

# LONDON HOCKEY NEWS

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*London Hockey - delivering hockey across the Greater London area*

**London Hockey Limited is live and operating. This new company was recently registered at Companies House and will operate and oversee hockey in our new area on behalf of our members and the national governing body, England Hockey.**

Since England Hockey's AGM and with input from enthusiastic individuals and co-operation from clubs, counties and regions, huge strides have been accomplished and we continue to work to be ready for the start of the new season in September 2021.

This newsletter sets out where we are today, and the activities our volunteers continue to work on in readiness for the start of the season. This newsletter will give clubs some of the details they need and provides anticipated dates for further activities to be completed.



**New London Hockey  
website launching in  
September!**

## A Structure Fit for the Future

### The National Picture - what is changing?

- Eight, more equal, areas based on density of teams and travel times
- A much leaner system with c.50 fewer organisations and c.100 fewer committees
- Local accountability to members and an aligned national structure
- Consistency in approach, governance and regulations

### A new era for hockey in London

- London Hockey is one of eight Area Companies
- Responsible for all hockey activity across Greater London
- Simpler structure covering all aspects of the game
- All adult, junior and masters' competitions and activity managed within the Area
- Officiating integrated into the Area with officials as members of the England Hockey Officiating Club
- Discipline managed by Area Disciplinary Administrator

### England Hockey and the 8 Areas

- The Area Standing Committee (ASC) replaces the regional committee
- 8 Area Working Groups for finance, governance, competitions etc.
- Areas working together to deliver hockey activity across the country

## What will change for London clubs?

A simplified system with fewer bodies to deal with less administration

### Annual Affiliation

- Single data input for both England Hockey and London Hockey Area
- Simplified payment process for EH, Area and Sub-Area subscription and league fees
- Same process for all league and competition entries

### Standard League Regulation Framework

- Recreational to National League
- Adapted for appropriate levels

### Game Management System

- One system for all players, clubs, leagues and officials
- Streamlined competition administration for clubs

## What happened at the AGM?

The Inaugural AGM was held via web conference on 26th July 2021.

Over 120 individuals attended the meeting on behalf of 40+ clubs and other organisations including counties and umpiring bodies.

We confirmed the elections of the management committee members and set the membership and league fees for the 2021/22 season.

The AGM presentation is available for download on the [London Hockey webpage](#).

Please share with your club members.

## Volunteers Please!

We are still looking for some support in a number of areas:

Finance Manager – Junior Activity

Assistant Area Discipline Administrator

Social Media Manager

Keen to get involved? Please do get in touch via [operations@london.hockey](mailto:operations@london.hockey)

## Membership & League Entry Fees

At the AGM the following fees for the 2021/22 season were set:

### Subscriptions

£ 10 Area Fee per adult team active in the London Area

£ 30 Sub Area Fee per adult team geographically based in the London Area

£ 40 Area Fee per club for Juniors Only or Occasional Clubs.

### League Entry Fees

£ 25 per team for Adult and Masters London Hockey Leagues

£ 20 per team for Junior London Hockey Leagues

£ 5 per club per Junior festival

£ 10 Umpire levy per adult team (or per club where no formal adult teams are entered).

This will only apply for the 2021/22 season to generate funds for umpire development.

Entry fees for any other competitions, such as indoor and schools, will be set by the

Directors following consultation with member clubs.

Fees will be reviewed ahead of next year's AGM taking into account received funds from reserves and expenditure.

## Game Management System

England Hockey is introducing a new Game Management System (GMS) that will be integrated with other platforms e.g. area websites. It will allow us to see all competitions and leagues in real time on one website and move all admin online, thereby removing the paper trail.

The initial launch of GMS will focus on ensuring the basic requirements are all in place. More functionality and improvements will be rolled out in phases over the coming months.

The GMS is focused on streamlining competition administration for clubs and administrators. GMS will not replace the club management systems that clubs use currently.

### Sign up to GMS training

The GMS is now live and it is critical that all club administrators, team managers and team captains attend a training session to familiarise themselves with the new system as you will be required to use it in the forthcoming season. Players will also be offered training and tutorials.

