



London Hockey AGM – 13th July 2026

Juniors Review 2025-2026 Season

The Junior section has had another busy season with a huge amount of activity covering Club leagues & festivals for U7s-U18s; In2Hockey Cup & Plate Tournaments at U10 & U12; Area Tier 3 Cup & Plate Competition; Indoor competitions; School competitions and Talent Development activity.

Clubs

Activity was arranged for groups aged U7-U18 as follows:-

- U7- U12 Mega and Mini Leagues with 495 teams participating.
- U10 & U12 In2Hockey Cup, Plate & Vase (new competition this season) involved 233 teams across the two age groups and genders. The winners of the U12 Cup competitions qualified for the England Hockey Finals.
- U12 Performance Leagues (7 a side) had 35 entries across the two genders.
- U14-18 leagues a total of 227 teams entered which was an increase of 17 on 2024-2025 but subsequently, 13 teams withdrew and a number moved tiers following the first round of matches.
- The U14 Leagues were rearranged after Christmas after the U14 SupraLeague qualifiers were identified. The remaining Tier 1 teams were placed in a London, South Central & South East cross border Tier 1B leagues with some stronger Tier 2 teams. Finals were held for the Tier 1B, 2 & Tier 3A Leagues.
- U16 Tier 1 entries were made centrally with England Hockey for a second season. Tier 2 and 3 remained unchanged with Finals taking place for T2 only.
- The U18 Tier 1 teams also participated in a cross-border leagues. Crossover Finals were held for the U18 Boys only. U18 Tier 2 Leagues were Area only with the Girls leagues requiring a crossover final.
- EH Tier 3 Knockout Cup & Plate Competitions for U14s & U16s had 54 entries
- Indoor Area Finals were held in November & December for the U18 & U16 Boys & Girls with the winners qualifying for the England Hockey S6s Finals. 20 teams entered across both age groups & genders.
- An Indoor Competition for U12 was held in with 11 teams entered.



Following the collection of membership data by England Hockey, it was evident that there has been a large drop off in junior numbers across the country in participation amongst the 14-16 year olds which partially accounted for the withdrawal of teams from leagues in all 8 Areas. Junior numbers in London have actually increased across most age groups but there was a reduction in U14-16 year olds, albeit a smaller reduction than in the rest of the country.

In an attempt to understand why the numbers have reduced, a national club survey was conducted which revealed a number of issues around match travel times, players moving to TA host clubs and player/parental apathy. We will endeavour to address the travel concerns for next season and aim to offer as much activity as possible at all ages & levels to keep the players engaged. The findings will be discussed with the Clubs at our Junior Clubs meeting.

Area Winners

Tier 1	
U18 Open-Boys (London/SC/SE)	Hampstead & Westminster
U18 Girls (London/SC/SE)	Wimbledon
U14 Open-Boys Tier 1B (London/SC/SE)	Bromley & Beckenham
U14 Girls Tier 1B (London/SC/SE)	Surbiton
U12 Open-Boys Performance	Teddington
U12 Girls Performance	Surbiton

Tier 2	
U18 Open-Boys	Southgate
U18 Girls	Southgate
U16 Open-Boys	Spencer
U16 Girls 2	Bromley & Beckenham
U14 Open-Boys	London Wayfarers
U14 Girls	Old Cranleigh

Tier 3	
U16 Open-Boys	N/A
U16 Girls	London Wayfarers
U14 Open-Boys	Old Cranleigh
U14 Girls	Richmond

EH Tier 3 Cup	
U16 Open-Boys	London Wayfarers
U16 Girls	London Wayfarers
U14 Open-Boys	Spencer
U14 Girls	Bromley & Beckenham



EH Tier 3 Plate	
U16 Open-Boys	London Wayfarers
U16 Girls	Bromley & Beckenham
U14 Open-Boys	London Wayfarers
U14 Girls	Spencer

U14 & U16 Supraleagues

U14s

At the Christmas break, a number of teams qualified for the U14 National SupraLeagues:-

