

LONDON HOCKEY

LONDON HOCKEY LEAGUE MASTERS Men's Regulations 2021-22

1. Introduction

The League shall be called the London Hockey League Masters (the League) and will be managed by London Hockey Masters (LHM) on behalf of London Hockey Ltd.

1.1 The titles of the Leagues and divisions are shown as Appendix 1

1.1.2 All matches in the League shall be played under the rules of England Hockey

1.1.3 All matches shall be played in accordance with England Hockey Policies shown in Appendix 2

2. Management

2.1 Management of the leagues will follow the England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) (EH Regulations) and as specifically stated in this document relevant to this League.

2.1.2 The Area League Management Committee (ALMC) shall be London Hockey Masters (LHM) for this League.

2.1.3 LHM reserves the right to determine the Regulations of the League and its decision on anything affecting the League not catered for in the Regulations shall be final.

2.1.4 The Chair and administrator of London Hockey Masters Committee will be elected at the annual Area AGM.

3. Entry into the League

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 3.

3.4 A team shall consist of a maximum of 16 players.

4. The Competition

4.1 Structure

4.1.1 The League shall be divided into age group Divisions at Over 40, Over 50 and Over 60.

4.1.2 Premier Divisions will ideally consist of 12 teams. Teams will be divided on merit (as equally as possible) between Premier and Divisions 1 with a maximum of 12 teams per Division and a minimum of 8 teams per Division where possible.

4.1.3 At the discretion of LHM new Divisions may be added or existing Divisions divided, regionalised or eliminated depending on teams participating, subject to such regulations as to promotion and relegation as the LHM advise.

4.2 Scoring System and 4.3 Walkovers

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 4.2 and 4.3

4.4 Teams from the same club and divisions

4.4.1 No more than two teams from any one club may participate in any Division.

4.5 Promotion & Relegation

4.5.1 There will be promotion and relegation within age groups (i.e. an "open" league structure). The top two teams and bottom two teams in each Division at the end of the season will be eligible for promotion and relegation respectively to the Division above or below, as appropriate.

4.5.2 Divisions with 10 teams or less may, at the discretion of the League Management, have only one team promoted/relegated.

4.5.3 The Divisions will be named, in merit order, as the Premier Division and such numbered Divisions as the number of available teams permits.

5. Fixtures

5.1 Fixture Scheduling

5.1.1 LHM will issue fixtures with their scheduled dates.

5.1.2 Clubs may agree to reschedule a fixture, subject to the approval of LHM.

5.2 Fixture Management

5.2.3 Any change to fixture date or time must be notified to LHM and to the Team Admin of the opposing team no later than 10 days prior and updated on the GMS.

6. Matchday Administration

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 6.

Guidance Note *Contact with opposition Team Admins will be via the England Hockey Game Management System (GMS)*

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

7. Player Registration

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 7.1, 7.3-7.8.

8. Player Eligibility – Team Selection

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 8.

8.3 Age Qualifications

The age qualification date for Leagues 40+, 50+ and 60+ will be December 31st of the calendar year in which the season ends, (i.e. for the 2021/22 season is 31st December 2022).

8.3.1 In the O40 League all players must be 40 or over on the qualification date, except that no more than TWO players aged 37 or over but under 40 may be on the field at any one time.

8.3.2 In the O50 League all players must be 50 or over on the qualification date except that no more than TWO players aged 47 or over but under 50 may be on the field at any one time.

8.3.3 In the O60 League all players must be 60 or over on the qualification date except that no more than FOUR players aged 58 or over but under 60 may be on the field at any one time.

The above age concessions will remain in place for the current season but will become strict age groups from 22/23 to fall in line with international masters hockey.

9. Teams, Match Sheets & Results

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 9.

9.1 Match Sheets

All match sheets and results will be managed using the GMS

9.2 Players

9.2.1 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.

9.3 Team Officials

9.3.1 All Grades - Each team may have a maximum of three team officials who are permitted to be in the bench area and a qualified medical doctor if available. The role of any official is to be included within the match sheet.

9.4 Deadline for submission of information

9.4.1 All players and any team officials participating in a match must be uploaded onto the match sheet on the GMS. By doing so the team confirms that each player listed is eligible to play.

9.4.2 The home team must confirm the score (or if the match is postponed or abandoned) as soon as possible but no later than 2000 hours on the day of the match.

9.4.3 Both teams must confirm full details of Goal scorers, Yellow & Red Cards and report any injuries on GMS by 2000hrs on the day after the match.

10. Dress

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 10.

11. Umpires and Match Officials

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 11.

