



ENGLAND HOCKEY

Area Masters Representation Eligibility

The following criteria should be used when selecting players for Area Masters squads.

The intention of these principles is to ensure Area teams are based on players who play for the clubs in their Area.

Players

- i) Shall reach the qualifying age for a competition within the year of the competition.
- ii) Shall primarily be a bona fide member of a club in the Area they are representing.
- iii) May qualify by being a resident in the Area they are representing, particularly if not a member of a club.
- iv) Shall only be eligible to represent one Area, in a given year.
- v) Shall only be eligible to play in one age group competition each year, except at the oldest age groups and with permission from the 8 Area Masters Committee. This should not be used to strengthen a team and exclude players for that age group.

Where point iv) or v) may threaten the entry of an Area team into a competition, that Area lead should make a request for dispensation to the 8 Area Masters eligibility coordinator for 2023 Sara Walker, at least two months in advance of the first tournament in which the individual intends to play.

For details of how to make a player request to move Areas or for dispensation see Appendix 1.

Movement of Areas should ideally only be around changing clubs. However, at this time a player may still request to represent an Area on the basis that they

- previously played for an Area (or region)
- have relocated
- were born in that Area

Enquiries around these conditions should be made by Area leads to masters@london.hockey

A log of approved exceptions will be maintained and available to Area Masters leads on the communication forum.

Should a change request be granted, the player must play for that Area for a minimum of 3 years.

Notes:

Should a player play for a Masters league team in a different Area to their primary adult club, they should play for the Area in which their adult club is affiliated to.

There may be exceptions for a few men's and women's sections of border clubs but needs approval as above.

Appendix 1.

Procedure for Area Masters leads to request if a player can move to a different Area, or for dispensation in accordance with iv) and v) above.

1. An Area Masters lead will make a request on behalf of their player via the approved form.
2. The request will be assessed against the eligibility criteria.
3. Details of the request and its outcome will be posted on the Area Masters forum as quickly as possible.
4. Area leads can access the forum at any time, check their requests and feedback to their player and squad manager.

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