



SPEAKING FOR HOCKEY IN THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

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Hello

Welcome to the fifth edition of the newsletter.

The season is now well under way and some of the issues that we were experiencing at the start seem now to have been resolved.

That's not to say that we've got it all completely right and, although we are aware of some of the issues that we have to resolve we really need you to help in this process.

My inbox has been strangely quiet which suggests to me that everyone is completely happy with the way in which things are going. **REALLY?**

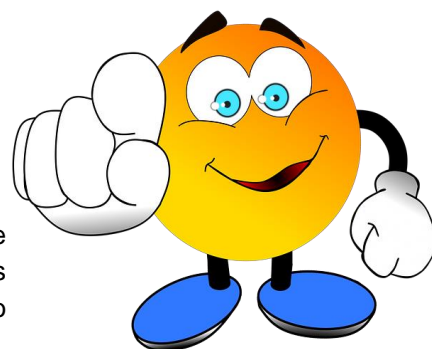
This is a partnership between South East Hockey and our officials and clubs and we need **YOU** to tell us what you find frustrating, what you don't like and even what you do like.

So please, help us to get it right for you.

Comments to;
officials.chair@southeast.hockey

YOUR AREA NEEDS **YOU** NOW

Pick up your whistle and umpire for us



Across all the areas there is a shortage of umpires and South East is no exception.

We appear to have "lost" some of our colleagues during the transition to the new area and we would love to see you back.

The process for signing up on the GMS is now a much improved experience though if you are still unsure and would like to be guided through it then please let us know

Contact officials.chair@southeast.hockey and I will be there to offer all the help that I can.

WE MISS YOU AND WILL WELCOME YOU BACK

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

PROMOTED TO THE MEN'S A PANEL:

Richard Gibson-brown, Malcolm Wain, Adrian Russell-Smith

PROMOTED TO THE WOMEN'S A PANEL:

Michael Coates, Karen Stevenson, Tony Schweitzer

Everyone at South East Hockey wishes you well on your umpiring journey.

HOCKEY STANDARDS & ETIQUETTE

Some do's and don'ts when it comes to the game

INTRODUCING SE HOCKEY OFFICIALS WELL BEING

Looking after our umpiring colleagues

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Schools
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Indoor schedule

LATEST NEWS FROM THE ADULT LEAGUES

Keep up to date with news. Get involved with the new SE website

RULES REFRESHER

Learn more about the rules which cause the most queries

STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY WITHIN HOCKEY

A very hot topic of conversation right now and it is vitally important that everyone feels valued, safe and respected within the hockey community.

There are still unfortunate instances of abuse between spectators and players, spectators and officials and players and officials.

We applaud those clubs that take a stand against this type of behaviour and encourage everyone to show respect and tolerance.

In the event that standards fall below that which is acceptable;

We encourage anyone within the sport to bring matters to our attention when they witness behaviour that they feel falls below standards expected by the sport and in England Hockey's Code of Ethics and Behaviour.

One thing to emphasise; If a player or coach does not wish to engage at the end of a game, that is their choice so please let it go. It doesn't come under any guidance or rules. It is bad manners but nothing more.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR OUR CLUBS?

Assessing umpires can be a big issue for clubs and we can be there to help.

If you have umpires that are looking to progress their careers and perhaps are looking to achieve their level 1 but don't know what to do then get in touch and we can point people in the right direction.

If they need an assessment in order to complete their Level 1 then again we can assist

Do you need a rules evening for your umpires? We can arrange that for you.

In fact, whatever you need please ask and the best way to do that is through the following contact clubs.umpires@southeast.hockey



ETIQUETTE DURING A GAME

Following this will enhance the match for everyone involved and we will be grateful if all clubs will follow these points:

- Only players and coaches/team managers on the benches
- Spectators OUTSIDE the cage
- If this is not possible, in a well designated area opposite the benches
- Home club to monitor spectator behaviour
- Teams waiting for the next game NOT to knock up/warm up in the cage

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO FOR US TOO

Contact your officials during the week prior to the match. Let them know:

- The venue and start time
- Team colours for both teams
- Arrangements for hospitality after the game
- What changing facilities are available

CHANGE STARTS TOGETHER

Connecting Hockey to be More Inclusive was the first in a series of conferences focused on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Hockey, hosted by England Hockey. There's more to follow with the second instalment being **Tuesday 22 February 2022**. The purpose of these conferences is to inform, educate and listen to the hockey community about the current position and the future of ED&I in hockey.

