England will be represented in the Trophy next season.



The support of the hockey community given to the club was gratefully received and Club coach Kevin Mayles has been keen to repay the support that has been given. With this in mind he has arranged to run a seminar session at the start of next season when coaches are starting to plan and think about the indoor season 2025/2025 to help them by sharing Buckingham's experiences.

Kevin has got lots of video from the tournament that can be used which he will put together something valuable over the close season.

Marlow HC are keen to host something face to face, which is central for the South Central Hockey area. Dates will be published as soon as they become available.



Governance

Selection Exemption Pass

We would like to remind all clubs of the benefit of the Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) (clause 8.6 of the Area Adult League Regulations). An SXP allows for a proactive, collaborative approach between the clubs and the league to determine BEFORE a match is played whether a selection fits within the Fair Selection rules. The league regulations cannot possibly specify every single instance where a selection may need to occur that may be deemed unfair by the league or your opposition. The onus is on the club to understand whether a discussion is required and to instigate the process with their league officials.

There are already many good examples across South Central where this has been used to a positive outcome but there are also situations where an SXP not being used is to the detriment of the clubs involved. The simple guidance is, if you have ANY doubt, ask.

governance@southcentral.hockey



Umpire Registration - Hockey Hub



Calling all umpires to register on EH Hockey Hub (<https://hockeyhub.englishhockey.co.uk/>). We recognise that umpires you have to be registered on GMS but can we ask you to also register on Hockey Hub as the two systems are not linked. This is for two reasons. Firstly, for your benefit, this gives you access to a huge amount of resources regarding your development and that of others that you may be coaching. Secondly, it gives South Central access to club level umpire data which will in turn allow us to create data based plans to help this critical area of the game.

Thank you in advance for your support in this area.

