



## 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:

1. **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 through 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 [Richard Wood](#) with your suggestions.

### Selection Exemption Pass Instructions

The Selection Exemption Pass has been [updated this month](#)

The Selection Exemption 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](mailto:SXP@southcentral.hockey)



## Masters Hockey



### **Masters Leagues**

As the leagues approach 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 [on our website](#).

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 mat-  
ter.

Away to the pitch, I drove like a flash, Tore open the gates and sat on the grass.

The sound of balls on the green turf, The sound of a shot, hitting a post once with  
curve.

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,

**"Happy hockey to all, and to all a good night!"**





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