



Finance Update

League Rule Associated with Teas

Match teas are an integral part of the Hockey society and culture and sadly since Covid the culture of sitting down with your opposition after a game and chatting at many clubs seems to have been lost by many teams.

The league rule says if a captain does not inform the opposition captain by Wednesday night prior to the game and the team does not stay and consume teas from the home team have a right to charge the opposition for the wasted food. As a Captain myself I have probably only had two captains through the season contacting me to say they are either not staying for tea or they are staying for tea. This has resulted sadly in a significant food wastage at our Hockey Club and I am sure it is the same in many other clubs around the South Central Area



Firstly as a community this is unacceptable to have food wastage for obvious reasons and secondly it is against the spirit and the culture of our beloved sport cannot be communicative and work with opposition captains and clubs in a proactive way .

Umpires Expenses

If you have not been paid your claimed umpire expense that is because the Finance Director does not have your Bank Details. Please send them to finance@southcentral.hockey. The details did not get automatically transferred from old systems to the GMS.



Mike Ward

A date has been agreed with Bournemouth HC (Mike Ward's local hockey club) that we will hold a celebration of the life of Mike Ward on **May 13th 2022**, at their Chaplegate home ground, at the Bournemouth University Clubhouse complex.

Address: Christchurch Road, East Parley BH23 6BL



The general arrival time will be around 1:00pm for 1:30pm. There will be a buffet etc.

There will be an optional dress code for men to consider wearing a jacket (ideally blazer) with a hockey tie, in a tribute to Mike. The event will give the opportunity for hockey groups that Mike was associated with, and possibly individuals to say a few words, as appropriate. This event is open to anyone in the "hockey family" who knew Mike, so please feel free to pass on the details to anyone you think would like to attend.

Masters Hockey Trials

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **John Stuart** (chair.masters@southcentral.hockey) to the position of Chair of South Central Masters. The position covers all aspects of Masters Hockey for the region; Mens and Women's, league and regional age group teams. We will introduce John and his vision for Masters Hockey in the region a little more in the next news letter, but John has a wealth of experience with Masters Hockey at club, regional and international level and he is looking forward to working with the team and clubs to make South Central the Strongest Masters Region in the country.



There is much to do to build a truly representative South Central Masters Committee but John's primary focus for the next month or two will be to establish as many regional representative teams across the age groups as possible to represent the South Central Region in the new 8 Region competitions taking place over the next few months. John accepts that while we are trying to establish full South Central teams at all age groups, this will not necessarily be achievable this year and some age groups will merge and some age groups we will look to retain a South team with combined SC and SE representation

Regional Team organisers have been found for some age groups but not all, and work is underway to establish selection/trial days. Please contact your age group organiser ASAP to confirm arrangements. Contacts, competition date and venue and potential trial dates are as follows:

Women's:

Ov35 - TBC	chair.masters@southcentral.hockey	14/15 May Bedford
Ov40 - Jenny Evans	jennyevans_2000@yahoo.com	21/22 May Wakefield
Ov45 - Alice Dyson	alicedyson77@gmail.com	11/12 June Worcester
Ov50 - Jane Clarke	jclarke31@btinternet.com	14/15 May Nottingham
Ov55 - Jude Ross	jude65@me.com	21/22 May Timperley
Ov60 - Libby Mound	williammound@sky.com	11/12 June London Wayfarers
Ov65 - TBC	chair.masters@southcentral.hockey	21/22 May Sheffield

Men's:

Ov35 - Pagey Page	pagey319@sky.com	21/22 May Nottingham
Ov40 - TBC	chair.masters@southcentral.hockey	11/12 June Southgate
Ov45 - Jez Spicer	ism.gk.coaching@gmail.com	21/22 May TBC
Ov50 - TBC -	chair.masters@southcentral.hockey	11/12 June Wakefield
Ov55 - Steve Mills	steven.mills@nunki.co.uk	21/22 Old Loughtonians

