

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

GHA Committee Meeting – 24th January 2024 **Women's Masters Report**

Masters Activity in Gloucestershire

Social Masters hockey continues to be played between some of the Gloucestershire clubs.

EH Masters Championships

Newent 035s are the only Gloucestershire team left in any of the age group competitions.

West Masters

- The second Assessment Day for the Ladies from O35s up to O70s is taking place this coming Sunday, 28th January, at Kings Collage, Taunton. The day is split into age group sessions starting at 10.00am and finishing at 4.30pm. The final Assessment day is on 18th February. There is very good representation from Gloucestershire clubs across all age groups at these trials.
- Issues regarding eligibility of players from clubs located in the West but now playing their hockey in the South Central leagues, to be able to continue playing Masters for the West, have still not been fully resolved.
- The new West social media platforms, namely Facebook and Instagram are live now and it is hoped that these will provide easier and improved communication.
- The Masters Club Competitions are not proving to be very successful this year due to numbers of clubs that entered and the amount of teams pulling out. Discussions are taking place regarding possible changes to the format for next season. Feedback is also being encouraged from clubs who have been involved.

International Masters

Due to weather issues, several of the age groups have not had their final trial. It is hoped that trials will be completed in the next few weeks and that all squads will be announced by the end of February.

2024 is World Cup year for Masters Hockey and the competition is tough as players challenge for their places to represent their country in either Cape Town, South Africa or Auckland, New Zealand at the competitions in October & November.

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