

SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021

GMS update

It is great to report that progress is being made on the GMS; England Hockey have asked that we start the process of player registration and entering team sheets/ match sheets on GMS for Men's and Ladies Premier Divisions, Top Division only.

We are using the weekend of 30th October, as a trial for teams to gain experience and identify any issues and fine tune the process so that we can go live from Saturday 6th November.

We appreciate this is very short notice which is why we are using this weekend as a trial but, barring any GMS technical issues, we will then expect all Premier Division 1 sides both Men and Women, to be entering team/match sheets on GMS from 6th November. We hope that we will be able to move to Premier Two shortly.



Game Management System

Match results can be viewed here matches.englishockey.co.uk

Login

Register

Junior Hockey Fixtures

South Central Junior Hockey team have been working hard to arrange the fixtures and are pleased to announce the following agreed dates.

These have already been published on our Facebook and twitter pages.



Under 8

BBO league dates

14th Nov, 12th Dec, 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th March

Under10

BBO league dates

14th Nov, 12th Dec, 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 6th March

England Hockey In 2 Hockey County Cup

13th March

England Hockey In2 Hockey regional round

27th March

Under 12

BBO league dates

21st Nov, 5th Dec, 16th Jan, 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 20th March

England Hockey In 2 Hockey County Cup

6th March

England Hockey In 2 Hockey Regional round

27th March

Please contact Mark

on BBO.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey to enter any age group league. In 2 hockey is run by the individual counties so please contact your county organiser to enter.



Finance Update

GMS for finance is still not available yet, so we are sorry, but clubs invoices have not been generated yet. However, they will be soon. For any treasurer out there looking to budget here is the SOUTH CENTRAL rate card as set for this year.

FEES		
Area Membership Fee	£30	per club
Adult League Fees	£20	per team
Area Membership Junior	£0	per team
Junior League Fees 11 a side	£20	per team
Junior League Fees 7 a side	£10	per team
Adult Indoor Fee	£60	per team
Junior Indoor Fee	£60	per team
Masters Fee	£50	per team
Schools Fee	£30	per team
<i>EHO Umpire Membership Gold</i>	<i>£30</i>	<i>Per umpire</i>
<i>EHO Umpire Membership Silver</i>	<i>£20</i>	<i>Per umpire</i>
Umpire Appointment Prem 1 and	£25	per umpire
Umpire Appointment Other	£20	per umpire
Masters Representative Entry Fee	£100	per team
Voting Areas Fee	£50	per entity

James

Finance Director

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Area Officiating committee

We are now well into the swing of league hockey, and have just supported the first EH Championship matches which took place over the league slip weekend around the October half-term.

We continue to appoint to Premier 1 and Premier 2 divisions, in both men's and ladies' hockey; we have also been appointing to North Division 1 and South Divisions 1 and 2 (men) and North Division 1 and 2 and South Div 1 (women). We still aren't able to appoint to as many games as we would like, so we need more people to make themselves available to umpire league hockey on Saturdays.

Thus far we have made well over 500 appointments, across 243 matches, with umpiring, umpire coaching (30 appointments) and umpire assessing (13 appointments) being made. Thanks to everyone who has made themselves available, thanks to the appointing team for playing the game of human jenga, and thanks to the development team for the support.



England Hockey Officiating

We currently have 168 Gold members, 70 Silver members, and 220 Bronze members.

That number of Bronze members still seems low, as it equates to around 3 Bronze members per club in South Central, and I'm sure that most clubs have many more than 3 umpires.

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. This link will be on our new website to be launch soon.

Match Results

South Central results can be found at:

<https://southcentral.englishockey.co.uk/south-central-fixtures-and-results>

Copy this address into your browser for a direct link. This will be available on our new website to be launched later this month.

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.

Expenses

The expenses policy has now been approved by the SC Area board, and will be implemented on GMS shortly. The full policy will be published on the new South Central website, which is currently under development, but the main figure is that mileage will be paid at 35p per mile.

To enter mileage expenses log into your GMS account and then search for the relevant appointment. The right most column should be expenses – click on the “Edit” word and this will bring up a form. Enter the mileage, and in the “Claim from” drop down box choose “South Central”. WTU may throw up a box with a random string of hexadecimal text in it (which is the unique identifier for that match and claim) but just click OK and the box should be set to South Central. Save the form and the mileage should be calculated. Claims won't be able to be actually claimed until the Finance module in GMS is implemented later this year (hopefully!).

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.

Social Media

The South Central Area Officiating Committee Twitter account (@SCOfficiating) has been in use for a while now, with a variety of pictures posted so far:



No names, to protect the innocent (or the not so innocent...) but may well be caption competition time later in the season.