For further information look on the [England Hockey](#) website.

#ChangeStartsTogether



WELL BEING

Ever had a bad game, a bad week or worse?

Well Being and an ability to umpire well are inextricably bound together and if we are not firing on all cylinders then we cannot give of our best.

Well Being is at the heart of good performance and here in the South East we recognise this. Consequently we have set up

SE Hockey – Officiating – Well Being

Background

Hockey is generally our hobby which we do weekend after weekend in all sorts of weather. But, sometimes, things don't go as smoothly as we might wish. Some of these "hiccups" might be because of the teams and the players and sometimes it's because there are other "things" going on in our lives that might be a bit of a distraction or other things that are making our lives a bit more complicated.

So who do you call on?

The old HUAs had someone called a Welfare Officer or a Welfare Manager. The South East Area is no different and have set up **SE Hockey – Officiating – Well Being**.

There are two main areas of responsibility for this role within the South East:

- To oversee the general well being of all our members --- active, non-active, appointables, club umpires etc --- as well as (if appropriate) their families.
- To oversee the legal and moral well being of any junior umpires (i.e. those under the age of 18) whether they are taking appointments or are just club umpires linked to our South East Area.

How will it work?

To oversee the general well being of all our members - -- basically, this is to do with members who are ill, injured, bereaved, short term and/or long term etc

The **SE Hockey – Officiating – Well Being** Leads are Sandie and Ian Hay.

Sandie was the Welfare Manager for Surrey HUA and Ian was the Membership Secretary for SHUA and they worked hand in hand in the promotion of all members' well being throughout the old county of Surrey.

If a **Well Being** issue within the South East comes to the attention of either Sandie or Ian (this is where ALL members can help to keep us informed), then contact will be made in the strictest of confidence through one or more of the following:

- A phone call
- An email
- A Moonpig card --- email or by post
- A Moonpig gift

And contact will continue throughout the time of this well being issue.

It is likely that there will be little to do but, when there is, the **Well Being** Team will be involved.

In order to oversee the well being of our junior members, Sandie (a former school safeguarding officer) will contact a parent or other recognised responsible adult BEFORE any contact with a junior umpire is attempted.

For further information please contact; wellbeing.umpires@southeast.hockey

● SHIRTS AND RADIOS

- Unfortunately we still do not have any indication from England Hockey about the provision of umpire kit with the new badging on.
- Hopefully information will be available soon.

In the meantime, we do hold some stock of county HUA badged shirts and caps which we are able to give away for the cost of postage.

If you need a green or orange shirt and cap please drop me an email with the size required, warning, they are a size smaller than they measure so if you normally require large then order XL on; officials.chair@southeast.hockey

We are not, currently, able to finance radios.

If anyone wishes to buy a pair or single radio then please go to; <http://www.mci2.co.uk>

FRANK MASON SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT 2022

Thursday Feb 3 2022 in Canterbury Kent

Kent College Canterbury host this wonderful tournament for Kent Schools Boys 1st XI.

It's being going on for years.

As an Umpire community we have always supported it and intend to continue.

The standard of the top sides is fabulous. Let's have the umpires to match it.

It's a 4-venue event in the morning.

- Kent College Canterbury
- St Edmunds School Canterbury
- Kings College Canterbury
- And Polo Farm, Canterbury HC

February 2022						
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Thursday 3rd Feb 2022

Get
involved

They typically have 5 schools playing in pools at each of the 4 venues am. 10x4 abbreviated matches.(40)

A great lunch is then put on at Kent College for teachers, coaches, and officials.

One school from each pool is eliminated after the morning with the remaining 16 competing in two parallel competitions, the Plate at Polo Farm and the Trophy at Kent College.

A further 14 matches.

The day requires umpires for over 50 matches at 30 minute intervals. A full day and it keeps you warm!

Historically I've been able to get 16-20 umpires to support it. I have no doubt I can still do the same.

WE NEED YOU! COME AND TRY IT THIS YEAR.

