



NORTH WEST HOCKEY

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Dear Club Secretary,

I am pleased to announce the Regulations for the coming season have been approved and are attached in this correspondence.

Please familiarise yourself with the Regulations as they may be different to what you have played under before.

The working group has spent a considerable amount of time condensing 40 sets of league rules across the country into 1 set of Regulations. There may be teething problems along the way and the Adult Leagues and Competitions Committee will be there to help and handle any issues on a case-by-case basis.

League Regulations

I would like to draw you attention to a few Regulations:

- Regulation 6.3.1: *Match start times shall be between the following times:*

Grade	Time – Sep & Oct, Mar & Apr	Time – Nov-Feb	Under floodlights
Grade 1	1130 – 1500 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs	1630 hrs at the latest
Grade 2	1130 – 1500 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs	1630 hrs at the latest
Grade 3	1000 – 1500 hrs	1000 – 1430 hrs	1730 hrs at the latest
Grade 4	1000 – 1500 hrs	1000 – 1430 hrs	1730 hrs at the latest
Grade 5	1000 – 1500 hrs	1000 – 1430 hrs	1730 hrs at the latest

The window of start times has been extended to alleviate the issue some Clubs face in accessing and booking pitches. Please consider the distance your opposition may be travelling when scheduling fixtures and ensure you have suitable floodlights.

- Regulation 8.1: *On any date a club's teams for its matches must be selected in line with the Principles of Fair Selection (Appendix 4).*
- Regulation 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.*

Please ensure any spectators remain on the opposite side of the pitch to your bench area.

- Regulation 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.*
- Regulation 11.4: *The table below outlines the requirements for umpires at each Grade of competition. A definition of competence for Grade 5 matches if an umpire is not Level 1 Unassessed, can be found in 11.1*

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
<i>Level of accreditation</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 1 Assessed</i>	<i>Level 1 Assessed</i>	<i>Level 1 Unassessed</i>
<i>Acceptable level of accreditation as minimum (where agreed by ALMC)</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 1 Assessed</i>	<i>Level 1 Unassessed</i>	<i>Level 1 Unassessed</i>	<i>No formal accreditation required</i>
<i>Who to conduct appointments</i>	<i>NPUA</i>	<i>Area Officiating Committees where possible, otherwise clubs</i>	<i>Area Officiating Committees where possible, otherwise clubs</i>	<i>Area Officiating Committees where possible, otherwise clubs</i>	<i>Clubs</i>
<i>Can umpires be switched at half time?</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No* (unless agreed by ALMC and opposition captain)</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Match Officials

Appendix 8 of the Regulations covers the duties and responsibilities of appointed match officials. Match Officials will be required for the Premier Division and Division 1 of both the men's and women's leagues.

Fixtures

As mentioned in my previous letter, the season start date for the North West area is 25th September. The full fixture list can be found [here](#).

Fixture times can be inputted on the GMS once your Club Admin receives access. The deadline for entering this information is 8th September for fixtures pre-Christmas and by 1st December for matches post-Christmas (Regulation 5.2.1).

Divisions with 8 teams or less will play each other 3 times. Only the first two sets of fixtures are shown on the England Hockey website, however they will be fully shown on the GMS. The fixtures listed for weeks 1,2 and 3 will be repeated on weeks 8, 9 and 10 and then the fixtures from weeks 4 to 7 will be added to the last four weeks of the season at weeks 19 to 22.

I previously highlighted that some Greater Manchester Club's may contact their opposition about playing their home fixtures on a Sunday due to lack of facilities. This will be permitted providing an agreement can be reached between both teams, see Regulation 5.1.2: *Clubs may agree to move a fixture to within 5 days of the scheduled date. This is subject to the approval of ALMC.*

Teams affected by the lack of facilities will be asked to contact all opposition this affects before the 8th September for fixtures pre-Christmas and by 1st December for matches post-Christmas to give all opposition sufficient time to plan accordingly. It would be helpful if these requests can go directly to the opposition copying the relevant Divisional Secretary and Area League Manager.

Please can opposition respond to these requests before the dates above. A lack of response to these requests before the deadlines will be treated as acceptance by the Adult Leagues and Competitions Committee.

Adult Leagues and Competitions Committee

I am pleased to announce the Adult Leagues and Competitions Committee below. The Divisional Secretaries are your first point of call for any queries. Peter McNulty is the Area League & GMS Manager and Louise Broome is the Assistant Area League Manager who are also available to help.

Many of the Committee have held roles across the different leagues previously but we also welcome new volunteers who are keen to make the changes to the league structure and Regulations a success. The Regulations and GMS will be new to everyone so please be patient whilst we handle and resolve any issues.

Committee Position	Grade	Name	Email
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Kind Regards,



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