Ov60 - Steve Mills	steven.mills@nunki.co.uk	11/12 June Woking
Ov65 - Steve Mills	steven.mills@nunki.co.uk	11/12 June Timperley
Ov70 - Des Legg	deslegg@yahoo.co.uk	11/12 June Silhillians
		20 Apr 22 - 10:30 to 12:30 Basingstoke HC
Ov75 - TBC	chair.masters@southcentral.hockey	15 June Silhillians

**30 Carshalton Rd, Woodmansterne,
Banstead SM7 3HR**

Adult Leagues

As the season draws to an exciting close there are still a number of issues that could affect teams being promoted/relegated:

1. We are waiting for confirmation as to what team (if any) come down to South from EHL
2. A number of teams have exceeded the amount of walkovers they can have in a season (before being removed from their division), the ALMC will be meeting this week to discuss how we apply sanctions, if any
3. Teams being promoted have the right to refuse promotion so the next placed team will go up instead.

There now follows the potential promotion and relegation from each adult league, subject to the points list above.

Please review the current table with clubs on the South Central Website www.southcentral.hockey

Men's Leagues

The leagues for 2022/2023 season are being re-shaped to provide as many leagues as possible with 12 teams. As a result the promotions and relegations this season will reflect that aim which will also look to balance the leagues in terms of abilities.

South Premier 1

One team promoted, one team relegated to South Premier 2

South Premier 2

Two teams promoted to South Premier 1, one team relegated to either North Division 1 or South Division 1

North Division 1

One team promoted to South Premier 2, two teams relegated to North Division 2



South Division 1

One team promoted to South Premier 2, one team relegated to South Division 2

North Division 2

Two teams promoted to North Division 1, two teams relegated to North Division 3

South Division 2

Two teams promoted, and two teams relegated to South Division 3

North Division 3

Two teams promoted to North Division 2, two teams relegated to North Division 4

South Division 3

Four teams promoted to South Division 2, two teams relegated to South Division 4

North Division 4

Two teams promoted to North Division 3, two teams relegated to North Division 5

South Division 4

Four teams promoted to South Division 3 and two teams relegated to South Division 5

North Division 5

Two teams promoted to North Division 4 and two team relegated into either Cherwell Division 1 or Thames Division 1 depending on their location

South Division 5

Four teams promoted to South Division 4 and two teams relegated to either Solent 1 or Forest 1 depending on their location

Cherwell Division 1

One team promoted to North Division 5, two teams relegated to Cherwell Division 2

Thames Division 1

One team promoted to North Division 5, one team relegated to Thames Division 2



Women's Leagues



Solent Division 1

Two teams promoted to South Division 5, two teams relegated to Solent Division 2

Forest Division 1

Two teams promoted to South Division 5, two teams relegated to Forest Division 2

Forest Division 2

One team promoted to Forest Division 1, no relegations

Solent Division 2

Four teams promoted to Solent Division 1, no relegations

Thames Division 2

Four teams promoted to Thames Division 1, one team relegated to Thames Division 3

Cherwell Division 2

Three teams promoted to Cherwell Division 1, two teams relegated to Cherwell Division 3

Cherwell Division 3

Three teams promoted to Cherwell Division 2, no relegations

Thames 3

Four teams promoted Thames 2, one team relegated to Thames 4

Thames 4

Two Teams promoted to Thames 3, no relegations

Premier 1

One team promoted, one team relegated to Premier 2

Premier 2

Two teams promoted to Premier 1, one team relegated to either South 1 or North 1 depending on their location

South Division 1

One team promoted to Premier 2, two teams relegated South Division 2

North Division 1

One team promoted to Premier 2, two teams relegated to North Division 2

South Division 2

Three teams promoted to South Division 1 and two teams relegated to either Forest 1 or Solent 1 depending on their location

North Division 2

Two teams promoted to North Division 1 and two teams relegated to North Division 3

North Division 3

Two teams promoted to North Division 2 and two teams relegated to either Cherwell Division 1 or Thames Division 1 depending on their location



Forest Division 1

Two teams Promoted to South 2 and two teams relegated to Forest 2

Solent Division 1

One team promoted to South Division 2 and one team relegates to Solent Division 2

