



# SPEAKING FOR HOCKEY IN THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

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*Back for the second half of the season and all to play for.*

Don't forget to check out the latest results and league tables at

<https://gms.england.co.uk/fixtures-and-results>

## WHERE HAVE ALL OUR OFFICIALS GONE?

Hopefully it's a longer than anticipated Christmas break but we appear to have "lost" some umpires!

Please come back and make yourselves available and if you haven't yet joined in, please, please do get involved.

Contact Chris Butler on

[appts.umpires@southeast.hockey](mailto:appts.umpires@southeast.hockey)

Or Philip Hook on

[ehrep.umpires@southeast.hockey](mailto:ehrep.umpires@southeast.hockey)



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contribution to our  
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# HOCKEY ROUNDUP

## **WANTED: Junior Umpire Lead for South East Hockey**

The main aspects of the role are:

- To recruit and educate young umpires, provide opportunities for their development and progress to Adult League and Competitions appointments.
- To work closely with the Appointments and Development Teams in making appointments and to offer support and coaching to Junior Umpires
- To be a part of the Officiating Team, take part in meetings and other activities

In the first instance please contact Paul Shackman, Officiating Chair on [officials.chair@southeast.hockey](mailto:officials.chair@southeast.hockey)

Please give details of why you would be suitable for this role and what experience you would bring to it.

## **CAN WE HELP TO DEVELOP YOUR CLUB UMPIRES?**

Do you have umpires that are looking to take the next step and secure their Level 1? We can help and are only an email away.

If this is your club then please contact: Philip Hook on [ehrep.umpires@southeast.hockey](mailto:ehrep.umpires@southeast.hockey)

## **CONTACTING OFFICIALS BEFORE A GAME**

A very few clubs are letting the rest down by not contacting their officials in the week prior to a game.

This is really unhelpful and is likely to lead to your officials being withdrawn from your game

Thanks to the vast majority of clubs who are up to speed and always do the right thing.

Thank you.

## **JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Can you help out by umpiring on the following dates?

March 13th  
April 10th  
May 1st  
May 8th  
May 15th  
May 22nd

We will need a number of umpires on each of these dates so whatever help you can offer will be gratefully received.

Contact Chris Butler on [appts.umpires@southeast.hockey](mailto:appts.umpires@southeast.hockey) for additional information.

# ● ADULT COMPETITIONS UPDATE

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## **PROMOTION AND RELEGATION – THE POSITION IS COMPLEX!**

As we approach the end of the season, whilst there are a few divisions with clear leaders, there are many divisions with just one or two points between the top teams.

When it comes to how many teams will be promoted and relegated the picture is quite complex. What is certain is that the top team in the Premier Division will be promoted into the National League and the top teams in Division 1 East and West will move into the Premier Division but as yet we can't be certain on how many teams will be relegated as this is going to depend on whether any South East Area teams are relegated from the National League. As a minimum two teams will be relegated from the Premier Division and two from Divisions 1 but it is possible that it may be more. And when it comes to Martlets, Oaks and Invicta the picture becomes even more complex – again the teams which win the top division will be promoted into Division 1 East or West – but beyond that it is difficult to say what will happen. This is partly due to the way the geography of the area works but we have also been impacted by teams withdrawing during this season so we will need to look at trying to make sure each division has 12 or 10 teams for next season.

We hope all games will be completed by the end of April – the last spare dates are 23rd and 30th April. Clubs will need to confirm whether they want to withdraw a team or add a new team by 31st May. It may be only at that point that we will be able to confirm the make up of

the Martlets, Oaks and Invicta divisions.

Just a reminder about one of the Fair Play rules:

## **6. LAST 4 FIXTURES OF THE COMPETITION**

6.1 For a team's last four matches in any Division in the League season as well as complying with the above a player playing for a team lower than a club's 1st XI must have played a minimum of 50% of the League matches they have played in that season for the team they are selected for, or a lower team.

