



SOUTHERN COUNTIES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SOUTH CLUBS WOMEN'S MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2018

RULES

Guidance notes are provided in italics

1. THE TOURNAMENT

- 1.1. The Tournament shall be called the South Clubs Women's Masters Tournament and will be managed by the Tournament Director (TD) appointed by the South Masters Regional Committee. The TD has authority to determine and apply the rules of the tournament and their decision on anything affecting the tournament not catered for in these rules shall be final.
- 1.2. All matches in the tournament shall be played under the rules of the England Hockey Rules Board.
- 1.3. The tournament 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 to the Southern Counties Hockey Association (SCHA).

***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'.*

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Teams must consist of players who are or will be 35 years of age in the year of the tournament. The year of play for these purposes is from 1 January in any given year.

***Guidance Note** A player will be considered over 35 on the day of their 35th birthday. The effect of the 1 January date means that a player can play in the year they turn 35. This is in-line with the Masters International criteria. Teams will not be permitted to play with underage players. Teams can be drawn from up to four LOCAL clubs.*

Where possible, it is expected that players will remain with their current over 40s South Clubs Women's Masters League (SCWML) side for this tournament. However, as this is the first year of over 35, players from the SCWML will not be penalised if they return to their 'home club' should they now be able to field a side for this tournament.

If these rules are contravened, the team for which the player plays for, shall be disqualified.

Nothing in these rules will prevent players participating in their relevant "open" Saturday League for their "home club".

3. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.1. A tournament team sheet shall be completed with player's names, dates of birth, shirt numbers and club and given to the Tournament Director (TD) at least 30 minutes before the start of a club's first game.

4. UMPIRES

- 4.1. Shall be appointed by the TD.

5. UNIFORM

- 5.1. A team uniform shall be worn by players participating in Tournament matches, which shall consist of shirts of the same colour, skorts and knee length socks.

5.2. Cycle shorts may be worn under the skirt but must be of the same colour as the skirt.

5.3. Goalkeepers must wear colours contrasting with those of both teams.

5.4. Goalkeepers are permitted to wear shorts or trousers.

5.5. Goalkeepers must wear protective equipment as specified in the rules of the game. All goalkeepers are required to wear protective headgear - a full helmet, incorporating fixed full-face protection and cover for all of the head, including the back. Elbow guards are highly recommended. Facemasks are not considered to provide adequate protection.

5.6. Players shall wear on the back of their shirt, the number allocated on their team sheet.

5.7. Goalkeepers shall wear their number on their back

4.10 Captains must be identified by a band worn on the arm.

6. MATCHES

6.1. The length of matches shall be in accordance with the tournament schedule.

6.2. The first named team is responsible for providing the match ball and shall have first push back.

6.3. The second named team shall change shirts/use bibs if there is a clash of colours.

6.4. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final.

7. TEAMS

7.1. Teams should provide their own adequate First Aid Kit and have their own ice available pitch-side. Any player sustaining an injury that bleeds or any player with an open wound

MUST leave the pitch immediately to receive treatment and have the wound covered.

7.2. A Team consists of a maximum of 16 players, to include a maximum of two GKs. The Code of Pitchside Conduct set out at the end of these Regulations must be followed. The "notional bench" for each team is the area on the appointed side of the pitch between the halfway line and the 23m line. Substitutes must remain within that area as far as practicable; others should be excluded from that area.

7.3. A team whose goalkeeper is not properly equipped shall not be permitted to play the individual as a fully kitted goalkeeper but may withdraw the individual and instead play with 11 outfield players or elect to use a player with goalkeeping privileges provided they fulfil the Rules of Hockey in full. A team who refuses to make the election in such circumstances will be treated as having failed to honour the fixture.

8. DISCIPLINE

8.1. The Disciplinary Code of England Hockey shall be applied where necessary.

8.2. The SCHA Code of Pitchside Conduct set out at the end of these regulations must be followed in all matches.

9. POINTS

9.1. The points awarded for matches shall be as follows:

3 points for a win

1 point for a draw

9.2. In the event of an equality on points at the end of any pool matches or the final tournament, where necessary places

shall be determined by considering each of the following in order:

The greatest difference between goals scored and those conceded

The team with the greatest number of goals scored

The team with the fewest goals against

The result of the match between the two teams

A penalty stroke competition shall take place

10. TOURNAMENT FEE

10.1. All teams participating in the tournament shall pay an entry fee to the Southern Counties Hockey Association (SCHA) on or before the tournament date.

11. CODE OF PITCHSIDE CONDUCT

11.1. It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that good manners and courtesy prevail towards the opposition, umpires and other officials before, during and after the game.

- a. Players should clear the pitch area as soon as possible after their games.
- b. Substitutes should warm up in clothing in a colour other than the participating teams in the agreed area of the pitch side.
- c. Coaches and managers must remain in their designated area.
- d. Vocal communication by team officials and players on the bench must not, in any way, be directed at the umpires or players of the opposing team.

- e. Players not taking part in the game, or those in subsequent or previous matches, must not knock up or cool down on or near the pitch while a match is in progress.
- f. Small children and dogs should not be allowed to wander freely around inside the perimeter of the pitch while games are in progress. Children should remain under the control of the parent/guardian at all times.
- g. Babies in pushchairs should not be left parked on the side of the pitch.
- h. Suspended players should return to the nominated bench area.
- i. Captains, coaches and managers are responsible for the conduct of their players at all times.

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