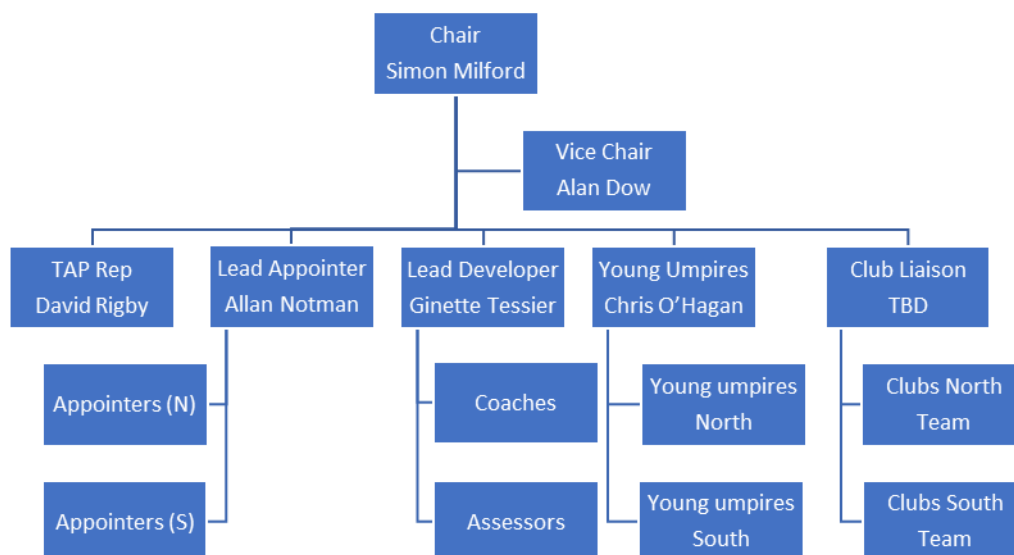


SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

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Officiating Update

Following the South Central AGM we can now reveal your Area Officiating Committee (AOC):



The various members of the committee can be contacted as shown here:

Role	Name	E-mail contact
Chair	Simon Milford	Chair.officiating@southcentral.hockey
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As you can imagine we have a lot of work to do to establish how the committee will function and how each of the sub-groups will deliver their specific function. We also have to work out how to operate the new England Hockey Game Management System (which will include what used to be called the Officiating Management System – OMS).

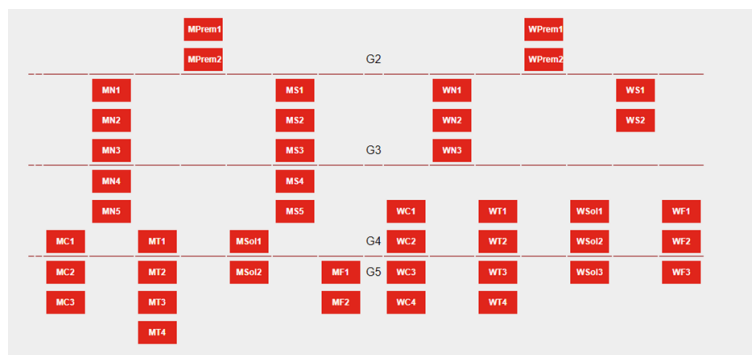
Club Liaison Lead

As you can see, we still have a vacancy for the Club Liaison Lead and we'd be very happy if anyone who is interested in this role got in touch. We envisage the role as leading a team of local club liaison people – we have over 70 clubs in South Central and one person can't manage all of them on their own. So, we'd see a team, with each person taking responsibility for a small group of clubs, and with a Lead to ensure that the messages going to clubs are generally consistent. If you are interested in helping then please get in touch on the chair.officiating@southcentral.hockey e-mail address.

Fixtures

Fixtures have now been published for all of the various divisions within the South Central Adult leagues – they can be found at: <http://fixtures.englishhockey.co.uk/SouthCentral/mynewshow.asp>

Each division has been allocated a grade – where Grade 1 is the EH National League (Premier, North and South and the Four Conferences) as shown here:



The grades have some relevance as different umpire requirements apply to different grades. All will be documented in the league rules, to be published shortly.

Appointing for friendly fixtures, before the leagues start, will either be done through GMS, as and when it is available, or through the existing HUA websites (subject to agreement of the County HUA). Clubs with friendly matches organised, who would like appointed umpires, should contact South Central in the first instance

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or

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and we will work out how best to appoint umpires at the time.

Officials' questionnaire

If there are any officials, or potential officials, which haven't yet completed the South Central Officiating questionnaire can you please do so as soon as possible:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rXnYQYus2Q>

It doesn't matter whether you only want to umpire once or twice a season, in club games, or whether you want to progress your umpiring career – please complete the form so that we can get as full a picture as possible.

Expenses

We are very aware that the matter of expenses is an important one for all of our officials, and we continue discussions with EH on this issue. At time of writing no decisions have been taken and there are a variety of options on the table; including a standard set of fees across all 8 Areas or each Area being able to set their own remuneration policy. More details will be available as we have them.

