

SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

First month of league hockey under South Central Area

We have just completed our first full two weekends of league hockey! The first since lockdown was declared 18 months ago. Its amazing how fit everyone kept to start the new league season. That often seemed a long way away as we went through the pains of GMS delivery, which are still ongoing, but we managed to get out there and play real league hockey – played under bright sunshine, pouring rain and everything in between, and boy did it pore down in the second, with a number of games being called off during the match for safety reasons.



From the officiating side we appointed to something like 45 matches, some even with development support for the umpires. A massive thanks, therefore, go to the appointing team, lead by Allan Notman, and the development team lead by Ginette Tessier, for getting people to matches. Thanks also to the teams for looking after the officials and making them generally feel welcome and a part of the process. Several people doubled up to cover two matches, or even more when adding in club games too. A fantastic effort all round.

Our apologies if you were expecting umpires but they weren't available. The enrolment into EHO has also caused some problems, meaning that some umpires weren't able to enter their availability and, hence, get appointments.

Many of you will have umpired for your clubs, often doing multiple matches. Many thanks to you too, for keeping the league matches happening right across the Area.

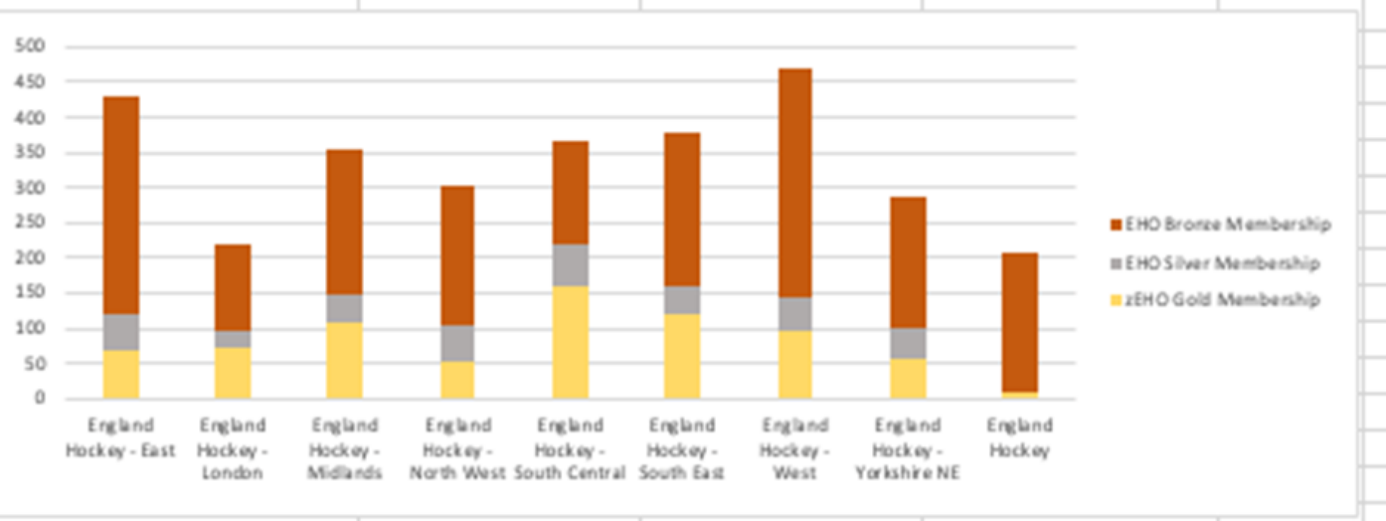


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England Hockey Officiating

Our latest tally for the South Central membership of EHO (as of the end of September) seems to be:

| Count of Type | Column Labels | | | |
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| Row Labels | zEHO Gold Membership | EHO Silver Membership | EHO Bronze Membership | Grand Total |
| England Hockey - East | 69 | 53 | 309 | 431 |
| England Hockey - London | 72 | 26 | 121 | 219 |
| England Hockey - Midlands | 107 | 39 | 210 | 356 |
| England Hockey - North West | 53 | 52 | 197 | 302 |
| England Hockey - South Central | 160 | 58 | 149 | 367 |
| England Hockey - South East | 122 | 36 | 220 | 378 |
| England Hockey - West | 98 | 44 | 327 | 469 |
| England Hockey - Yorkshire NE | 57 | 44 | 187 | 288 |
| England Hockey | 9 | 1 | 197 | 207 |
| Grand Total | 747 | 353 | 1917 | 3017 |



So with around 160 umpires taking the Gold membership we hope, once the difficulties in entering availability have been sorted out, to appoint to more games subject, of course, to availability, match times, and such like.