11.1.1 Where Clubs are responsible for appointing to a match the home club must appoint both umpires unless the away club requests to appoint an umpire. A request must be received 5 days prior to the fixture and once requested the away team must appoint an umpire unless agreed by the home team.

12. Discipline

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 12 and London Hockey Ltd.

13. Postponement or Abandonment

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 13.

13.1 Discretion will be given to any rearrangement of matches around stated slip dates. LHM and Team Admins should ensure all rearrangement details are put into the GMS at least 10 days in advance.

14. Trophies

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 14.

15. Failure to Honour a Fixture or Forfeiture of a Match

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 15.

15.1 if a team fails to honour a fixture, or forfeits a match, it shall be deemed to have lost 0-5. The opposing team will be deemed to have won the game 5-0 and awarded 3 points.

The following shall apply where a game is cancelled or for any reason is not played at the scheduled time:

15.2. All teams must be ready and willing to start League matches within 15 minutes of the appointed starting time. In the event of any team being unwilling/unable to start a match within 15 minutes of the appointed starting time or cancelling before the day of the game, that team shall be deemed to have forfeit the match.

15.3 If a match is cancelled by a team on or prior to the day of the match the captain of the opposing team wishing to claim the match shall immediately inform the opposing captain of such a claim. Any claim under this rule must be made to LHM as soon as possible and will be at their discretion.

15.4 If a team cancels a match after 8pm on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled date, or not having cancelled the match will incur a 3-point deduction as well as forfeiting the match. The additional three points will not be deducted, at the LHM's discretion, if the opposition has been contacted before the above deadline and made aware of the potential situation.

16. Breach of Regulations & Penalties

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 16.

17. Appeal Procedure

In accordance with England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) 17.

General

1. All member Clubs of the League shall be deemed to have accepted these Regulations and to have delegated authority to the LHM for the interpretation and implementation of these Regulations.
2. These Regulations replace all former Rules and Constitutions of the former London Hockey League.
3. **LHM reserves the right to expand/dissolve/rearrange the League in accordance with changes to the EH management of Masters hockey in 2022.**

Please see England Hockey Adult League Regulations V12 (24/08/21) Appendix 3-8 for further clarification.

London Hockey League Masters Men's Divisions (Saturdays)

T I E R 6	O40 PREMIER	T I E R 6
	East Grinstead Masters	
	Epsom Embers	
	Guildford Masters	
	Hampstead & Westminster Masters	
	Old Cranleighans Stormers	
	Old Georgians Fire	
	Reading Rustlers	
	Spencer Masters	
	Wimbledon Masters 1	
T I E R 7	O40 DIVISION 1	T I E R 7
	Crawley Masters	
	London Wayfarers Centurians	
	Old Cranleighans Barnstormers	
	Old Kingstonians Masters	
	Richmond Renegades	
	Sonning Wycsonz	
	Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery	
	West Herts Masters	
	Wimbledon Masters 2	
	Woking Masters	

T I E R 8	O50 PREMIER	T I E R 8
	Chelmsford Supervets	
	Epsom Old School	
	Hampstead & Westminster Supervets	
	Indian Gymkhana Tigers	
	Old Loughtonians Masters	
	Reading Redsox	
	Southgate Titans	
	Spencer Supervets	
	St Albans Praetorians	
	Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	
T I E R 9	O50 DIVISION 1	T I E R 9
	Bromley & Beckenham O50	
	Old Cranleighans Hamstrings	
	Old Georgians Phoenix	
	Reading Supervets	
	Richmond Rogues	
	Surbiton Magnets	
	Tring Supervets	

T I E R 10	O60 PREMIER	T I E R 10
	Amersham & Chalfont Grandmasters	
	Bromley & Beckenham O60	
	Chelmsford Evergreens	
	Eastcote Past Masters	
	Hampstead & Westminster Grandmasters	
	Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters	
	Reading Rustics	
	Southgate Magnums	
	Spencer Grandmasters	
	St Albans Centurions	
	Surbiton Vintage	

<i>Regulations Key</i>	
	Grade 3
	Grade 4
	Grade 5

Appendix 2

All England Hockey policies shall apply to matches in the League. These may be revised and or supplemented from time to time by England Hockey but include

- ☐ FIH Rules of Hockey (with any variations as determined by EH and as shown in Appendix 3)
- ☐ EH Code of Ethics
- ☐ EH Red Card and Matchday Misconduct Regulations & EH Disrepute Regulations
- ☐ EH Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey
- ☐ EH Privacy Policy
- ☐ EH Equality Policy
- ☐ EH Transgender Policy
- ☐ UK Anti-Doping Rules
- ☐ EH Anti-Corruption Policy
- ☐ EH League Sponsorship Policy
- ☐ EH Safe Hockey Policy