This rule is there to stop teams loading lower teams at the end of the season to either gain promotion or avoid relegation. It is really important to ensure fair play so please stick to it!

## **PROGRESS OF GMS**

We have all been facing challenges with GMS this season! There is now increased use of the team sheet functionality and we know lots of clubs are busy getting players registered. This has been a transition season – next season the hope is that GMS will be fully functional and will be used across all leagues. This means the more you can do now to encourage players to register the better – once a player is registered there is no need to register again so getting players onto GMS this season will save admin at the beginning of next season! Please make sure that you continue to add team contacts – there are still quite a few missing which makes match day administration challenging.

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# ADULT COMPETITIONS UPDATE

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## VOLUNTEERING

At the moment the Adult Leagues are overseen by seven volunteer Divisional Representatives – they act as the first point of contact for queries, check clubs are entering results, update GMS with changes and generally make sure everything is running smoothly. With seven volunteers overseeing 41 leagues that's a heavy burden and so we are keen to recruit more divisional representatives to help out. If you are interested please get in touch.

With the launch of the South East website we hope to be able to publish more news updates. **If there are any budding journalists out there please get in touch** - whether it's a match report or an in depth feature on your club it would be great to have lots of news reports on the new site.

## INDOOR HOCKEY

The area qualifier for the Super 6s was held in December. Unfortunately it was heavily impacted by Covid but Knole Park won the Women's qualifier and Woking went through as the Men's representative.

Congratulations to Knole Park for then going on to gain promotion to the next level. It would be great if more teams could be involved next season - so early dates for your diary are **Sunday 11th December and 18th December** when we will be running next season's qualifying.

## SUMMER HOCKEY

One of the roles of the Adult League Area Management Committee is to oversee all adult hockey competitions in the South East. We know that there are some informal summer leagues in the area - that's great and very much to be encouraged - but if you are running a league it would be helpful to know in case there are any questions so if you could provide details to us that would be helpful. This is just for information only and in case we receive any queries from clubs interested in joining a summer league.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the season.

**Julie Bradshaw**

Chair - Adult Competitions  
on behalf of the ALMC

LOG IN!  
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## SOUTH EAST HOCKEY WEBSITE

The good news is that the South East website is now live. Find it at:

<https://southeast.englishhockey.co.uk>

It's brand new and needs developing so what do you want to see? Please send ideas to [chair.officials@southeast.hockey](mailto:chair.officials@southeast.hockey)

## FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Are YOU media savvy and got something to say?

We are looking for someone with the knowledge and expertise to help us create a social media presence.

If that is you, then please make contact [chair.officials@southeast.hockey](mailto:chair.officials@southeast.hockey) and explain why YOU are the person we are seeking.

# ● SOUTH EAST HOCKEY INDOOR REPORT

## ● 2021-2022

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The inaugural indoor season was completed successfully despite many initial obstacles, such as venue availability and lack of GMS support, so the appointments were planned and executed old school style on spreadsheets and emails.

Twenty different umpires supported the eleven events that we officiated at, which included the schools and clubs U16 and U18 regional qualifiers and the women's senior regional finals.

We were blighted by late drop outs by some teams and we didn't have a men's regional finals tournament due to a series of late withdrawals.

Nevertheless, we always had sufficient umpires to support each event as well as having Debbie Garner and Jackie Gibbs offering their valuable coaching expertise to the umpiring teams.

We have been working hard with the schools in terms of planning the indoor events for the next season, so there will be better notice of dates and venues. The GMS system should be fully functional for the indoor appointments process, so everything will be a lot smoother.

Congratulations are due to some of our team :

- Graeme Cooke for progressing to Level 3 indoor
- James Rollins for umpiring the National U18 Schools Boys Final and getting to Level 3 indoor
- Campbell Reeman for getting to Level 3 indoor and progressing straight to the NPUA A Panel in his first season of indoor hockey

Thank you to those umpires that dropped in at late notice and showed great flexibility, enthusiasm and talent in the first indoor season under the new structure.