Cherwell Division 1

One team promoted to North Division 3 and two teams relegated to Cherwell Division 2

Thames Division 1

One team promoted to North Division 3 and two teams relegated to Thames Division 2

Forest Division 2

Two teams promoted to Forest Division 1 and one team relegated to Forest Division 3

Solent Division 2

Five teams promoted to Solent Division 1, no relegations

Cherwell Division 2

Three teams promoted to Cherwell Division 1 and two teams relegated to Cherwell Division 3

Thames Division 2

Three teams promoted to Thames Division 1 and two teams relegated to Thames Division 3

Forest Division 3

One team promoted, no relegations

Solent Division 3

Six teams will be promoted to Solent Division 2. There will be no Solent 3 in 2022/2023

Cherwell Division 3

Three teams promoted to Cherwell Division 2 and two teams relegated to Cherwell Division 4

Thames Division 3

Three teams promoted to Thames Division 2 and two teams relegated to Thames Division 4

Cherwell Division 4

Three teams promoted to Cherwell Division 3, no relegations

Thames Division 4

Four teams promoted to Cherwell Division 3, no relegations



Clarification

Accompanying this newsletter are two spreadsheets which outline the Area League pyramid described above and on preceding pages.

If you seek further information this can be obtained by emailing your league secretaries or the Chair of Adult leagues, Richard Wood
chair.adultleague@southcentral.hockey

Area Officiating Committee

As I write we are heading to the last week of league games for the current season. Many promotion or relegation battles have already been resolved, but there are still more to decide in the coming week. As officials we need to ensure that we maintain our sharp focus on delivering the best hockey matches that players can play – so that the results best reflect their efforts throughout the season.

The fact that we have managed to get this far through the season is mainly due to the huge amounts of hard work put in by your committee – so many thanks to them all for going well above and beyond in order to get us this far through the season. Thanks also to everyone who has undertaken officiating duties this season – whether you've umpired only a single game, or have undertaken multiple appointments each weekend across officiating, coaching and development. My thanks to each and every one of you. Without you we simply would not have managed a full season of hockey in the new organisation.



Umpire Development across the Area

We still also need to keep making an effort to develop new umpires and, as mentioned in previous newsletters, we in South Central have a Level 1 Assessment manager (Ray Hipkin) who can provide advice and guidance on how to develop umpires and help to get them through the assessment process. Ray has a number of documents that he can send you (we will also get them on the South Central website - www.southcentral.hockey) and then we can all start to plan development activities and assessments around all of our other officiating activities.

As previously, if you want help with sourcing an assessor for a Level 1 assessment then please let Ray know, with as much notice as possible (ray@rayhipkin.co.uk). Ray will also be able to help if you wish to discuss how best to prepare for a Level 1 assessment.

We can also offer more tailored support to clubs – simply contact the Club Liaison Officer (Rowena Shepherd) and tell her what your requirements are and we will see what we can arrange. Given the appearance of summer league games in the not too distant future we may be able to bring coaches to support umpire development in the sunny summer evenings, as long as we have plenty of notice and also have coaches available! Please get in touch as soon as you can.

Development

If you want to join the development process please let Ginette know, by registering for her Development group. To register go to www.umpiredev.co.uk, select “Information for Individual Umpires” and scroll down to find the Development Group button. You should be a Gold member of England Hockey Officiating in order to benefit best from the development opportunities which are available.

As always South Central officials have been joining in with the #ThirdTeam family via the FHUmpires set up – both on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/FHumpires>) and the FHUmpires Discord server (www.fhumpires.com/Discord). If none of that makes any sense to you then ask – otherwise come on over and join us on the interweb thingy. We will shortly be putting a list of useful umpire education resources on the South Central website – watch this space!

We are also in the process of taking out a corporate membership of FHUmpires – a red membership of flu3t for those of you in the know. We will be working out how best to use these resources in consultation with the Club Liaison Lead and the Development Lead.

But, in the meantime, if you want to see some of the freely available material from FHUmpires then head over to their YouTube channel

England Hockey Officiating

The membership fees for EHO should now have been collected, or be in the process of being collected; noting, of course, that Bronze membership is free!

