

SWMHL AGM 2026
06/05/26
7:30
Conducted on Zoom
Meeting Length 40 mins

Attendees

Adam Gilchrist (SWMHL)
Juan Peralta (SWMHL)
Jasminder Singh (SWMHL)
John Turner (Swansea HC)
Sian Lumby (Cardiff Met)
Ben Evans (Whitchurch)
Renn Mckan (Cardiff Met HC)
James Griffiths (Bridgend)
Kay Tyler (Gwendda)

Max Barton (Penarth)
Hayley Bowen (Neath)
Megan Potter (Gwendda)
Sam Salisbury (Penarth)
Chris Williams (Gwent)
Ailish James (Athenas)
Ben Sammuel (Gwent Police)

Chair - Juan Peralta

Overview

The meeting focused on plans for Season Two of the South Wales Mixed Hockey League. Key areas discussed included alignment with Hockey Wales, league structure, player affiliation, team entry requirements, safeguarding, social media, and future league development.

Introduction of New Participants and Team Affiliations

- Juan Peralta welcomes participants
- Adam Gilchrist lists the teams and their representatives,

Overview of South Wales Mixed Hockey League Season Two

- Juan introduces Season Two of the South Wales Mixed Hockey League, emphasizing the mission to build on the foundation from the previous year.
- Juan provides a brief overview of the previous season, highlighting the success of last year and the positive feedback received.
- The plan for the current season includes aligning with Hockey Wales and ensuring full recognition by Hockey Wales for the 2026 season.
- Juan discusses the addition of a Division Three to provide more opportunities for younger players and parents.

Structure and League Fees

- Juan explains the division structure, with Division One as the Premier competition, Division Two as the middle ground, and Division Three for development and enjoyment.
- The league will not conduct any voting for the current year but may do so in the future to adhere to Hockey Wales requirements.
- Juan outlines the league fees, set at 50 pounds per team, covering operational costs, socials, end-of-season awards, and future expansion.
- The league will require all players, coaches, and umpires to be affiliated with Hockey Wales, with new players added within 48 hours prior to the first game.

Social Media and Safeguarding Measures

- Juan discusses the importance of social media and safeguarding measures, including capturing high-quality match actions and using designated league photographers.
- Participants are encouraged to engage with the league media and create TikTok content using the league hashtag.
- Consent process is assumed as part of the registration process on Sport 80, with players and parents able to withdraw consent at any time.
- Digital photos will be stored on a secured, password-protected device, and photographers will sign an agreement on their usage.

Next Steps and Team Entry Requirements

- Juan outlines the next steps, including submitting team entries and team fees by the registration deadline of May 15th
- Participants are advised to update their squad lists and send them into the league.
- Juan addresses questions about the team entry sheet, confirming that it will include names and registration numbers.
- Discussions on player movement between teams and the naming of players are held, with a focus on ensuring fairness and adhering to the rules.

Discussion on Player Movement and League Fairness

- Chris W raises a concern about players moving between teams, especially when playing with their children.
- Juan Peralta explains the naming of players and the intention to prevent strong players from competing in multiple leagues
- The discussion includes examples of players like Jacob Draper and the need for captains to take responsibility for maintaining fairness in the league.
- Participants express their desire to maintain the spirit of the summer league while adhering to Hockey Wales rules.

Final Clarifications and Additional Questions

- Ben Evans inquires about the bank details for team fees, and Juan Peralta confirms that the information will be provided shortly.
- Kay raises a point about the flexibility of player movement between teams, and Juan Peralta reassures that the league will work with teams to ensure fairness
- The discussion includes the possibility of increasing the squad size limit from 30 to 35 players, as suggested by Adam Gilchrist.
- Sam Salisbury asks for information to share with their teams about the membership requirements, and Juan Peralta confirms that a 20-pound incentives membership will be required for any new member

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Circulate PowerPoint from the meeting	League committee	ASAP
Circulate meeting notes	League committee	ASAP
Share final drafts of constitution and rules if requested	League committee	ASAP
Confirm team entries	Team representatives	15 May
Pay team entry fee	Team representatives	15 May
Submit squad lists with registration numbers	Team representatives	15 May
Confirm final squad size limit	League committee	TBC
Provide bank details for team fees	League committee	ASAP
Prepare social media pack	League committee	Ongoing
Continue website rebuild	League committee	Ongoing