

# Southern Counties Hockey Association



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Dear player or club contact

## **South Masters Hockey**

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 in 2010. These teams will play in divisional tournaments as shown below.

I am hoping that you may be interested in attending the trials or that you can pass this letter on to players within your clubs or counties who may be interested. To be eligible, a player has to be that age before 31 December 2010 eg for the over 40's a player needs to be 40 on or before 31 December 2010. If you wish to attend the trials please contact the appropriate organiser shown below. 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 vets have been late developers in life you will need to be a strong player to stand a realistic chance of being selected. You also need to be fit.

After the divisional tournament and further trials, teams will be chosen to represent England later in the year and the dates for the internationals are also shown below.

You may know that England hockey is trying to put veteran's hockey onto a more professional basis and has re-branded it as Masters Hockey. The Masters Development Committee and the Masters Teams Committee are working hard in 2010 to introduce proper procedures for selectors, managers, coaches and players. Please see the weblink.

<http://www.englishockey.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. England teams were very successful at the International Master Hockey Tournament (IMHT) in Hong Kong last year winning three of the four tournaments. England will be sending teams to the IMHT tournament in Singapore in 2011 and plans are being made to run a tournament in London in 2012 during or just after the Olympic Games. There are similar developments taking place in Women's Masters hockey.

It is EH policy to strongly encourage players to play in their own age groups and the South Region intends to reflect this policy. However under the "Age is no Barrier" principle if you really want to have a go at a younger age group then you may. In future years you may find that you are restricted by the selectors to playing in just one age group.

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

Thank you

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### Trial dates and divisional tournaments

Age Group	Trials date	Trials Venue	Divisional Tourn Date	Divisional Tourn Venue
040	18/4 1.30	Guildford	8 & 9/5	Old Louts (tbc)
045	18/4 1.30	Guildford	8 & 9/5	E Grinstead
050	28/3 1.00 11/4 2.00	Richmond Richmond	1 & 2/5	Beeston
055	11/4 2.00 25/4 tba	Richmond Reading	8 & 9/5	Chelmsford
060 & 065	21/2 1.15	Surbiton	15 & 16/5	Cannock

### England Hockey Masters Dates 2010

Age	Trial date	Date	Tournament/Venue
40	23/5 Old Louts	21 & 22/8	4 Nations Lisburn Ireland
45	16/5 EG	18-20/6	4 Nations Swansea
50	23/5 Readig	21 & 22/8	4 Nations Lisburn Ireland
55	6/6 Reading	18-20/6	4 Nations Swansea
60,65,70		2-5/6	LX Club European Trophy Belgium
60,65,70		15-25/9	Grand Masters World Cup South Africa