



**NORTH WEST
HOCKEY**

North West Hockey Newsletter



August edition

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to North West Hockey Ltd your new hockey organisation for all things hockey across Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire!

We are one of 8 Area Companies formed as set out in the England Hockey Governance 'A Structure Fit For The Future' and is responsible for the delivery of hockey in the North West under the auspices of the National Governing Body "England Hockey"

The North West held it's inaugural AGM on 14th July 2021, with in excess of 70 attending.

The 8 Area's are: North West, Yorkshire & North East, Midlands, London, East, South East, South Central and West. We are registered with Companies House - Company Number 13433627

North West Hockey brings together different leagues and organisations from within the North West Area with the aim to provide the best possible hockey experience for all existing participants, from players and clubs to volunteers, officials and those new to hockey. We've a team of 54 volunteers involved in the new Area across all our committee's and thank everyone who has stepped up to take on the new role and join our committees. We will be working closely with clubs, schools, local organisations and our three County hockey association's, to continue to develop and grow the sport by offering a wide range of opportunities to play hockey, opening up the sport to all.

Ensuring everyone has access to our activities and will be able to participate on and off the field will be the cornerstone of our success.

From August 2021 in the North West Hockey Area we will be offering:

- Adult Leagues & Competitions
- Junior Leagues & Competitions
- Schools Competitions
- Masters Leagues & Competitions
- Officiating - North West

We will also be supporting programmes delivered locally to encourage people to take part, through clubs, including FlyerzHockey, Schools Outreach, Walking Hockey and much more.

Along with everyone involved in North West Hockey, we wish all clubs all the best for the coming season and hope to meet many of you during 6 -12 months as hockey returns to 'normal'.

Chris Reece, Chair and Shelagh Everett, Vice Chair



Building Your Hockey A New Game Management System for Hockey

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Structure to fit all

<https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/governance/about-england-hockey/agm-resolution/governance-review>



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What is happening NW??



Junior Section

Welcome from the NWH Junior Committee!

You might notice some changes for the coming season, it's a really exciting time, aiming to give more young people the opportunity to play more hockey and at the right level.

This committee will:

- Manage Area Tier 1 and Tier 2 league activity from U14 - U18's,
- Deliver Area finals for U10/12 IN2 Hockey Champs
- Deliver Tier 3 competitions,
- Support the School and indoor comps where needed.

The competitions for new and developing teams and 1st round of IN2 will be administered through your County hockey organisations, hopefully you'll be hearing from them soon.

It might take us all a while to smooth out some of the kinks, so please be patient, but equally, if you have any queries then just drop us a note, we're here to help.

Adults Section

The proposed start of the Adult League is 25th September 2021. The fixtures can be found on the England Hockey website.

The Competitions Management System (CMS) will be renamed Game Management System (GMS), this is where Clubs and teams will enter their details. An important part of this system is that every player will need to register on the system and this will form the basis for online team sheets for every game. This player registration will ensure that a fair selection policy is maintained, guided by the League Regulations, and a transfer process if players wish to move clubs. Please could all Clubs sign up for the GMS training which should be available in the coming weeks.

The League Regulations referred to above are in the final stages of approval and will be issued shortly.

The Adult League and Competitions Committee is chaired by Leigha Bleasdale (adultleaguechair@northwesthockey.co.uk) as elected at the North West AGM. The Area League Manager is Peter McNulty and the Assistant Area League Manager is Louise Broome. Each League will have a Divisional Co-ordinator, details of the full Adult League & Competitions Committee will be shared to all Clubs shortly.

Congratulations to the First NW clubs working towards the Talent Centre accreditation

Alderley Edge HC
Bowden HC
Carlisle HC
Deeside Ramblers
Timperley HC



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AREA UPDATE



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What age can you start playing Masters

? <https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/faqs/faqs-adult-hockey/faqs-masters-hockey/faqs-what-age-can-i-start-playing-masters-hockey>

OFFICIATING

The N W H Area Officiating Committee is responsible for managing and administering Umpiring and Technical Officiating.

The remit is much broader than previously as in addition to recruiting, developing, and appointing neutral umpires and umpire coaches / assessors and young umpires we will also be working closely with Club Umpire Developers and Umpires to deliver the aims and objectives of England Hockey Officiating. In addition, we shall be aiming to provide more opportunities to develop technical officials

This is an exciting opportunity to support and improve officiating at all levels within the NW.

FINANCE

Welcome to the least exciting, but very essential part of North West Hockey Ltd.

As one of the 8 new Areas of England Hockey, our goal is to provide hockey at the lowest possible cost to the clubs.

The fees that we charge need to support the new systems being introduced such as Game Management System, Officiating Management System and Website in addition to the administrative and operational costs of the Area Committees (Adult Leagues, Junior Leagues, Officiating, Discipline and Masters).

