



## Welcome to the October 2023 Finance Update Newsletter

### Welcome



The new league season is well underway now and there have been some significant challenges in the first weeks for the League secretaries who have have to deal with a number of teams dropping out and reorganising fixtures. However these have been worked on successfully.

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 though the [England Hockey Club portal](#).

It is this method that allows us to communicate information to you.

#### In this newsletter you will find:

- Abingdon HC Sticks together event
- Adult League Update
- Junior League Update
- England Hockey GMS Update



#### Umpires:

Please feel free to claim your expenses whenever you wish to, there is no need to wait till the end of a the 1st part or the whole season.

#### Club Treasurers:

The South Central Hockey invoice for the Annual Fees will be sent to you this month (October 2023). Please pay this by return or contact the finance team with any issues. Please do not ignore this to avoid problems, we are here to help and advise. Thank you.

[Finance@southcentral.hockey](mailto:Finance@southcentral.hockey)





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On 10.09.23 Abingdon Hockey held their first Sticks Together charity event, this year raising funds for Oxford Hospitals Charity.

Earlier this year we found out that our unborn baby wasn't going to survive. On 21.04.23 we said 'goodbye' at 15 weeks pregnant. During this time, we were cared for by the Bereavement Midwifery Team at the John Radcliffe Hospital and Sticks Together raised money for the work they do.

*The Butterfly Suite is based at the John Radcliffe, Maternity Level 7 and helps to care for women and their families when they have lost a baby after 12 weeks in pregnancy or shortly after giving birth. The Ashfield Fund (part of Oxford Hospitals Charity) helps to support the bereavement suites, fund specialist counselling for families, and provide items such as cooling cots and hand and feet castings, which enable parents to spend a little more time with their baby and create lasting and tangible memories.*

A massive thank you to everyone who took part and special thanks to Witney, Oxford Hawks and Bicester Hockey Clubs who provided the opposition for the four charity games that were held. We were also supported by many local and hockey-based organisations who provided incredible raffle prizes.

We are delighted to have raised **£3642.00** through our match fees, a raffle, a silent auction of signed GB items and a cake sale.

Thank you so much to everyone involved and to our hockey family at Abingdon for being so incredibly supportive.

Look what you achieved!  
Megan and Lizzie



## Adult Leagues Update



The start of the season has been challenging, to teams and also to the league administrators. We have had 8 teams withdraw from the league so far, with possibly more occurring.

Thank you to all the teams that have completed match sheets and entered results; timelines are proving to be an issue and there is a link attached which hopefully solves the problem.

<https://bit.ly/3ZL78E6>

Some clubs will be involved in the EH cup on the 28th October, which is also a league date. The cup draw takes priority over the league on that date so please talk to your opposition if you are involved in both league and cup on that day and agree a new date.

Richard Wood Chairman, South Central Leagues

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## Junior Leagues Update

The season has finally started and mainly stress free for most of our clubs. We have had several changes with teams pulling out of various league or changing to a different tier. Please keep checking your fixtures on GMS because they may well have changed.

A reminder that team sheets are now required for all T1 and T2 matches.

Should you have any questions or requests please contact

[SC.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey](mailto:SC.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey) for U16 and U18 issues

[U14leagues@southcentral.hockey](mailto:U14leagues@southcentral.hockey) for U14 issues

The next round of matches are due 8th Oct and 15th Oct. The 8th Oct is slightly complicated because it is also a cup date. If your club has entered to cup (knockout competition) as well as the league and you have 2 fixtures on this date you will need to rearrange the league match because the EH knockout competition takes priority.

If you have any pictures or stories you would like us to use please contact on X (formally Twitter) or Instagram and we will do our best to showcase your club.

A reminder that we still have no volunteers to run the [IN2hockey Area finals](#) for U10 and U12 on 21st April 2024. There is a small remuneration for this. If we do not receive any applications the competition WILL NOT RUN. There are 3 of us running the whole of SC junior hockey and we simply don't have the capacity to do this on top of our already busy load.

Schools hockey competitions for the girls will be happening soon some county rounds taking place before half term. Please contact your county to find out more. We are still looking for a [state school competition organiser](#) to organise an emerging schools U14 7 aside competition. Please contact Kate Porter on [chair.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey](mailto:chair.juniorleagues@southcentral.hockey)

We are always looking for new leads to engage our junior hockey playing community please get in touch if you have any ideas.

## Master Hockey Update

After three successful Area Tournaments last year at Oxford Hawks, Basingstoke and Bournemouth, South Central Hockey have been selected to host two tournaments this year at Basingstoke and Bournemouth (no slight on Oxford Hawks who hosted a very successful tournament, perhaps South Central Women's Over 65 Women winning was a factor.

The men's Area age groups are still struggling to find people to organise teams, particularly at the younger age groups, anyone interested in taking on the challenge please please contact John Stuart. We have some great talent at these younger age groups that are currently not being given an opportunity to represent South Central Hockey and get an additional chance to be seen by National selectors.



Message John Stuart Chair Masters Hockey

[chair.masters@southcentral.hockey](mailto:chair.masters@southcentral.hockey)

# GMS Update

## From England Hockey:

With most competitions now underway and the season getting into full swing, we wanted to take the opportunity to give you a brief update on GMS. (29/09/2023)

During the last two weeks we have seen over 3,000 fixtures take place.

GMS has seen 20,300 logins over the week-ends

85,000+ team sheet entries

3,900 new registrations

2,050 player transfers

Traffic and usage on GMS has been high, but system performance has maintained high levels throughout, even at peak times.

We are doing all we can to ensure this continues – monitoring of our key systems is ongoing and we will look to react to any issues efficiently and communicate where necessary.

Thanks to all for your support - during this key period of the season.

## Umpire Feedback Forms

All teams with appointed umpires must fill in umpire feedback forms after the game.

Team contacts must have the role (to complete this form) added to their profile. Existing team contacts from last season should be fine, but if they are new this year they are likely to not have the role added to their profile.

If they need it, they should contact GMS Support –

[gms.support@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:gms.support@englandhockey.co.uk)

## Players Turning 18

When any player turns 18, they can register their own Adult Profile, we would encourage all players to do this at the appropriate age/time.

Once they have their adult profile created and registered to their current club - they should inform GMS.Support so that their junior profile can be merged into their new account.

If a player is looking to transfer (usually to a Uni at this age) they should follow the process above and ensure that they register to their 'old' club first before requesting a transfer through the usual process.

Players **MUST NOT** create a new adult registration at the Uni/New club – it must be done through the transfer process.

## U18 Transfers

U18's cannot transfer using the new online process.

Parents/Guardians must receive confirmation from the club they are leaving, that they are debt free, and the club agrees to the move.

Parent/Guardian to contact GMS.Support with the club confirmation – at which point the transfer can be initiated.