



**ENGLAND  
HOCKEY**

## **Area Masters Representation Eligibility**

The following criteria should be used when selecting players for Area Masters squads.

### Players

- i) Shall reach the qualifying age for a competition by 31 December of the same playing year.
- ii) Shall primarily be a bona fide member of a club in the Area they are representing.
- iii) May qualify by being a resident in the Area they are representing , particularly if not a member of a club. Other possible exceptions see below.
- iv) Shall only be eligible to represent one Area in a given year.
- v) Shall only be eligible to play in one age group competition each year.

Where point iv) or v) may threaten the entry of an Area team into a competition, that Area should make representation to the 8 Area Masters group (contact details to follow) for a waiver at least two months in advance of the first tournaments in which the individual intends to play.

If a player wishes to represent an Area on the basis that they live in an area , previously played for that area (or region) and have relocated or were born in that Area, then a request should be put to the 8 Area Masters Group (contact details to follow) with said details and proof. A log of approved exceptions will be maintained.

Should that request be granted, the player must seek selection to play for that Area for a minimum of 3 years.

### Notes:

*The intention of these principles is to allow Areas to field teams based on players who play for the clubs in their Areas.*

*Should a player play for team that plays in a masters league in a different Area, they should play for the Area where their club is based/affiliated to. There may be exceptions for a few men's and women's sections of border clubs but needs approval as above.*

*Movement of Areas should ideally only be around changing clubs.*