SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS MASTERS HOCKEY SUPPLEMENT

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The 2024/25 League season is almost complete and following our email on the different leagues open to enter a couple of weeks ago, we are now inviting clubs to make their Masters Team Entries for the 2025/26 South Masters League season.

To help you through the process we've provided a step-by-step guide below that describes the form layout and required information.

Please note that this form is open to all clubs/teams in London, South Central and South East and applies only to Masters Men's and Women's Hockey League entries.

All current and new teams should complete the entry form.

Deadline for entries: Thursday 1st May

Failure to submit your entries by this deadline may result in your club not being included in the Masters leagues next season.

This deadline is crucial for two primary reasons:

- 1. **League Structuring**: Creating a balanced League structure for each age group requires sufficient time for us to consider all permutations and understanding of each club's needs and intentions.
- 2. **Fixture Scheduling**: Late entries delay the fixture generation process. Our goal is to finalise fixtures by early July, enabling clubs to secure pitch bookings as early as possible.

The South Masters Team Entry 2025/2026

If you have any questions, please refer to the guide on the following pages or contact:

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Instructions on completing the team entry form

- Clubs may submit Men's and Women's team entries separately or together -- whichever is easiest for your club.
- Please ensure that the person submitting the form has reviewed all sections and requirements outlined below.

Section 1: Introduction

Section 2: Provide Contact Details

Section 3: Which leagues are you entering

Section 4: Men's team entries

Sections 5: Women's team entries

Section 6: Special requests for your club's fixtures

Section 7: Please check your submissions and click submit

You will receive an automatic confirmation email after your entry is sent successfully.

Men's over 55 trials

South Central Men's
O55s trials are on
Saturday 3rd May at
Reading Hockey Cup at
1pm which involves a
match v South Central
O60s.

The Divisional Tournament is at Wakefield,
Yorkshire during the
weekend of 17/18 May,
heading up on the Friday.



After the trial the 16 -player travelling squad will be confirmed.

If you are keen to be involved or need more information, then please email me on clarkesportsuk@hotmail.co.uk.

Please send your date of birth, your club and level of hockey, home address and your preferred playing position.

Jeremy Clarke - Over 55s Men's Manager clarkesportsuk@hotmail.co.uk

Master's Hockey Background

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 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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