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For adoption by London, South Central and South East

These leagues will follow the England Hockey Standard Adult League Regulations 2023-2024

[Area Adult League Regulations 2023-24](#)

- save for the following exceptions and important points

1. INTRODUCTION

The League will be titled the South Masters League.

Divisions will be

Men O40 Premier and MO40 South, Men O50 Premier and Division 1, and Men O60 Premier

Women O35 Premier, Women O45 Premier

London Masters League

Women O35 and Women O45

MO40 and WO35 shall be Grade 4. Men O50, MO60 and WO45 shall be Grade 5.

2. MANAGEMENT

The South Masters League will be managed by London Hockey Masters (LHM) and by the Area League Delivery Committee (ALDC), led by the London Hockey Masters Chair, on behalf of London Hockey Ltd, South Central Hockey Ltd and South East Hockey Ltd.

All leagues will be managed via the England Hockey Game Management System (GMS) within the London Hockey Competitions Groups and feature for London, South Central and South East.

3. ENTRY INTO THE LEAGUE

3.1 In all women's leagues, players may come from up to four local clubs. The chosen local clubs shall remain so for the whole season.

3.2 A team shall consist of a maximum of 16 players, including a maximum of 2 goalkeepers.

4. THE COMPETITION

4.5 Promotion & Relegation

MO40 Bottom 1 team in Premier Division relegated, top 1 team from South Division promoted.

MO50 Bottom 2 teams in Premier Division relegated, top 2 teams from Division One promoted.

MO60 WO35 WO45. With one division, there will be no promotion/relegation until more divisions are created.

Promotion/relegation will be subject to the will of the teams involved and at the discretion of the ALDC.

5. FIXTURES

5.1 Fixture Scheduling

Clubs may agree to reschedule a fixture, subject to the regulations and the approval of the League Administrator.

5.2 Fixture Management

5.2.1 Any change to fixture date or time must be notified to the League Administrator and the Team Admin of the opposing team no later than 10 days prior and updated on the GMS by clubs. Changes after 10 days can only be made on GMS by the League Administrator.

5.2.2 Any changes within 10 days of a match are by exception only and must be agreed by both teams and umpires and the League Administrator notified. This must be completed no later than 2000hrs on the Wednesday prior to the match.

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6. MATCH DAY ADMINISTRATION

Any request for starting times outside the regulation period must be advised to the League Administrator at least 10 days in advance and shall be at their discretion and in agreement with both teams.

7. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - REGISTRATION

7.2 Age

The age qualification date for the Leagues will be up to December 31st in any given calendar year (i.e. for the 2023-24 season is 1st January to 31st December 2024).

MO40 All players must be 40 or over on the qualification date, except that no more than THREE players aged 37 or over on the qualification date, but under 40, may be on the field at any one time.

MO50 All players must be 50 or over on the qualification date except that no more than THREE players aged 47 or over on the qualification date, but under 50, may be on the field at any one time.

MO60 All players must be 60 or over on the qualification date except that no more than FOUR players aged 58 or over on the qualification date, but under 60 may be on the field at any one time.

WO35 All players must be over 35 or over on the qualification date.

WO45 All players must be 45 or over on the qualification date except that, TWO players aged 43 or over on the qualification date, but under 45, may be on the field at any one time.

7.5.1 South Masters League MO40 and WO35 - A player's registration must be completed on the GMS for them to be eligible to play at any time prior to the match. All match sheets with player listings will be required. Umpires to be added where known and can be registered and added to the match sheet up to 24hrs after the match. MO50 MO60 and WO45 It is highly recommended that all players are registered on the GMS.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – FAIR SELECTION

All Leagues will follow the principles of Fair Selection in the Adult Regulations.

Players are eligible to double up and play both adult and masters league matches on the same day, subject to the criteria in 7. above being met.

9. TEAMS, MATCH SHEETS & RESULTS

All fixtures and results will be managed using the GMS.

9.1 Match Sheets

Team sheets and match sheets will be mandatory for South Masters League MO40 and WO35 on GMS. Penalties for breach of 9.1 will be in accordance with the Adult Regulations Appendix 5 and applied at the discretion of the ALDC.

MO50 MO60 and WO45 - completion of match sheets is highly recommended for full club, team and player match data.

9.2 Players

A player whose name appears on the match sheet showing those players eligible to play in a match will be deemed to have played in that match.

9.4 Deadline for submission of information

9.4.1 All players with shirt numbers (discretion may be given here) and any team officials participating in a match must be uploaded onto the match sheet before the game. By doing so the team confirms that each player listed is eligible to play. Umpires may be added up to 24hrs following the start of the game.

9.4.2 Both captains and both umpires where listed, must be able to view both team sheets before the match starts.

9.4.3 The home team and the away team must confirm the score (or if the match is postponed, abandoned or a walkover requested inform the ALDC) as soon as possible but no later than 2000 on the day after the match.

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9.4.4 Both teams must confirm full details of goals, scorers, yellow & red cards and report any injuries on the GMS by 2000hrs on the day after the match.

10. DRESS

11. UMPIRES & MATCH OFFICIALS

Clubs are responsible for appointing to a match in accordance with the Adult League Regulations.

12. DISCIPLINE

13. POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

Discretion may be given by the ALDC for any rearrangement of matches around slip dates. Team Admins should inform the ALDC of any changes and ensure all rearrangement details are put into the GMS at least 10 days in advance.

14. FAILURE TO HONOUR A FIXTURE OR FORFEITURE OF A MATCH

15. BREACH OF REGULATIONS & PENALTIES

Where a game is cancelled, started and abandoned or forfeit, or for any reason is not played or completed at the scheduled time, application of penalties will be in accordance with the Adult Regulations Appendix 5 and at the discretion of the ALDC.

16. APPEAL PROCEDURE

In accordance with the Adult Regulations.

General

1. The ALDC reserve the right to determine the Standard Masters League Regulations and its decision on anything affecting the League not catered for in the Adult Standard Masters League Regulations and these Standard Masters Regulations shall be final.
2. All member clubs of the League shall be deemed to have accepted these Standard Masters League Regulations and to have delegated authority to LHM and the ALDC for the interpretation and implementation of these Regulations.
3. Divisions may be added, or existing divisions divided, regionalised or withdrawn depending on the number of teams participating, subject to the standard of the teams and such regulations as to promotion and relegation, as LHM and the ALDC consider appropriate.

London Hockey Masters Area League Delivery Committee

On behalf of:

London Hockey Ltd,