



Welcome to the December Newsletter

This month we have updates from Finance, Adult Leagues and Officiating as well as news about an exciting opportunity to join our Board of Directors

Finance Update

The Annual membership and league fees have been sent to clubs for payment. please pay within 30 days

H1 Appointed Umpire Invoice will be issued at the end of December.

H2 Appointed Umpire Invoice be issued at end of April.

Umpire expenses, if you have not sent your bank details to the SCH Finance team your expenses, can't be paid... please send them to finance@southcentral.hockey

Club treasurers, please pay invoices by return or if you have any queries please contact finance@southcentral.hockey

Breaking Finance News

All Club Membership to South Central Hockey and League Fees have been sent out and are due for payment by 30/12/22. Club treasurers please look out for your Clubs invoice and please pay. if you have any issues or did NOT receive and invoice then please email the Finance Director finance@southcentral.hockey



Officiating Update

Many clubs video matches these days and, in doing so, will capture video footage of the officials as well as the players. Whilst clubs check whether the opposition are happy to be filmed the officials are often left out of those discussions. While we work on a policy to cover this it would be good if all concerned were made aware of

- that the match is being filmed;
- what the footage will be used for;
- where the footage will be stored (e.g. on a publicly available YouTube site, on a private YouTube site, or locally for coaches use only).

Should any footage be destined for social media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) then further permission should be sought and a clear description provided of what footage will be used and for what purpose. Should officials, or anyone else, withhold their permission to use the footage then steps should be taken to ensure that any footage used does not include that person.



Clubs should, of course, be aware of the various England Hockey policies, such as the Code of Ethics and Behaviour, when considering using footage of matches, especially when using such footage to discuss decisions or incidents arising during match play.

Adult Leagues Update

Clubs are increasingly finding it difficult to put out full sides each week and therefore the number of walkovers have increased.

We are monitoring the situation closely and advising clubs if they are close to the maximum number of walkovers they are allowed, dependent on their grade.

The requirement of teams to enter team sheets, results, match sheets is getting much better and most results are in by 8pm on the day of the match, as required by the regulations. Match sheets, where teams should be entering scorers and cards is still patchy at the lower divisions but we are ever hopeful.



The Adult Leagues Management Committee will be discussing season 23/24 fixtures during the Christmas break. Teams are reminded that Divisional Secretaries MUST be informed if a walkover is given.

A request from the Divisional Secretaries:

All teams who are entered in to England Hockey Championship/Cup competitions* please advise their Divisional Secretaries of it by Sunday 4th December, so that we can ensure that we can stay ahead of the fixture clash issue and make sure games are played within the 29 day requirement of Area League Regulations.

We would also need you to advise if you are still in the competition as subsequent rounds take priority also.

Operations Update



It is with some sadness we are saying goodbye to our Vice Chair: Stephen Downham is leaving our Board of Directors for the sunshine in Australia soon where his daughter works for the Australian Government. Stephen has been a stalwart of hockey in Hampshire and has been a member of the South-Central working group since its formation some four years ago, steering the company alongside the Chair since the England Hockey reorganised the areas. We will miss Stephen and wish him all the very best with his new role when he settles into the new chapter of life in Queensland.

Vacancy for Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

Purpose

To support the Chair in providing the vision, leadership and business planning to help develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.

Key Tasks of the Role

1. To understand the responsibilities of the Chair and to perform those duties in the absence of the Chair (see Chair Role Description).
2. To support the Chair and undertake work assigned by the Chair.
3. To attend all Board Meetings and participate as a vital part of the Board leadership.
4. To chair the Directors' meetings in the absence of the Chair.

Is this Role for you?

If you are aspiring to be a future leader, developing experience in effective management and business administration, strong communication skills, and a diplomatic and discreet manner, you could aim to hold the most prestigious, highly respected and incredibly rewarding position within the Area, fostering your skills by working alongside the Chair and ensuring that the Area reaches its full potential.

If so please send your expressions of interest in this role to operations@southcentral.hockey including your credentials and reason for applying.



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