

SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

Welcome to the December **2024** Newsletter

This is the December 2024 newsletter for South Central Hockey. It includes information on various hockey-related activities and events such as:

- Junior Hockey: News on fixtures and venues
- 2. **Adult Hockey**: News of an upcoming communication from the team
- 3. **Masters Hockey**: Information about the Masters Leagues and Area Championships.
- 4 Seasons Greetings

Additionally, it reminds members to keep their contact details up-to-date for effective communication by updating their details on GMS and for those who are committee members though the England Hockey Club portal. It is

Finance

Half year report.

Thank you very much to all the clubs for their payments so far. UMPIRE H1 invoice will be coming out over the festive period!

Please remember to update your details of your treasurer if they change on the GMS and also let the South Central Treasurer know.

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Junior Hockey

Indoor qualifiers for junior national club finals are

GU16 - Reading

GU18 - Marlow

BU16 - Winchester

BU18 - Trojans

Please look out for changes to your junior fixture list after Christmas because some leagues are being restructured, especially U14 age group.

U16 T competition continues via England Hockey post Christmas and those fixtures will be on GMS soon.

Please make every effort to get games played. Please let us know if games are changed or postponed, we can then adjust GMS which populates the website accordingly.

There will be our second state school tournament on Monday 24th March at Reading hockey club. Please pass on the information to any schools that you have close links with. They can get in touch via the website if they would like to enter.

Junior committee would like to thank all the junior coordinators within clubs a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all that you do for your club and our sport.

Adult Leagues

The Adult League Management Committee will be sending out the current league regulations to all clubs in the new year. This will be accompanied by a request for clubs to review them and advise of any changes they might like to be considered by the ALR working group for inclusion next season. Please contact <u>Richard Wood</u> with your suggestions.

Selection Exemption Pass Instructions

The Selection Exemption Pass has been updated this month

The Selection Excemption Pass must be completed in advance of the expectation of a player needing to be exempt from the Fair Selection Regulations for a designated period.

Section 8 and Appendix 4 of the Adult League Regulations must be consulted prior to completion of the form, and if necessary, advice sought from the relevant Divisional Secretary.



The SXP must be submitted 72 hours before the start time (as recorded in GMS) of the first (or only) game for which the exemption will apply.

Missing this timeline, or an incorrect naming convention, will be an immediate rejection of the request.

Completed forms should be emailed to:SXP@southcentral.hockey



Masters Hockey



Masters Leagues

As the leagues approaches the half way point everything seems to be running smoothly with just a few forfeited/re-arranged games.

EH Masters Tiered Championships New for 2024/25 Season

The first rounds of the Masters Championships have now taken place.

The dates and venues of the Area Championships have now been released and are <u>on our website.</u>

South Central will host two competitions, the Men's Ov50 at Basingstoke and the Men's Ov75 at Bournemouth.

Unfortunately these are both on the same weekend, 14th/15th June which once again will put pressure on finding sufficient officials.

Best wishes for the festive period. A Hockey Christmas tale

"Twas The Night Before Hockey"

'Twas the night before hockey, and all around the pitch

The arena was stirring, it was the usual itch.

The shirts were hung in the changing rooms with care.

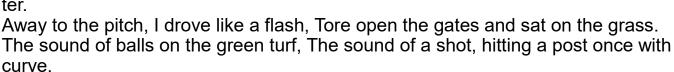
In hopes a good team would soon be in there. The supporters were nestled all snug in their beds.

While visions of goals danced in their heads. Settled in bed in my shirt and socks,

Hoping my goalie would make the usual blocks.

When there in the house there arose such a clatter,

I awoke from my bed to see what was the matter.



When suddenly out of my eyes what appears? But the team that I love, the team that I cheer.

With the forwards running, lively and quick, Then the goalie, blocking the ball with his stick.

The defence fired shots from the white line, The umpires called fouls to make players whine.

Supporters filled the pitch side to cheer on their teams, New banners were hung from the highest of beams.

With each shot and screen, each play and block, Supporters yelled as they count down the clock.

With Chloe, Peter, Sandra and Paul, Wow us with goals, make the crowd roar. Go Sally and Ed, Sarah and Kieth,

Block all those shots, just don't lose your teeth! The goalies will wow us with save after save, With sturdy glove a clean sheet we crave.

Simon leads his team, Stephen uses his skills, Becca and Kim will make other teams chill.

Players play for their team, play with all of their heart, Hoping their team's around when the celebrations do start.

Eighteen wins in the spring for a team it will take, To win promotion for their fans, who's season it will make.

So the umpire signals time, to the teams gave a whistle, Warned the players that their verbal's would lead to dismissal. Then he exclaimed, as the ball dropped from height,







Thank you to all hockey volunteers with seasons greetings from South Central Hockey.