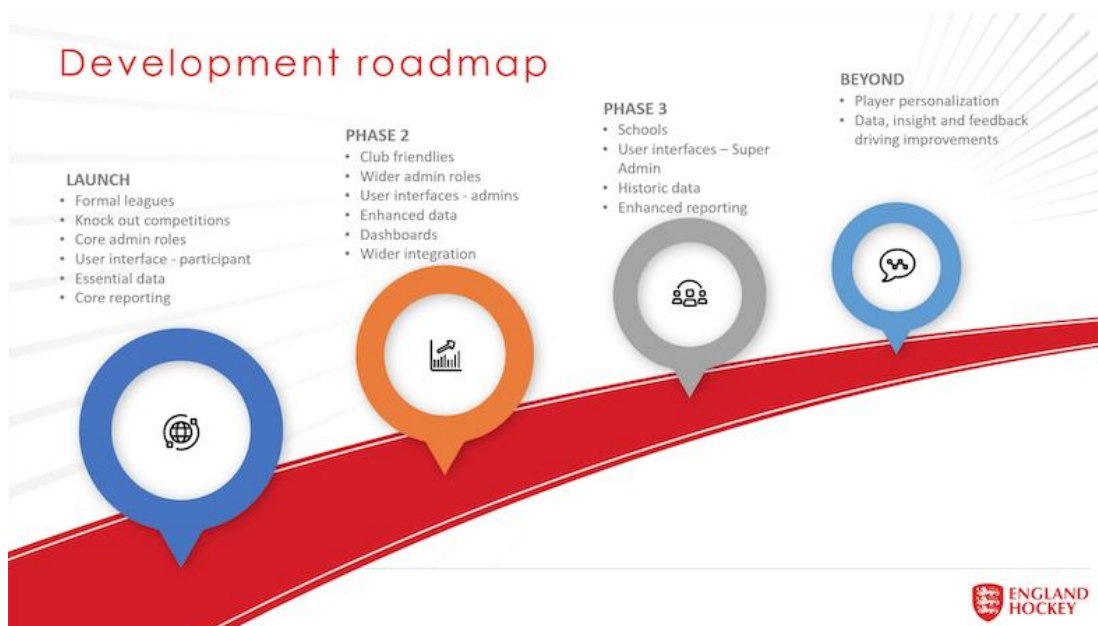
The following roles should sign up NOW for training on how to use the new system:

**Club Administrator** – key club committee members such as Club Administrator, Fixtures Secretary, or Membership Secretary

**Team Administrator** – Team Captains and/or Managers

### SIGN UP HERE FOR TRAINING

The outcome of the new technology will be to reduce administration, increase automation and improve data. It will provide up-to-date information on all your hockey data needs including reports, forms, competition and participant administration.



# Adult Leagues

## League Structure

Thank you to all the teams that registered their team lists online. The London Hockey Leagues working group completed their review of the populated league structure against team registration and contacted clubs that had outstanding issues. The league structure was sent to England Hockey for fixtures to be created and the fixtures list was distributed to clubs in July.

You can find the fixtures on [www.fixtures.englishhockey.co.uk](http://www.fixtures.englishhockey.co.uk) (temporary website)

**The start date of the London Hockey League fixtures is 25th September.**

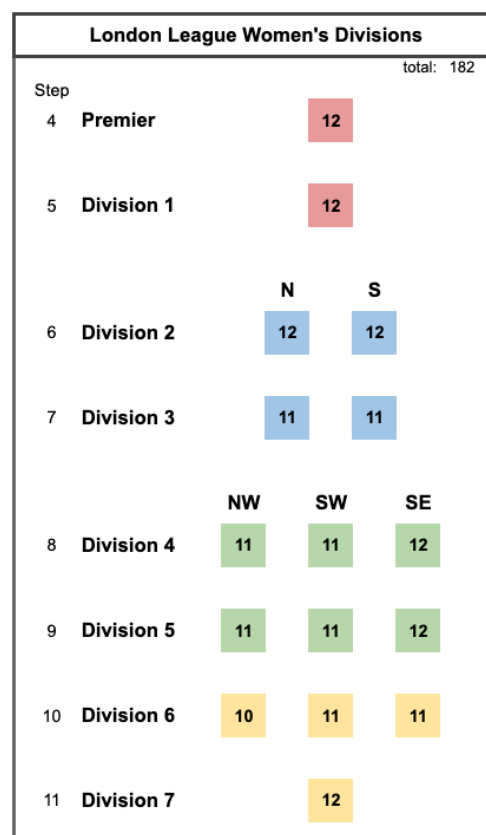
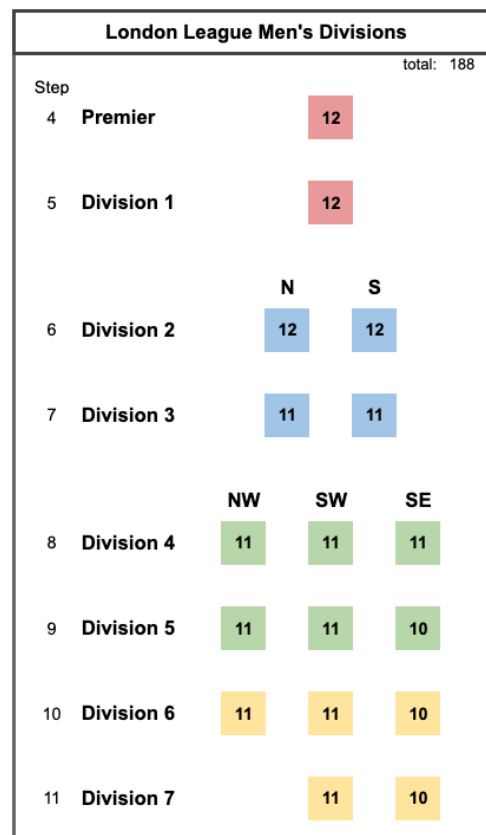
## League Regulations

We have signed off the League Regulations having collaborated with the other Areas to create a single set of regulations. This has been a complicated task with many differing views as to how adult leagues should operate - there were 55 different sets of league rules across the country previously. We will share these with clubs in the coming days.

