

Key changes in the South Masters League Regulations 2024-25

While there are some structural changes and additions to the 2024-25 Regulations, many core elements remain from previous seasons and comply with the Area Adult League Regulations. The Masters Regulations are now written as one document within the Area Adult League Regulations.

Reg #	Regulation	Comment
1	Introduction	A new "Purpose" statement (1.1) explains the aim of the Regulations.
		Regulations combined in one paper with the Adult Area Regulations. Specific Masters elements documented.
2	Management	Details the management of the Masters League by London for the 3 Areas.
3	Entry into the League	Teams from London, South Central and South East are eligible to apply for entry
		States date for entry to league for following season.
4	The Competition	No major changes in structure or scoring systems
5	Fixtures	Rearrangement for matches affected by international player duty should be prioritized pre-season.
		Teams entering EH Cup matches must accept 'double header' weekends.
		Consider England Hockey guidance on Faith and Fixtures when rescheduling fixtures (5.1.2)
6	Matchday Administration	Hospitality regulations are clarified (6.6) – clubs must seek ALMC approval if they will not be providing Hospitality.
7	Player Eligibility - Registration	Number of underage players included in a match day whole team rather than on pitch at any one time.
		introduces the concept of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for international players in the glossary. Also relates to Masters players.
		Clarification on process to follow if registering a new or existing player on the GMS.
		Clarification on transfer request process.
8	Player Eligibility - Fair Selection	No unfair loading of teams.
9	Teams, Match Sheets & Results	Team sheets required on GMS for MO40, MO50, WO35, WO45. Highly recommend for MO60.
		More specific deadlines for submitting match information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal scorers, Green, Yellow & Red Cards by 2000 hrs <i>on the day of the match</i> - Goal scorers, Green, Yellow & Red Cards by 2000 hrs <i>on the day after the match</i>
10	Dress	Adds a requirement for clubs to have different colours for Home and Away games.
		More detail on umpire appointment procedures and responsibilities.

11	Umpires & Match Officials	Requirement for clubs to confirm venue, start time and match information to any umpires at least 3 days before the fixture.
12	Discipline	Expand significantly on conduct violations and club responsibilities regarding discipline.
		Introduces more detailed procedures for dealing with yellow and red cards
		Masters discipline to follow Adult League procedures.
		New EH Discipline Regulations 2024-25 issued and on Area website.
13	Postponement or Abandonment	More comprehensive guidelines for postponement and abandonment procedures in line with the Adult Leagues.
16	Appeal Procedure	Extended deadline for submitting an Appeal Notice from 3 days to 5 days after notification of the decision.
		Adds a requirement for a £100 deposit for requesting a Further Appeal (not present in 2023-24)