To anyone who has registered as a Silver member – please be aware that this is for people who are only planning to undertake up to 5 or 6 appointments in a season. IF you want to do more then you should be looking for Gold membership. If you need to change your membership grade then please get in touch.

We currently have around 150 Bronze members, which seems very low for the number of clubs and teams that we have in the Area. A 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 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.

Match Results

Results can be found at:

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

Select the relevant league and date and the results should appear.

We are aware that there may have been some difficulties in entering scores onto the system – hopefully these hiccups will be ironed out as we progress through the season.

02/10/2021

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| Area ▲ | Division ▲ | Home Team ▲ | - ▲ | - ▲ | Away Team ▲ | Venue ▲ |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Bournemouth | | | Reading 2 | Bournemouth Sports Clu |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Milton Keynes | | | Oxford University | Milton Keynes Sports Clu |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Slough | | | Maidenhead | Slough Hockey Club |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Staines 1 | | | Oxford OBU 1 | Staines & Laleham Sport |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Trojans | | | Banbury | Trojans HC |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 1 | Winchester | | | Henley | Kings School (Winchester |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 2 | Eastcote 1 | | | Amersham & Chalfont 1 | Eastcote HC |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 2 | Fareham 2 | | | Oxford Hawks 2 | Henry Cort Community Si |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 2 | Newbury & Thatcham | | | Havant 2 | Trinity School (Newbury) |
| England Hockey - South Central | South Central Men's Premier Division 2 | Oxford University 2 | | | Marlow | Iffley Road Sports Centre |

Expenses

As we speak the officiating expenses policy is being reviewed by the Area Board and we hope to publish shortly.

Once you have officiated at a game you can enter the mileage in the fixture report on GMS. No final total will be shown until the expenses policy has been agreed and added to GMS. Once it has been then the system should automatically update the claims with the relevant amount.



Non-League Matches

The appointing team are also beginning to appoint to other matches – schools games, tournaments and some BUCS games are coming up. We are hoping to get those into GMS soon but, in the meantime, the appointers are having to appoint via e-mail, so please bear with us.

Given a Red Card or MMO – What to do next?

So, you've given a Red Card (RC) or issued a Matchday Misconduct Offence (MMO) and you don't know what to do. Don't worry read this.

(A MMO is an offence committed by a player either before or after a match that would have resulted in a Red Card being given on the match. Sadly, it is normally given for umpire abuse. The same form is used to report a MMO so any references on what to do about Red Cards is the same for MMOs)

A Red Card is a rare event in hockey, most umpires will only give a couple in their entire umpiring careers, so most umpires don't know what happens next.



Firstly, when you give a Red Card make sure that you document what happened, especially the players name and shirt number. Equally important to note down if the person is U18. If abuse has been given, then write down what was said. Don't worry if this delays the game, the person who has got the Red Card needs time to leave the pitch before you restart the game. Remember that the captain has a responsibility to provide you with this information if the player won't or talking to the player is not a good idea!

After the match, take a few minutes to gather your thoughts and complete any notes. At this point it is a good idea to contact the Discipline Team to let you know that a Red Card has been given. Your contacts are

Mark Rutherford: Phone 07966 270259 email: discipline@southcentral.hockey

Alan Dow: Phone 07788 105979 email: vicechair.officiating@southcentral.hockey

Mark is the Area Discipline Administrator (ADA), Alan the Deputy ADA

Next you need to complete the paperwork. Don't worry, there is not a lot of it and it is easy to fill in. The latest version of the form can be found at <https://www.englishockey.co.uk/governance/rules-and-regulations/discipline-and-disrepute/red-cards-and-mmos> download a copy - you could always keep a copy of it in your kit bag, just in case.

Filling in the form is straight forward, in fact England Hockey provide instructions on the same web page. But most of the boxes are easy to fill in. Please give as much information as you can, details about the state of the match are useful to the discipline team.

Having completed it, sign it (if doing it on a computer – just type your name in the relevant box) and send it the ADA and Deputy using the email addresses above. Send a copy to your umpiring colleague for them to add their thoughts – and that is all you have to do.