Special thanks are due to Debbie Garner and Jackie Gibbs for working so hard with me to share the burden of selection, appointments, admin and sourcing venues.

We wouldn't have had an indoor season without them.

**Julian Warburton**

South East Indoor Hockey Coordinator



# DEVELOPMENT TEAM

*By now most appointed umpires, at least those who have been on the panels for the whole season, will have been assessed and/or coached.*

We have a small core team of Jane Binner, Gary Stent, John Moss, Philip Hook and Sarah Chapman. Philip & Sarah are taking the lead on the day-to-day management of umpires. Philip is responsible for Level 1 and Sarah for Level 2. Gary is responsible for developing the skills of all our coaches and assessors.

The Development team continue with their program of Coaching and Assessing of ALL our SE Umpires. At the start of 21/22 season we set out an ambitious plan to carry out 2 watching's per umpire (Coaching and/or Assessment). So far, a total of 204 watchings have been made (120 Assessments and 84 Coaching's) which is a huge achievement. We are extremely grateful to our dedicated Assessor and Coaching team who have made all this possible.

For the umpires still waiting for their assessment, these should be carried out over the remaining weeks of the season. Thank you for your patience.

We do hope you find that helpful. If you have not been assessed/coached and you want to be please let us know on [dev.umpires@southeast.hockey](mailto:dev.umpires@southeast.hockey)

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## CONGRATULATIONS

- We are pleased to report that 10 promotions have been made so far; we have four umpires on the NPUA reserve list and one umpire has been promoted to NPUA. Congratulations to them all as they progress with their Umpire pathway.

Congratulations to the following Umpires:

### NPUA panel\*

Annette Golding

### Panel A – Level 2 Ladies

Karen Stevenson

Michael Coates

Anthony Schweitzer

Paul Meehan

### Panel B\* Level 2 Ladies

Gihan Thabrew

### Panel A Level 2 Men

Malcolm Wain

Richard Gibson Brown

### Panel B\* Level 2 Men

Adrian Russell-Smith

Tom Spinks



We have also been working closely with Clubs to review their L1 unassessed umpires. So far 15 Club Umpires have passed their L1 assessments and are now Level 1 assessed umpires, with two club umpires taking SE Hockey neutral appointments. Our congratulations to the Umpires who have passed and a big thank you to the Clubs for the support they have given.

# INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY MAKES A LONG AWAITED RETURN

England's senior men and women have a numbers of tournaments and fixtures to look forward to this year, with the latter building up to competing in their World Cup in July, where they will be aiming to win their first medal at the event since 2010.

Both teams will be then looking to secure more pieces of silverware at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham just a couple of weeks later. Each side won bronze at the 2018 Games in Australia's Gold Coast but will be hoping to finish higher up on the podium in front of what promises to be an adoring home crowd.

England's women will also have plenty of home support when they contest the EuroHockey Championship Qualifiers in August. That event is taking place at Durham University's Maiden Castle, the first time that senior international hockey matches will be held in that region of the country.

This all follows on from both teams participating in their first FIH Hockey Pro League campaigns between February-June, as they take the place of Great Britain for the 2021/22 season. They start with a series of away fixtures before four big weekends of hockey are held in London in May and June. The first sets of visitors will be Canada and South Africa's men and China and Spain's women on 21-22 and 28-29 May. After the success of Big Stadium Hockey in 2019, the FIH Hockey Pro League will return to Harlequins' Twickenham Stoop again this year when England's double header against The Netherlands is hosted there on 4-5 June. Finally, both sides then play Belgium at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in what promises to be a thrilling climax to the league.

