

SOUTHERN COUNTIES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH WOMEN'S O40s MASTERS CLUBS FINALS

1. TEAMS

The eight participating teams shall be the winners of each County O40s Masters Clubs Tournament and the winning team from the South Final from the previous season.

2. PLAYERS

- 2.1 A player may play for only **ONE** team throughout all stages of the Masters Championship. If this rule is contravened, the second and any subsequent team for which the player plays shall be disqualified.
- 2.2 All players shall have reached the age of 40 before 1st January of the current season.
- 2.3 All players in a team shall come from the same affiliated club and be bona fide members of that club.

The O40s regulations are 'flexible' re. who can play for any one team – this does allow people to play for a masters team even though not a regular member of the club (but must be notionally 'affiliated') and as long as they've not played in this event for another team. This does give clubs the flexibility to get enough players of the right age.

- 2.4 Each team must submit a completed teamsheet for the Tournament to the Tournament Director as directed. Each team will be entitled to nominate up to 18 players for the tournament. The teamsheet must be signed by the Manager who in so signing will be deemed to vouch for and confirm that each player listed is eligible to play. A player whose name appears on any team sheet listing those players eligible to play in the tournament will be deemed to have played in that tournament.
- 2.5 A team shall be entitled to nominate up to 16 players of its squad for each match and only those listed may sit on the team bench.

3. TEAM BENCH

Each team must have a Manager and two further officials are entitled to occupy the team bench. Additionally a qualified Medical Doctor, whose name appears on the team sheet, may sit on the team bench.

4. UNIFORM

- 4.1 Each team shall bring to the event shirts and socks in the team's usual colours and second colours. The colours to be worn for each match shall be as directed by the Tournament Director.
- 4.2 All field players:
 - shall wear skirts and knee length socks.
 - cycle shorts may be worn under the skirt but must be of the same colour as the skirt.
- Goalkeepers:
 - must wear colours contrasting with those of both teams.

- are permitted to wear shorts or trousers.
- 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. Face masks are not considered to provide adequate protection.

- 4.3** Each player shall wear on the back of her shirt, the number allocated on their team sheet.
Goalkeepers shall wear their number on their back and front.
All numbers shall be no less than 8" (20cm) in height and shall contrast with the colour of the shirt.
- 4.4** Captains must be identified by a band worn on the arm.

5. MATCHES

- 5.1** Apart from the duration of the matches, matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey authorised by the Hockey Rules Board.
- 5.2** Umpires for the final shall be appointed by the SCHA Umpire Association.
- 5.3** Each match shall be of 26 minutes duration, 13 minutes each way, with 4 minutes at half-time.

5.4 Scoring System

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point

In the pool matches, the team with the greatest number of points shall be declared the winner.
If there is equality between two or more teams:-

- i. The team with the greatest difference between goals scored and those ceded shall be the winner; if there is still equality:-
- ii. the team with the greatest number of goals scored shall be the winner; if there is still equality:-
- iii. the result of the match between the two teams; if there is still equality:-
- iv. a penalty stroke competition shall take place.

5.6 Blood Borne Diseases Warning - Aids, Hepatitis B

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.

- 6.** In any matter - other than umpiring decisions - which may be in dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final.

7. The England Hockey Disciplinary Code shall be applied throughout the event.