

Women's Masters Report 2023/24 for GHA AGM on 22nd May 2024

Masters Activity in Gloucestershire

There are still a large number of women in the masters' age groups playing regular league hockey for club sides, which is great to see. However, there is also an increase in activity outside this with more clubs getting involved in masters' social hockey matches, which in some cases are pulling in people who are not regular club players. For example, Lansdown HC have successfully set up a Masters Section which has around 40 players. They have been playing matches once a month for the last year against other local clubs.

EH Masters Championships

Gloucester, Lansdown and Newent entered teams into the England Hockey Championships this season. The total number of club entries were: O35s - 128 / O45s - 64 / O55s - 32.

West Masters

- A West Masters County Festival took place in Taunton on 10th September. Information on this was circulated very late and only 2 mens teams and 4 ladies teams entered. It is hoped to get information out to counties/clubs at an earlier stage next season in order to increase participation.
- Trials for the West Squads from O35s up to O70s took place during November, January and February. There were players from Gloucestershire clubs trialling in all 8 age group squads. Many Gloucestershire players were selected and the Area Tournaments are running through May and June 2024.
- The West Masters Committee have been working hard this season to improve their social media activity and general communications. It is still important that all club secretaries pass on Masters communication within their clubs.
- For the second year the West have organised Masters Club Competitions in various age groups and invitations were sent to all Clubs in August 2023. The competitions ran between Sept and April.

International Masters

The 4 Nations Tournaments took place in Nottingham and Glasgow last summer. This was followed by the European Cup competitions which also took place in the summer months in Nottingham and Valencia. Congratulations to the Gloucestershire players selected for the International squads.

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

Good luck to all Gloucestershire Masters Players involved in Area and International competitions.

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