

MIDLANDS ADULT LEAGUES

Update February 2025

With only eight more weeks left in the season time for a number of reminders.

Regulation Breaches

I can't emphasise enough how important it is that not only is GMS updated in line with the regulation deadlines but that the data is accurate.

Here's a summary of the most common breaches:

Relegation	Number of breaches
9. - Information falsified on match sheet	4
9.4.1 - No Team Sheet	22
9.4.1 - No Umpires on Team Sheet	94
9.4.1 - Only one Umpire on Team Sheet	25
9.4.3 - Score not reported on the GMS by 20:00 on the day of the match	28
9.4.4 - No Cards on Match Sheet (Timeline)	49
9.4.4 - No Scorers on Match Sheet (Timeline)	11
9.4.4 - No valid times on Scorers/Cards on Match Sheet (Timeline)	7
9.4.4 - Not all Cards on Match Sheet (Timeline)	23
9.4.4 - Not all Scorers on Match Sheet (Timeline)	7
14. - Failure to honour a fixture	58

Especially the Regulation 9 – 9. Information falsified on match sheet, a number of these will result in relegations at the end of the season or if automatically relegated, starting next season on -10 points. **JUST DON'T DO IT. Keep your players names and results honest.**

Yellow Card Suspensions

Just a reminder, it is a Captains responsibility to ensure players receive a suspension if they reach the number of Yellow Cards as per the Regulations:

12.2.2.1 Players shall be subject to match suspensions for yellow cards accumulated throughout the season in League matches. The following suspensions apply to individuals:

- **Four yellow cards** in a season = **1 match suspension**;
- **Two additional yellow cards** in the same season (i.e., six in total) = **1 further match suspension**;
- **Each additional yellow card thereafter** in the same season = **1 further match suspension**.

Please note, the Club of any player due to receive a suspension must contact the relevant ALDS immediately, as per the Regulations.

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Ramadan

A reminder that Ramadan will be observed during the latter few weeks. Be sympathetic for requests for early starts.

Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) Request Form

Please ensure you have read and understood the regulations regarding Fair Play.

If you need to submit a Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) for a player, please use the link below. Please ensure the request is applied for with plenty of notice, and one form should be submitted for each player.

Remember a new SXP is required for any rearrangement of a fixture.

[Selection Exemption Pass Request Form](#)

50% Rule

A reminder that the 50% rule for player selection is in force for not only for a teams' last four games of the season but any rearranged games as well. You can still apply for an SXP but they may not be Approved.

Player Registration/Transfers

The deadline for any new Registrations/Transfers is now CLOSED. Any requests have to be approved by the League Committee.

GMS updates for both Transfers and Match Day Management can be found in the Midlands website, here: <https://midlands.englishockey.co.uk/adult-leagues-competitions/regulations-supporting-documents>

Umpire Registration

Remember Umpires should be EHO registered, it's free and makes it easier for you to select umpires when submitting Team Sheets.

And finally

We've had a couple of queries regarding off the pitch activities during matches:

Spectators:

A reminder that it is a Clubs responsibility to ensure their spectators behave in an orderly fashion.

Videoing:

As per EH Safeguarding Policy, if any videoing takes place during a game, it should have the agreement of both teams, especially if U18 players are taking part.

An Umpiring query - 5 Metre rule

Odd one this, but I have had reports of some umpires insisting ALL players, of both sides, should be 5 metres from a free hit, no matter where it is taken on the pitch. Obviously, this is limited to within the 23.

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Regards,



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