Social Media

The South Central Area Officiating Committee now has a Twitter account (@SCOfficiating for those in the know). Please follow us as we'll use that as another channel to spread the word about officiating in the South Central Area.

We'll also be working on Facebook and Instagram soon so if you have any relevant images that you'd like to share, or any news items or pieces which may be of interest to the SC officiating community, then please forward them to me (Chair.officiating@southcentral.hockey).

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/>

These are regularly updated. There is a subpage on Facebook for league clubs to discuss issues between themselves. Already clubs have helped each other with traffic issues and and change of fixture times. Keep an eye on this for news that could help yourselves.

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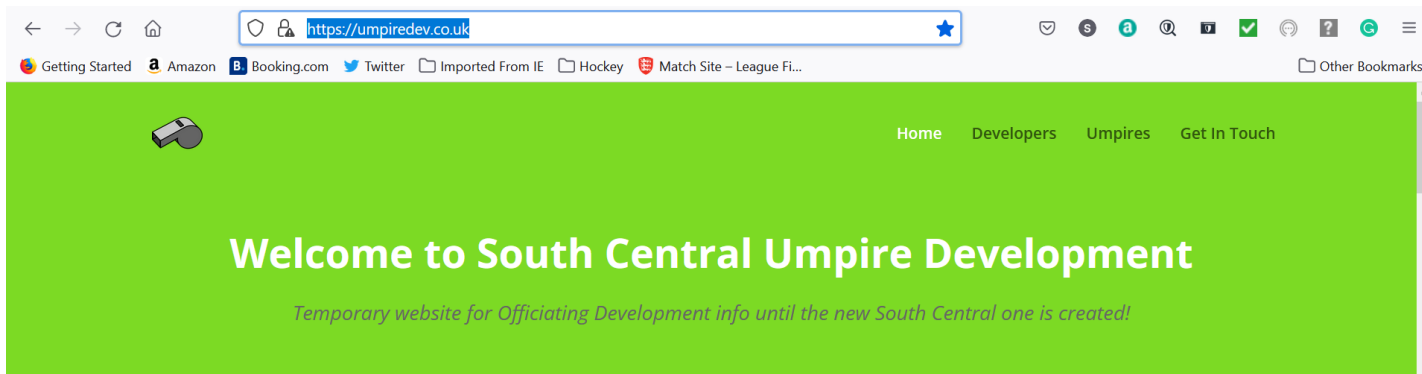
News for those travelling in the South of the area this weekend.
Information from the Highways Agency
We're carrying out deep reconstruction work to the carriageway between junction 9 and 11 on the M27 which will result in weekend closures.
The westbound M27 will be closed between junctions 11 (Gosport) and 9 (Whiteley) from 9.00pm on Friday 24 September until 6.00am on Monday 27 September 2021.

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Developing your Umpiring

No matter what level you are, and which kind of matches you umpire, there are always opportunities to improve. Most clubs will have a Club Umpire Developer, who you can ask for coaching and assistance, or you can contact the Area development team (lead by Ginette Tessier, who can be contacted on leaddeveloper.officiating@southcentral.hockey) and we will see what help we can offer.

Ginnette runs a weekly an Umpire web meeting every Monday evening she calls 'the Monday Mixer'. This can be found on her website: <https://umpiredev.co.uk/>



Everything's a bit of a moveable feast right now ...

If you have a question about umpire development that isn't answered on this website, please get in touch to ask!

Information for Umpire Coaches and
Assessors

Information for Individual Umpires

The Monday Mixer is to discuss anything umpiring related from the weekend and ask for views on the events of the match you officiate

7-7.30pm Developer Debrief: for coaches and assessors only

7.30-8.30pm Monday Mixer: All umpires welcome to talk over questions or queries

Join here:

<https://zoom.umpiredev.co.uk/MondayMixer>

There are many resources available to umpires; the EH Hockey Hub for example has a range of sections to help umpires; there are many Facebook groups dedicated to umpiring (search on Facebook for the Level 1 hockey umpires forum, search for fhumpires on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter; or for Umpires Whistle on Facebook.

If Club Umpire Developers need further assistance then they too should contact the Area to see what assistance is available. We are always keen to help!

And finally...

Our very own Finance Director – James Mitchell, has been training hard during the Covid-19 lockdown and recently completed the London Marathon, running for the charity MenCap.

Here you can see him and his brother at the finish line.

If you would like to support this charity please do by using this link:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=JM_LondonMarathon2021&pageUrl=3

