

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Women's Masters Report 2022/23 for GHA AGM on 17th May 2023

Gloucestershire Masters

There has been an increase in Women's Masters social hockey being played in Gloucestershire during the last 12 months, with some clubs playing friendly masters hockey matches on a regular basis. However, a large number of women in Gloucestershire who are Masters age group players are still playing regular league hockey for their club sides.

Gloucestershire have had no invitations in the last 12 months to enter any County competitions.

I would like to be providing more information to the County regarding Masters' activities in Gloucestershire, e.g. clubs that enter Masters competitions, players who get selected for squads at different levels etc. Therefore please can you let me know via the GHA website, so that I can pass information on at Committee Meetings and that the County can celebrate the success of their players.

EH Masters Championships

Several Gloucestershire Clubs entered teams into the England Hockey Championships across the 3 women's categories - Over 35s, Over 45s and Over 55s. None of the Gloucestershire teams got through to the finals, but Bretforton did get as far as the Semi Final in Tier 2 of the Over 55s competition.

West Masters

Trials for the West Squads from O35s up to O70s took place during January, February and March 2023. The numbers attending trials was the highest ever so competition for places in the squads was tough. I'm pleased to report that there are representative players from Gloucestershire Clubs in all 8 age group squads. Tournaments for the squads are running through May and June. We hope that all West Squads will be successful and wish our Gloucestershire players the best of luck. Have fun!

The West decided to trial some Masters Competitions last season and invitations were sent out to all clubs inviting them to enter teams into the following competitions:-

- O40 Men – One day festival
- O40 Women – One day festival
- O35 Mixed - KO Cup & Plate
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Not many Gloucestershire clubs entered, but hopefully more will get involved next season.

International Masters

World Cup competitions took place between August and October 2022 in Nottingham and Cape Town, South Africa. Congratulations to the Gloucestershire players selected in the English and Welsh squads. All the England women's squads won gold medals.

Trials and selection has already taken place for the international competitions this summer ie the 4 Nations and European Cup and some Gloucestershire players have been selected.

On behalf of the GHA Committee, I would like to wish all Gloucestershire Masters Players involved in regional and international competitions the very best of luck.

**Sally Privett
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