The U21 teams are set to return to action in 2022 too, after the men couldn't take part in the Junior World Cup last year due to Covid-related travel restrictions while the women's event was postponed. Both teams are scheduled to compete in the Junior EuroHockey Championships in Belgium between 24-30 July, with the men hoping to repeat or even improve upon their stunning silver medal from 2019. The aforementioned Women's World Cup could also be re-arranged to be contested this year, although this is still very much TBC.

England's masters teams will also return to international action, with Nottingham playing host to the men's and women's O35s and O40s World Cups in August. The men's and women's O45s, O50s and O55s World Cups will be contested in South Africa in October before the men's O60s, O65s, O70s, O75s and O80s World Cups will take place in Japan.

For tickets contact England Hockey.

# EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

England Hockey is committed to the principles of fair treatment for everyone, embracing differences and creating a culture where everyone is welcome. We recognise that there is much that can be done to ensure our sport is diverse and to help us achieve this we have established an Advisory Group to contribute to our Strategy, Action Plan and future initiatives.

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Advisory Group has brought together expert representatives to support and advise on the future development, implementation and evaluation of our ED&I work.

England Hockey recognises a need to evolve continuously to successfully embed ED&I in all that we do. The Advisory Group will be providing support, advice and assurance on the organisation's journey to deliver changes at all levels of the sport. We are also keen to learn from the other sectors, sports and nations as we develop our plans, policies and best practices. The Advisory Group will review our emerging strategy and contribute to a clear action plan for the England Hockey Board, which will result in improved representation, fair and inclusive policies and practices and a sport that is welcoming to all.

The group's primary duties in this first year will be:

- Analyse and review the results of hockey's recently conducted More Inclusive Sport Survey
- Support, advise and be involved in the

development of a high-level action plan for the sport with endorsement from the England Hockey Board

- Provide oversight and monitoring of the progress made by England Hockey and the sport against the agreed Strategy and Action Plan

The initial term for members is for 12 months, after which the effectiveness shall be reviewed by both the Advisory Group and the Board. This includes a review of membership and relevant skills, any changes considered necessary must be approved by the Board.

Are we in the South East doing enough to make a contribution to this debate and can we develop a strategy that will make a real difference to people in the South East who wish to participate in hockey related activity but currently feel excluded?

If you feel that you have a knowledge and understanding of the issues involved and feel that you could make a difference and help us to develop a strategy then we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Paul Shackman at [officials.chair@southeast.hockey](mailto:officials.chair@southeast.hockey) to start a conversation.





# THE HOCKEY MUSEUM

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## What's On At The Hockey Museum

Find out more about the First XI exhibition currently on display [here](#).



THM employs two professional staff who oversee the diverse work of an enthusiastic team of volunteers. Its collection is a unique, fascinating and free resource for the hockey community and wider public.

## Visiting The Hockey Museum

**13 The High Street, Woking,  
Surrey, GU21 6BL**

Week Day	Opening Hours
Monday	Closed (appointment only)
Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday	Closed (appointment only)
Friday	Closed (appointment only)
Saturday	Closed (appointment only)
Sunday	Closed (appointment only)

The Museum is not currently open to the public at weekends.

To arrange a visit to THM outside of these official opening hours, please email the Curator, Mike Smith, using the contact form or phone 07718 385804 prior to visiting.

## Getting there

THM is located in the heart of Woking Town Centre resulting in excellent access to public transport. They are located just minutes from Woking's bus and train stations. There's parking nearby, but direct access to THM is problematic due to restricted vehicular access to High Street. See their [website](#) for further information about getting there and making a donation to the museum's collections.

## Accessibility

In spite of the vehicular access restrictions along High Street, the road enjoys recently renovated pedestrian access with wide, flat pavements.

THM recognises that its current premises is not ideally suited to disabled access and is pursuing avenues to improve access to and within its premises.



# INTRODUCING THE TEAM FROM THE SOUTH EAST

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**The Area will have five “operational” committees working under the guidance of the Directors.**

## Officiating

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## Junior Leagues and Competitions

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