



MIDLANDS HOCKEY

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VOICES IN HOCKEY

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Welcome to the start of the 2021/22 season for Midlands Hockey; a new name and logo and a new structure. I hope that this will be an uninterrupted season and we can all once again enjoy playing and /or officiating and watching Hockey.

This is the first season where we are operating following the AGM resolution of “a structure fit for the future “. One of the biggest changes sees clubs move from the old 5 Regions to the new 8 Areas. The Midlands Area is relatively unchanged in terms of clubs and it has resulted in our Area being the largest in terms of club numbers.

Whilst we are relatively unchanged in size you will no doubt be seeing a lot of changes at all levels. I know we are still settling in to the new committee and league structures and particularly the new game management system and though we are not there yet we are making progress and ultimately we should all benefit from the changes. I must thank the many volunteers with Midlands Hockey for the tremendous amount of work that they have done to deliver the changes over the last two years and will continue to do moving forward. One major change sees all of the Management Committee Chairs sitting on the relevant 8 Area National Committee. Details of the Board and Committee Chairs can be found on the Midlands Hockey [website](#). This also seems an appropriate time to thank all of the volunteers who have stepped down after many years’ service to hockey in the Midlands, in particular the old County Committees and Heritage League Committees.

Congratulations to all teams and individuals who achieved success in various England Hockey Competitions over the Summer. Please follow the [link](#) to see who they are.

The Board of Directors are keen to share with the Midlands Hockey family (and EH) your good news stories so please if you have something to tell us use the Voices in Hockey [link](#) on the Midlands website and we will look to share it with all Midlands Clubs.

Finally please, as we get back into league action, let’s all continue to demonstrate what a great sport Hockey is by showing respect to our fellow players and of equal importance the Umpires, without whom we do not have a game.

Have a great season.

Tim Lorimer,
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