Social media sites for the South Central Area are:

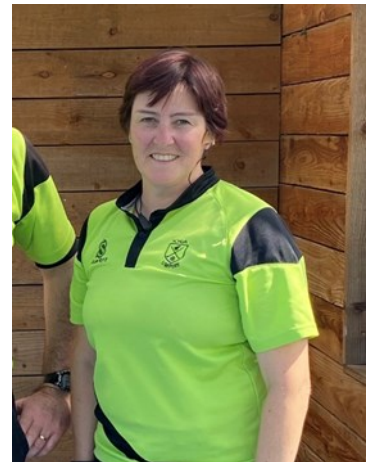
<https://twitter.com/SouthCentralHo2>

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

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

Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Liz Spencer, from Reading HC, who has just passed her Level 3 (outdoor) assessment to become a full member of NPUA. Liz is now a Level 3 umpire for both indoor and outdoor – a great achievement Liz.



Developing your Umpiring

The series of “Monday mixers”, run by our Lead Developer, are proving a great success. They are set up so that umpires can drop in, from 19:30 onwards, on a Monday evening to ask questions about umpiring. Did you have a difficult decision to make on Saturday? Was there a questions about the rules or regulations that you need help with? Join in the chat and we’ll see if we can help:

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

We ran a successful Development Day on the October slip Saturday, hosted by Trojans HC in Southampton (thanks to Trojans for the hosting). About 20 or so umpires were there, watching 2 of our finest umpire a Trojans game, with feedback sessions afterwards for all – covering the performance of the umpires, and the whole coaching process. Thanks to Mike Robinson and Richard Staley for being our 2 on-field umpires – can’t have been easy with so many other watching eyes.

Club liaison

Many thanks to Rowena Shepherd for taking on the role of leading the Club Liaison team, and welcome to the committee. Rowena already has a few volunteers to help her but we could do with more volunteers, especially from the more Northerly parts of the Area.

Anyone who wants to help there can get in touch with Rowena or anyone else on the committee and we'll put you in touch so that you can find out what we are hoping to do to improve the links between Clubs and the Area Officiating Committee.

Contacts and safe storage

The South Central Umpiring Committee is trying to compile an up to date list of club contacts in the South Central region.

We need contact details for the club umpire liaison officer and the club umpire development officers, please return this information as soon as possible.

We would like names, email addresses and a phone number please.

We will store this information securely. As soon as there is a data protection policy, the data will be stored in compliance with these requirements. In the meantime, the data will be stored exclusively in a password protected location. The data will be shared with officials of the South Central region only as necessary.

Please forward your contact details to the Rowen on the address in the contacts block on the next page within this newsletter

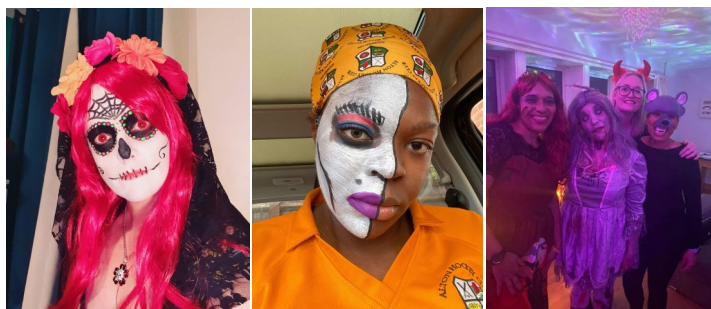
Discipline

Sadly we have already had several red cards this season and a considerable number of yellow cards. It would seem that the majority of cards are related to umpire abuse. Whilst we all understand that the return to hockey, post the Covid hiatus, has been met with a great deal of enthusiasm we should also remember that umpires too need to get back up to speed and that without umpires then your game could not go ahead. We all need both umpires and players to be respectful, and respected, to ensure that we can carry on playing this game that we all enjoy so much.

England Hockey are tracking Red cards across the country and a picture is building up as a result.

Post half term break

After the half-term break teams were raring to resume league hockey and from the results there were some nail-biting games. But the Halloween celebrations were just as impressive and here is a small selection of photos from clubs within our area



Committee

Just as a reminder your SC Area Officiating Committee is:

Role	Name	E-mail contact
Chair	Simon Milford	Chair.officiating@southcentral.hockey
Vice Chair	Alan Dow	ViceChair.officiating@southcentral.hockey
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Lead Appointer	Allan Notman	LeadAppointer.officiating@southcentral.hockey
Lead Developer	Ginette Tessier	Leaddeveloper.officiating@southcentral.hockey
Club Liaison	Rowena Shepherd	Leadclubliaison.officiating@southcentral.hockey
Young Umpires	Chris O'Hagan	LeadYoung.officiating@southcentral.hockey

South Central Hockey Website

This is currently under construction and the web architecture is in place. It will feature the direct links to the league tables, Umpires appointment pages and news. As England Hockey develops it, the API will also feature though this will not be until later in the year. The working plan is to have the site live in November. We would like to feature all clubs news and images on the site regularly, so please send your content and images to operations@southcentral.hockey. The address will be www.southcentral.hockey

Post match teas



As a matter of curtesy, if your team is not planning to stay for teas after your game can you please let your opposition know in advance.

Clubs have all suffered from reduced revenue over the last 18 months and we are all trying to reduce food waste on match days.