For the first season the cost of hockey to the clubs is: – Area Subscription £20/Adult Team and League Entry Fee £25/Adult League Team.

There will be an announcement shortly on when these fees are due and method of payment.

Niall Riley

Finance Director

MASTERS

Participation in Masters hockey is considerably lower in the NW than in most of the rest of England - we've never had a Masters Committee for the North before, let alone the North West. Our first priority is to get more NW players involved, by

- creating the opportunity - setting up open events for players of all ages from 34 upwards, men and women, around the North West early in the new season, and
- letting eligible players know, initially via clubs and personal contacts, then via the new EH player registration info, what's going on and inviting them (warmly!) to join in.

CLUB UMPIRING

Club umpires are the mainstay of officiating; without them club matches simply couldn't happen, they can make a big difference to the players enjoyment of the game and yet clubs are often struggling to find enough umpires.

The AOC wants to help clubs attract more of their members into umpiring and to give them support so that they can develop their skills. The key is for clubs to have a Club Umpire Developer who focuses on developing umpires and

N W Hockey will pay the fee of a club member who undertakes the online CUD course. To help CUD's in their role Cluster Leads will coordinate and support the activities in groups of clubs – Clusters. They are Chris Regan, Jane Evans, Luke Pibworth, Jo Skelton, Will Reynolds and Inge Bevers and they will soon be in contact if they have not already done so. In addition, N W H Facebook, and Twitter (see links) offer forums for information and discussion.

Finally, a reminder that when the GMS comes onstream club umpires will need to register to enable the club to appoint them to games. Also, Clubs can take out the EHO Silver Membership package on behalf of their umpires and CUDs as this offers access to a greater range of support resources and materials.



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EH Governance

<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/governance/about-england-hockey/agm-resolution/governance-review>

DISCIPLINE

The transition to Area Discipline Administrator structure become effective on Sunday 1st Aug. In Simple terms Discipline below National League level is now dealt with across the whole area and not at county level however all the county discipline County DAs have moved across to become Assisted ADAs. This will lead to a shared workload but also all but the simplest matters will be looked at by a panel as opposed to an individual.

New regulations and accompanying forms are now on the EH website, only slight changes to do with the governance structure and removal of the need of the issuing umpire to categorise the offence. Look for more info about this coming from EH soon. Peter McNulty
<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/governance/rules-and-regulations/discipline-and-disrepute>

The New North West structure



Directors				
Finance Director	Vice Chair	Chair	Operations Director	Governance Director
Niall Riley	Shelagh Everett	Chris Reece	Katherine Wholey	Vacant
				

Committee Chairs				
Adult Hockey	Junior Hockey	Officiating	Masters Hockey	Discipline
Leighan Bleasdale	Rebecca Stamper	Annette Badger	Tony Taig	Peter McNulty*
				



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DIRECTOR & CHAIR CONTACTS , WEB ADDRESS , SOCIAL MEDIA AND VACANCIES



Board

Chair - Chris Reece- Chair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Vice Chair -Shelagh Everett- Vicechair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Operations Director- Katherine Wholey - Operationsdirector@northwesthockey.co.uk

Finance Director- Niall Riley - Financedirector@northwesthockey.co.uk

Management Committee

Adult league & Competition Chair -Leighan Bleasdale- adultleaguechair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Junior League & Competition Chair-Rebecca Stamper- juniorleaguechair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Discipline Chair -Peter McNulty-disciplinechair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Masters Chair-Tony Taig- masterschair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Officiating Chair- Annette Badger-officiatingchair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Area Website (Temporary), we have a temporary website, until the New Area Websites are launched in the near future.
<https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/governance/about-england-hockey/8-areas/north-west-hockey>

Social Media, North West Hockey – share or follow our accounts

North West Hockey - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/northwesthockey>

North West Hockey – Twitter: https://twitter.com/nw_hockey21

North West Hockey League - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthWestAreaHockeyLeague>

Governance Director Vacancy

North West Hockey Ltd has a vacancy for a Governance Director to join the Board on a co-opted basis and election at our next AGM. The role will lead on the new Area's Governance work with our Committee's and working with the other seven Area's and contributing to the shaping and development of Hockey in the North West. See a summary of the duties in the Job Description.

- link:<https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/download?documentId=016QX2LWP4WSBTPSVS2VHZFMWEJNPQ4XYM> and the North West Hockey update provided at the inaugural AGM
- Link: <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/download?documentId=016QX2LWLLAGANTW6TJFGZMWLMPTTIZ33O>

The role holder must be eligible aged 18+and eligible to be appointed as a Company Director with Companies House. For further information please Email: chair@northwesthockey.co.uk

Please see link to the: North West Hockey Ltd: Governance Director - Expression of Interest Form
<https://forms.office.com/r/v4un8FvKt8>

Closing Date: 4/10/2021 for EOI's