Possibly one of the biggest differences from previous years is that team sheets will be required from both genders for all adult league matches.

The diagrams on the right show the structure of the Men's and Women's London Hockey Leagues, with the number in each coloured box denoting the number of teams in that division. The colours refer to the competition Grade, where each Grade is a number of divisions banded together within the league pyramid that share the same requirements for participant eligibility, competition and matchday administration.

You can find the League Divisions including teams on our [webpage](#).





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# Junior Hockey

The Junior committee is looking forward to the start of an exciting season with a lot of activity packed into the schedule!

## Leagues, Festivals & EH Tier 3 Competition

The deadline for entry to the Junior London Hockey Leagues, Festivals & EH Tier 3 Knockout competition has passed. We are now in the process of putting the Tier 1 & 2 leagues together before the end of August. We cannot guarantee additional places will be available at this stage but if you would like to enter further teams please contact [juniors@london.hockey](mailto:juniors@london.hockey).

Fixtures will be sent to you in a spreadsheet and will also be available on our webpage (see below for details). England Hockey will upload the fixtures to GMS in due course to enable you to add match details. Please ensure your club administrator uploads the contacts for each team on GMS as soon as possible once they are on the system, otherwise communication will be difficult!

The League Regulations for junior competitions are still under discussion but we hope those will be agreed and available in the coming weeks.

The first Tier 1 & Tier 2 matches for U14-18s will take place on Sunday 26th September.

U14-18 Tier 3 & 4 activity, U12 leagues and all age group Festivals will not begin until October. We will finalise those in mid September to enable clubs to make changes if junior player numbers are higher or lower than expected.

## Indoor Hockey

We are hoping to encourage increased participation in Indoor hockey and discussions on how to achieve that are ongoing with the clubs. If you are

interested in your juniors participating but have not been in touch so far, please contact [juniorindoor@london.hockey](mailto:juniorindoor@london.hockey).

## Player Pathway

Player Pathway Activity within the Greater London Area is now the responsibility of London Hockey. Development Centre activity for the U12-15s started in July and has been running for the last few weeks at numerous venues across the region. Assessments will be held in September & October to select the AC squads. The U16s & U17s will also be assessed during that period for the representative teams.

If you wish to nominate players who may have been overlooked in June or who missed the deadline for registration, please contact [playerpathway@london.hockey](mailto:playerpathway@london.hockey).

Make sure you regularly check our website (webpage until official launch) and follow us on social media for all our news and information.



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# Officiating

Our Officiating team is raring to go with umpire development, appointments and ensuring the success of the all new England Hockey Officiating Club (EHO).

For more details please read the London Hockey Officiating Newsletter on our webpage.

# Masters Hockey

The London Hockey Masters Leagues are now all set and we are looking forward to a new and exciting season.

We welcome lots of new teams. In the men's leagues we have restructured to Premier and Division 1 for O40 and O50 and Premier for the O60s. New leagues for women O35 and O45 start this year on Sundays, to complement their Saturday hockey. London will also be managing the South Women's Hockey League, so we welcome those teams as well.

We are looking to grow masters in London still further. Look out for club surveys investigating the make-up of your club players over 35, club structures to engage them, new teams, summer masters in hubs across the Area and fun festivals.

## Representative Teams

In September we begin the huge task of creating new London representative teams - men's O35-75 and women's O35-65. That's 16 squads! As you can imagine we will be looking for squad leads, coaches and of course players in all age groups. Each squad will play in an England Hockey inter-Area tournament next summer. It's competitive and great fun. Look out for details of age group trials.



Masters hockey players are not the retiring sort.

Age Group	Men's Area Tournament Dates	Women's Area Tournaments Dates
Over 35	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	14/15 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Over 40	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Over 45	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Over 50	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	14/15 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Over 55	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Over 60	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Over 65	25/26 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Over 70	11/12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	
Over 75	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	

If this is inspiring you, there's lots more! From Area hockey you can go on to represent England and compete in the Four Nations, European and World Cups.



If you'd like to come on board please get in touch: [masters@london.hockey](mailto:masters@london.hockey)

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## Website

Our new London Hockey website will go live in September. In the meantime you will find all the information you need on our temporary web page located on England Hockey's website:

## London Hockey

AGM Presentation, newsletters, league structures, FAQs, Game Management System, player pathways, umpiring and competitions.

## Social Media

Follow us on social media for the latest news and activity in the Area.

## Twitter

[@hockeyforlondon](https://twitter.com/hockeyforlondon)  
[@juniorslondon](https://twitter.com/juniorslondon) (junior hockey)

## Instagram

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