

LONDON HOCKEY

SOUTH CLUBS' WOMEN'S HOCKEY MASTERS LEAGUE Regulations 2021-22

1. Introduction

The League shall be called the South Clubs' Women's Hockey Masters League (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 League 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.

3.1 The League shall be open to teams from any club or combination of no more than four local clubs, provided that all clubs supplying players to a team are affiliated to both England Hockey and their own Area. The chosen local clubs shall remain so for the whole season.

Guidance Note *Players may be drawn from the club entering a team and from up to three other local clubs without those additional players having to become members of the club entering the team. The additional players must however be paid up members of their 'home' club and named in both clubs in the England Hockey Game Management System (GMS). Here 'local' refers to reasonable proximity to the named club entering a team. Team Admins should contact LHM for any clarification on player eligibility.*

3.1.2 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 35 and Over 45.

4.1.2 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 With one Division for each age group there will be no promotion or relegation until such time as more Divisions are created.

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 (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 and further

8.3 Age Qualifications

8.3.1 Teams must consist of players who are, or will be over 35 years and over 45 years of age, for the relevant age group Leagues, in the year of play. The year of play for these purposes is from 1 January in any given year.

Guidance Note *A player will be 35 on the day of their 35th birthday. The effect of the 1 January date means that a player who is 35 on e.g. 15 February 2022, cannot play in the League until 1 January 2022 but can play in any scheduled matches from 1 January 2022 despite not reaching 35. Similarly, a player who will be 35 on 31 December 2021 can play in the League from September 2021 and does not have to wait until January 2022. A player whose 35th birthday falls on 1 January will be deemed eligible to play in that year.*

8.3.2 Players must not play for more than one team in a single age group in the League in any season.

8.3.3 Nothing in these rules will prevent players participating in their relevant “open” Saturday League for their ‘home’ club.

9. Teams, Match Sheets & Results

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 the 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 LHM for the interpretation and implementation of these Regulations.
2. These Regulations replace all former Rules and Constitutions of South Club's Women's Hockey Masters 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.

Appendix 1

South Club's Women's Hockey Masters League (Sundays)

| T I E R 1 0 | O35 PREMIER | T I E R 1 0 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Amersham & Chalfont O35 | |
| | Basingstoke O35 | |
| | Chichester O35 | |
| | Maidenhead O35 | |
| | Reading O35 | |
| | South Berkshire O35 | |
| | Trojans O35 | |

| T I E R 1 1 | O45 PREMIER | T I E R 1 1 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Amersham & Chalfont O45 | |
| | Oxford Hawks O45 | |
| | South Berkshire O45 | |
| | Wycombe O45 | |
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| <i>Regulations Key</i> |
| <i>Grade 5</i> |

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