We don't pay expenses, but the host venues look after umpires well, and all are invited to a most convivial lunch at KC.

Expressions of interest **now** please to SIMON BEGG ssbbegg@gmail.com

The more the merrier let's make this Post pandemic event one to remember.

INDOOR HOCKEY UPDATE

The dates for the indoor hockey season are as follows:

Date	Competition	Venue	Time
Friday 12 th November	U16 Boys Schools Pool	St George's Weybridge	4.00pm
Tuesday 16 th November	U16 Girls Schools Pool	Cranleigh School	4.00pm
Monday 22 nd November	U18 Boys Schools Pool	St George's Weybridge	4.00pm
Thursday 25 th November	U18 Girls Schools Pool	St George's Weybridge	4.00pm
Sunday 28 th November	U18 G/U16 B Schools Finals	Bede's School	9.00am
Sunday 5 th December	U18 B/U16 G Schools Finals	Bede's School	9.00am
Saturday 11 th December	U16 G/B Club Finals	TBA	TBA
Sunday 12 th December	U18 G/B Club Finals	TBA	TBA
Sunday 19 th December	Senior Finals Men and Women	Canterbury	9.00am

At the time of writing, there is no provision on GMS for indoor tournaments although this is being worked on and selections and appointments are being made manually until GMS is ready.

The senior finals are now on one day with 6 women's and 3 men's sides participating

The finals days will be bigger events so I expect we will need 8 umpires for each of the days plus coaches and assessors.



Availability is reasonable but I will need more help for Dec 5th.

Please email me at indoor.appts@southeast.hockey with your availability at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you and regards

Julian Warburton

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE LEAGUES

Adult Leagues

As we move towards the Christmas break, we hope that you have enjoyed playing competitive hockey and a near normal season. Despite the challenges of Covid, fuel crisis etc we can see there are lots of games being played each week.

It has taken a while to get used to the new systems but hopefully things are beginning to settle down and everyone is getting used to the new league structures, new regulations and GMS.

In the last few weeks' the teams in the Premier Divisions have started to use the match sheet functionality on GMS and we hope that other divisions will be moved onto this in the coming months. England Hockey are keen to ensure that this process is as smooth as possible so it will be a phased approach so please watch out for communications on this as we expand to other leagues. In the meantime all home teams should be keeping a paper match sheet with details of both home and away sides.

There are still lots of clubs who have not completed team contacts on GMS – it would be really helpful if these could be completed as soon as possible. No matter what league your team is in the team contact (and a second contact) can register as players and then be assigned to their sides by the Club Admins. This will make contacting opposition so much easier so if you could prioritise that would be

helpful. This is especially important as we head into winter with the potential for short notice postponements due to bad weather.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your Divisional Representative – details are on GMS and have been circulated to all Club Admins. And hopefully will shortly be available on a SE Hockey website.

Talking of the website – we would like to include a “news” section for the adult leagues so if there are any budding journalists or sports photographers out there, please get in touch as we would love to make the SE website a place where you can find out what is going on across the leagues.

Clubs should aim to complete all match details for the rest of the season by the beginning of January.

For easy access to results/fixtures/tables go to:

Match Site - League Fixtures & Results
(englandhockey.co.uk)

Julie Bradshaw

Chair – Adult Competitions

To be able to view all the results and full league tables go to:

<https://gms.englandhockey.co.uk/fixtures-and-results/>



RULES REFRESHER

Reproduced thanks to London Hockey Officiating

LONDON HOCKEY OFFICIATING

APPOINTED OFFICIALS MATCHDAY GUIDE



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This document aims to act as a guide of best practice amongst our clubs and officials. Following the points outlined in the framework provided should ensure that everyone enjoys an optimal hockey experience.

TIMELINE

APPOINTMENT MADE BY LONDON OFFICIATING APPOINTING TEAM

PRE MATCH CORRESPONDENCE



Acknowledge safe receipt of the club appointment confirmation email. This should be sent no later than 3 clear days before the matchday (e.g. Wednesday for Saturday).

COLLEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE



From the appointment confirmation email you should have the contact details of your colleague(s) and any Umpire Support. You should look to confirm relevant match day details with them, such as shirt colours and radio arrangements.

