



South Masters League and EH Masters Cup Policy 2024-25

Many South Masters League clubs have successful EH masters cup teams that compete in both this league and the national England Hockey age group competitions and we encourage their participation.

However, the league does not expect teams to request rearrangements of their league matches in favour of Sunday cup matches.

Teams entering EH masters competitions must expect to play 'double headers' in a single weekend and the league expects clubs to consider very carefully whether it is wise to enter cup competitions, if doing so might impact on their league commitments.

As an exception, should a request to rearrange a league match be received, we would expect support where possible: -

Policy:

MO40, MO50, MO60

Where a club with a team (Team A) requests the rearrangement of a league fixture in accordance with the league rules – because they have an additional fixture (of similar or higher standard) on the same day or next day – the opposing team (Team B) shall assist with its rearrangement, if at all possible. If the fixture cannot be rearranged for good reason e.g. Team B's fixture list is completely full till the official end of the season or pitches are unavailable, the league will award the game as a Walkover, in favour of Team B, on the grounds that Team A will have overcommitted itself.

Teams should inform the League of any request to reschedule a match.

The league's decision on any walkover shall be final.

This does not apply to W035 and W045 as their league games are already on Sundays, that do not clash with EH cup dates unless bad weather etc. prevents a match from being played on the correct date.

The League expects member clubs to accommodate fixture changes in these circumstances, where at all possible. This may be inconvenient, but we expect clubs to help each other out – and it may be your club in the future that has the same issue, if not now.