

# Southern Counties Hockey Association



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Dear player or club contact

## **South Masters Hockey 2012**

Southern Counties Hockey Association has asked me to act as co-ordinator of the South over 40, 45, 50 and 55 Men's Masters teams. These teams will play in divisional tournaments in 2012 as shown below.

I am hoping that you may be interested in attending the trials and/or that you can pass this letter on to players within your clubs or counties. To be eligible, a player has to be the age before 31 December 2012 e.g. for the over 40's a player needs to be 40 on or before 31 December 2012. If you wish to attend the trials please contact the appropriate organiser shown below; not me. The selectors intend to pick the best possible teams so without wishing to discourage anyone from attending the trials and acknowledging that some of the best masters players have been late developers you will need to be a strong player to stand a realistic chance of being selected. You also need to be fit. Each team has an independent non-playing selector so if you have any complaints about the selection process, please contact them.

After the divisional tournament and further trials, teams will be chosen to represent England later in the year.

England Hockey Board is working hard to organise Masters hockey on a more professional basis. The EHB Masters Development Committee and the Masters Teams Committee have introduced proper procedures for selectors, managers, coaches and players. Please see EH Website: -

<http://englandhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=638&sectionTitle=Masters+Hockey>

Masters hockey around the world has recently gained a much higher profile and is now properly recognised by the FIH. In 2012, England, under the auspices of the International Masters Hockey Association (IMHA) is hosting the first official Masters World Cup at Canterbury HC between 15<sup>th</sup> & 26 August.

If you have any questions or need further information please do let me know.

Thank you

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