If you do not have a radio, or you are unable to borrow one from your colleague please make sure you let the Development Lead (Contact details below) as soon as possible.

MATCHDAY ESSENTIALS



- Ensure you look smart for the fixture, wear black trousers or a skort. Avoid jogging bottoms, waterproofs or shorts.
- Bring all the items/equipment you need to officiate.
- Wear appropriate hockey footwear.

MATCHDAY PROTOCOL

London Officiating best practice is to aim to arrive a minimum of 1 hr before Premier games, and around 1hr before games in Div 1 and below.



MATCHDAY PROTOCOL



Make yourself known to both team coaches or managers, as well as greeting your colleague and any coaches/assessors.

MATCHDAY PROTOCOL

Make sure your radios are paired as early as possible, and that everything is working correctly.



MATCHDAY PROTOCOL



Ensure you conduct a thorough warm up before the match.

MATCH TIME

Enjoy your game! Where possible do join the teams for teas and a chat too.



MATCHDAY SUCCESS

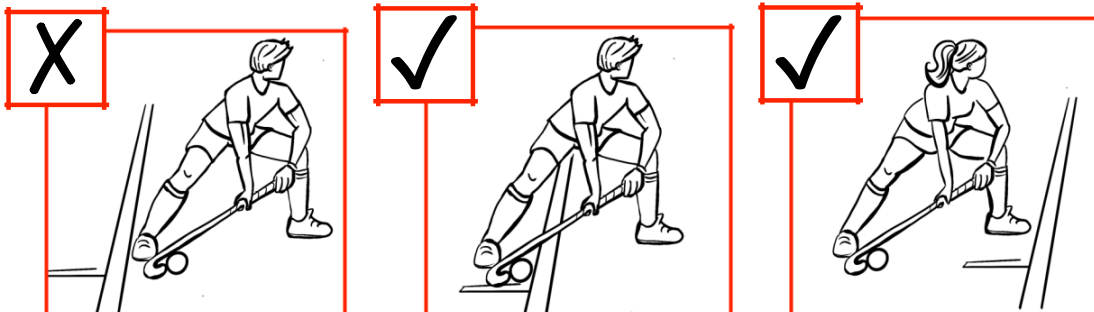
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RULES REFRESHER

London Hockey Officiating are committed to the continuing development of our officials. This rules refresher page aims to serve as a reminder of a selection of the rules that have caused the most queries. In the interest of clarity these rules are relevant to both the men's and women's game.

PENALTY CORNER INJECTION



Rule 13.3 d.

The rule only states that at least **one foot** must be behind the backline. It does not matter if **two feet** are behind the backline.

SUBSTITUTIONS AT PENALTY CORNERS & STROKES

Rule 2.3 a.

If a Penalty Stroke has been awarded, a player **can** be substituted on from off the pitch.

If a Penalty Corner has been awarded, a player **cannot** be substituted. The only exception is if there is an injury or suspension to a Goalkeeper but they have to be replaced by another Goalkeeper.

BALL FROM OUTSIDE CIRCLE HITTING A DEFENDER'S STICK

Rule 7.3 & 8.1

If no attacking player touches the ball inside the circle before it goes into the goal off a defender's stick, a 23m restart (a.k.a. "Long Corner") should be awarded and not a goal.

SLIDING TACKLES



Rule 9.13

When attempting to play the ball with a sliding tackle /going to ground, players must not tackle unless in a position to play the ball without body contact. Reckless play such as sliding tackles and other overly physical challenges by a field player, which takes an opponent to ground and which have the potential to cause injury should attract appropriate match and personal penalties.

Therefore, if a player goes to ground intentionally to play the ball and neither physically interferes with nor causes danger to the attacking player then it likely to be acceptable and you should play on. However, if a player goes to the ground intentionally and physically "takes out" the opponent or causes danger then a 10-minute Yellow Card must be awarded.

Going to ground to play the ball is not, in itself, an illegal action. If the grounded player plays only the ball and during the attempt does not impact the opponent then play can continue. If the grounded player's actions force the opponent to ground or to take legitimate evasive action, this is potentially dangerous and could lead to serious injury and must be penalized accordingly. The appropriate personal penalty is a 10-minute yellow card to the offending player.

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