England Hockey Officiating (EHO)

EHO is being set up, by England Hockey, to be the club to which all officials must belong. We are still waiting to find out the membership costs, and the benefits at each level of membership. There will be a free membership option and we await details of that.



It is likely to be in the league rules that all umpires, for any league match, must be members of EHO, and there may well be penalties applied if umpires are used who are not EHO members. Such membership can be applied for retrospectively but this should be the exception rather than the rule.



Website

Many of us are used to being able to access all sorts of officiating related documentation on the existing County HUA websites. IN future those websites will be faded out and replaced with the South Central website, which will have specific pages allocated to officiating. The structure of the new website isn't yet fully developed, meaning that our existing County HUA sites may well continue for a while, but the intent is to provide all of the necessary South Central officiating information in one place. Watch this space for more details as and when we know them.

Work is going on within England Hockey to further develop OMS, and also to provide training materials, probably in the form of "How to" videos, so that using the new system doesn't come as too much of a shock as we move towards the new season. Officials will be able to enter their availability, and also to add notes to help the Appointing team (e.g. if you are also playing you can put those details in, so that the appointers will know where you will be, and what times you will be available).

League Fixtures

The league fixtures have been released and are on the EH website. There are a couple of errors in names of teams and they will be corrected once the Game Management System (GMS) goes live in August. For those teams in Ladies Solent Division 2 and 3 we have looked at equalling out the number of teams in each division and a team from Solent 3 has agreed to move up to Solent 2 so there will be a need to amend the fixtures for both divisions but again that will be done shortly.

The league rules are at the final stage of approval along with the fair play selection paper.

The Adult league committee has been formed and the individuals named will be your clubs first call of contact going forward. The names and contact details you need for the new season ahead are on the following pages.

The screenshot shows the England Hockey website for South Central Area Adult Fixtures 2021-2022. It features a navigation bar with buttons for 'Fixtures by Area Name', 'Fixtures by Week Date', 'Fixtures by Grade/Division', and 'Fixtures by Club/Team'. Below this is a grid of buttons for each week from Week 1 to Week 22, with dates ranging from September 2021 to April 2022. A 'Print this page' button is also visible. A note at the bottom explains that fixtures for weeks 1, 2, and 3 will be repeated on weeks 8, 9, and 10, and that fixtures from weeks 4 to 7 will be added to the last four weeks of the season at weeks 19 through 22.

Olympics

Watching the Olympics hockey is a not only entertaining but education too. Whether for players to get some tips or Umpires to learn more. On WhatsApp there is a lots of chat from South Central umpires who are discussing the ins and outs of some decisions.

So players need to know, that their officials are on the ball this season.

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Social Media

All the main social media sites now live. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Regular news updates will be published, so follow us on your favourite channels.



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



<https://twitter.com/SouthCentralHo2>



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

Junior Section

We have confirmed all the entries across the region now with a few clubs moving their teams to a different tier.

Heather is working on the fixtures for Hampshire U8-U10s as well as the region U14,U16 and U18s and Mark is working on fixtures for the U8-U10 BBO clubs.

If you weren't able to attend the meetings that Mark set up please get in touch with him by email

BBO.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey with any feedback or comments you might have.

The Junior section are planning to use all the dates available for matches in the centralised calendar for most age groups. Please be aware that all ages, genders from U14-U18 will play on the same dates so this will inevitably put pressure on pitches.

When the leagues are released there will included play offs at the end of the season. They will work like this:

U14 Boys / U14 Girls / U16 Boys **TIER 1** – Top 2 teams from each Pool will play in a playoff to find the top 3 teams for Tier 1 Supra League. U14s playoffs will be on 28th November and U16 Boys playoff will be on 5th December

U16 Boys Tier 1 – Once top 3 teams have moved up to the Supra league we will look to integrate the remaining 3 teams into Tier 2 if possible.

U14 Boys /U14 Girls / U16 Boys / U16 Girls **TIER 2** – Top 2 Teams from each Pool will play in the finals day on 24th April

U14 Boys Hants **Tier 3** – They only have 7 league dates so there will be playoffs between the 2 pools for all teams on dates 6 March & 27 March

U14 Girls Hants **Tier 3** – Finals day between top 2 teams from each pool on 24 April

U16 Girls BBO **Tier 3** - They only have 7 league dates so there will be playoffs between the 2 pools for all teams on dates 6 March & 27 March



Meet the team



Jacqui Barlow

Chair of the Board



Stephen Downham

Vice Chair of the Board



Stephen Smyth

Operations Director



James Mitchell

Finance Director



Kate Porter

Chair Junior Comps



Simon Milford

Chair Officiating



Richard Wood

Chair Adult Leagues



Frankie Tierney

Governance Director

Finance Update

Bank account opening still going through the process (does it really take this long to open a bank account for a high street bank !!). When this is open then the South Central Finance Director will be contacting all organisation in the South who are providing service to hockey that will now or in the future be passed to South Central and inline with their constitutions be passing funds into the South Central account.

In line with AGM resolution, annual fees have now been set. Invoices will be raised to clubs via the GMS system in the near future.