Another reminder that anyone who umpires, or will umpire, any game of hockey needs to register to be a member of EHO, at the Bronze (free) level if you don't wish to undertake appointments. If you are umpiring club games, or school games, or any other kind of hockey matches, you do need to be a registered member of EHO.

If you haven't already registered then please go to:

<https://gms.englishockey.co.uk/>

Select Register, Choose Officiating and go from there. Looking forward to seeing the numbers registered for South Central with EHO increasing, especially now that the teething troubles with registration seem to have largely been resolved.

For those of you who can't remember if you have registered or no, or who can't remember which membership level you chose, please get in touch and we can check the records for South Central. Sadly there doesn't yet seem to be a way to verify your membership level via GMS.

Area Officiating AGM

We are getting towards that time of year! The Area AGM is will be held on 14th July 2022 so the Area Officiating Committee AGM (more properly called the England Hockey Officiating South Central Branch AGM!) will on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 19.30. A calling notice was emailed to all registered Umpires on 31st March with, joining instructions, how to nominate people for positions on the committee, what the voting process will be, and so on.

If you'd like to help then either get in touch now, or think about putting yourself forward when the AGM comes around. We always need new people to help run the organisation.

Website

We've updated the South Central officiating website: (<https://southcentral.englishockey.co.uk/officiating>) with new pictures of umpires from within South Central. Many thanks for Helen Ritchie for allowing us to use pictures from her website: <https://www.helenritchiephotography.co.uk/>. The pictures were all taken around Reading Hockey Club so if you want us to use pictures taken elsewhere then please let us know and send in the pictures.

Match Results

Results can be found at:

www.southcentral.hockey and click on the link in the top right hand corner where you can see all the leagues in our area

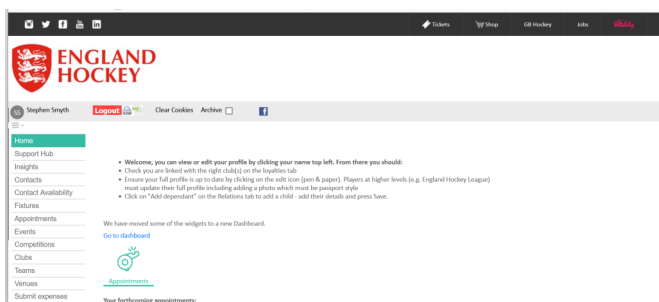
Social Media

Social media sites for the South Central Area are:

<https://twitter.com/SouthCentralHo2>

<https://www.facebook.com/South-Central-Hockey-109636851265443>

<https://www.instagram.com/southcentralhockey/>



Club Liaison



Rowena and her team are doing sterling work to build a better hockey community throughout South Central, but are still struggling to

compile a complete list of Club Umpire Liaison Officers and a list of Club Umpire Developers. Please make sure that Rowena knows the details of these important post holders for your club.

We have recently developed a document, aimed mainly at Club Umpire Developers, with some advice and guidance on how to manage, and protect, young umpires so that they develop and maintain their umpiring careers and are not put off umpiring for life. The document will be appearing on the South Central website shortly and we will also try to send it out directly to Club Umpire Developers, where we have their contact details.

Rules Refresher

9.13 Players must not tackle unless in a position to play the ball without body contact. Reckless play, such as sliding tackles and other overly physical challenges by field players, which take an opponent to ground and which have the potential to cause injury should attract appropriate match and personal penalties.

9.14 Players must not intentionally enter the goal their opponents are defending or run behind either goal.



Operations

South Central Hockey AGM



The South Central Hockey Ltd second AGM will take place online on **Thursday 14th July 2022 at 19:00**. Invitations will be sent out together with reports from each department in good time by England Hockey. Please mark this date in your calendars. At the AGM two Directors will be required to stand down and/or be re-elected . So if you would like to be considered for the Board please send your expressions of interest to operations@southcentral.hockey and a job description can be sent to you

Roles are:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Finance
- Governance,
- Operations