



SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

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Welcome to the April 2025

Newsletter

This issue of the South Central Hockey April Newsletter contains updates from:

- Finance
- Junior Hockey
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- South Central AGM date

In order for us to help you we would like to remind you all to please keep all your contact details up-to-date on [GMS](#) and for those who are committee members through the [England Hockey Club portal](#). It is this method that allows us to communicate



Finance Update



Please can all umpire submit their expense by the end of April 2025.

Also club treasurers please can you pay your umpire invoices for H2 by end of April 2025.

Any changes to Treasurer email address please let Finance Director finance@southcentral.hockey know asap.

It is always advisable to setup a generic email address for Club admin roles, e.g.

"treasurer_at_hockeyclubname@gmail.com" then they can be easily passed between old and new volunteers.



Master's Hockey

It's time now to consider your team entries for next season. We are very keen to welcome new teams and grow the masters structure in the southern region of England and in the South Central and South East Areas in particular. We are reaching out to all clubs in the three Areas to let you know that we will be sending out a Team Entry form in mid-April that will include Masters. Please use the form to formally register your team (both current and new teams) in the masters leagues for the 2025/26 season.

Following our paper [The Future of Masters Hockey in the South of England](#)

A reminder of the leagues on offer:-

Men's Saturday Leagues

Competitive

MO40, MO50, MO60. See [South Masters League 2024-25](#)

New divisions can include tighter more local sub-Areas if enough teams

Casual Masters (Non-competitive)

Potential new leagues. (Mixed-age teams; non-competitive leagues; no fair selection rules). For clubs that don't have enough masters for our competitive age groups. Fathers/sons etc. welcome.

Women's Sunday Leagues

Competitive

South W35, W45. New divisions can include tighter geographical more local sub-Areas if enough teams

London W35, W45

Casual Masters (Non-competitive)

Potential new leagues. (Mixed-age teams; non-competitive leagues; no fair selection rules). For clubs that don't have enough masters for our competitive age groups. Mother/daughters etc. welcome.

Whatever level you may be considering, we would be pleased to discuss this directly with you. You may have teams in Alliances or Conferences that may wish to join the masters leagues, or those leagues in their entirety may wish to have the support of South Masters to help them manage things.

NEW LONDON 660 (SIX SIXTY) MIDWEEK MASTERS

London Hockey is starting a new mid week social masters initiative. Starting on the 6th May 2025 and running on Tuesdays every 2 weeks 12-2pm at Surbiton HC. This will be fun, social play and pay type sessions for Men O65 (born 1960 or earlier and Women O60 (born 1965 or earlier). £15 to include some pizza and a drink. Sessions are open to players from all Areas.

If you would like to join in these session please register via this form

[London 660 Midweek Masters](#)

Session payments will be via the SPOND Sports Team Management app. This app uses Stripe finance which is one of the world's most secure using encryption to protect sensitive payment data. You can download the app with this link [SPOND](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Master's Hockey cont...

Master's representative hockey is now in full swing with county games now down to the finals and trials soon to take place for the South Central ages groups.

[This is the link](#) to the tournament information.



Clubs are asked to communicate with their membership who qualify for Master's hockey as there is a need to be competitive in the area tournament.

We know there is a large number of high quality players in all the age groups who qualify and this competition is one where national recognition can be gained.

Email:

operations@southcentral.hockey

Junior Section Update

There is the annual meeting for the clubs with Junior sections on:

Monday 19th May at 7pm



The club's meeting is to go through things that went well and things that didn't for clubs.

It is aimed at club junior leads

All clubs need to send one representative to the meeting so that they can influence the plan for next year before it is finalised.

We will also discuss when the entry date is for junior league entries, changes to regulations etc.

This is the link to register for the [Zoom meeting](#):



South Central EHO Branch - Save the Date

2025 AGM

The AGM of the South Central branch of EHO will take place on:

Wednesday 14th May, 2025, starting at 19.30.

The AGM will be a virtual AGM, over Zoom.

The agenda for the AGM will include:

- a) minutes of the previous AGM (which will be published on-line)
- b) Reports from the Chair and committee leads (reports will be published on-line prior to the AGM)
- c) nominations for committee posts (all existing committee members are willing to stand again), and elections if necessary
- d) selection of our nomination for Area Officiating Committee Chair, to be sent forward to the South Central Area AGM for ratification.
- e) AOB, to be notified to the Chair, by 1st May 2025

Please register your intention to attend here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/LNyZyGD2Gy>

If you wish to nominate someone to stand on the committee please complete the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/fR2vqyi27Y>

If there are multiple nominations for posts then voting will be held on-line, details of which will be sent out in due course.

Minutes of last year's AGM, and other 2024/25 AGM material when available, will be found here shortly:

<https://umpiredev.co.uk/agm/>

Looking forward to seeing you on 14th May 2025.

The provisional date for the South Central Hockey Ltd AGM have been set for Thursday 17th July 2025 at 19.30.

Please mark this date in your calendars so you can have your points of view heard and recorded.



We are always listening and want to help develop hockey in the area along the lines that the majority of clubs want.

We particularly want to hear from grass roots hockey, junior and youth hockey, umpire development youngsters as well as those more experienced.

Expressions of interest are sought for the roles that keep South Central Hockey Ltd running. Two Directors are standing for re-elections (Chair and Operations). [Job descriptions are on our website:](#)

Contact us:

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