Open-Boys – Wimbledon Stormers, Surbiton Seals & Teddington

Girls - Southgate, Surbiton Wrens & Wimbledon Stormers

In the National finals, two teams from the Area qualified and finished as follows:-

U14 Boys – Wimbledon Stormers 3rd

U14 Girls – Surbiton Wrens 1st

U16s

Tier 1 was in the same format as last season with entry being made centrally with England Hockey. Two London clubs entered the Boys competition and 4 the Girls

Open-Boys competition, Wimbledon reached the SupraLeague Finals and finished 1st
Girls Competition, both Surbiton & Teddington reached the finals with Surbiton finishing 1st and Teddington 5th

In2Hockey

The In2Hockey Cup, Plate and the new Vase were hugely successful tournaments with the Preliminary Rounds for 233 teams held over two weekends in March. The 4 qualifying teams from each of the age groups & genders in all three competitions played at the Finals day at Lee Valley at the end of April.

Winners

U10 Boys Cup – Surbiton

U10 Boys Plate – Old Cranleigh

U10 Boys Vase - Barnes

U10 Girls Cup – Surbiton

U10 Girls Plate – Bromley & Beckenham

U10 Girls Vase - Richmond

U12 Open-Boys Cup – Spencer

U12 Open-Boys Plate – Eastcote

U12 Open-Boys Vase - Surbiton



U12 Girls Cup – Surbiton
U12 Girls Plate – Surbiton
U12 Girls Vase - Richmond

Spencer U12 Boys & Surbiton Girls qualified for the National Finals & finished :-
Surbiton Girls - 4th ; Spencer Boys – 2nd

Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to run or officiate at the various qualifying In2 Hockey tournaments on our behalf and assisted with the Finals at Lee Valley, in particular Ganesh Kuganathan who took on the mammoth task of uploading all the In2 fixtures on to the League Republic App. Additional thanks to Lucas Jaehnig and Louis Sabourin who assisted at the Finals and helped to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Indoor

Following the London Indoor rounds, Surbiton U16 Girls, Wimbledon U18 Boys, U18 Girls & U16 Boys and Surbiton U16 Girls represented London in the Super 6s Finals & finished

U18 Boys –Wimbledon– 8th
U18 Girls – Wimbledon – 3rd
U16 Boys – Wimbledon - Jt 3rd
U16 Girls – Surbiton – 6th

An Indoor Tournament was held for U12s in January. We were unable to run a competition for the U14s due to the lack of a venue.

U12 Open-Boys – 6 teams Winners – London Wayfarers
U12 Girls - 5 teams Winners – London Wayfarers

Many thanks to the League/Indoor/In2 Competition/Mega & Mini League/U12 Performance Administration team of Adrian Darley, Joergen Jaehnig, Jenny Walker & Andrea Cole for all their hard work over the last 12 months as without them, the huge amount of activity organised by the Area would not have happened. Jenny Walker has now stepped back from her role in the Area & we are enormously grateful to her for all she has done over the last four seasons in setting up and administering the Mega & Mini leagues.

Talent System

Development Centre (DC) activity ran throughout July & August for U12-15s for around 804 children which was around 50 fewer players than last season. The players selected for 2024/2025 squads were not required to attend the DC but were invited for assessment together with the



players taken through from DC. A total of 889 players were assessed and 460 players selected for the 20 representative squads, two squads being selected for each gender in each age group. Again, the Assessment phase was complicated due to the TA Assessments at some centres not being completed until late October 2025 and consequently, a number of players selected in September had to withdraw as a result of being selected for TA.

After the training phase was completed, all the teams participated in the South Counties Championship. Matches were played in a triangular format across weekends in March-May.

The final standings for the teams were:-

2025-2026					
	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
Open-Boys					
North	1st	4th	4th	2nd	1st
South	4th	6th	2nd	1st	5th
Girls					
North	5th	8th	5th	4th	4th
South	7th	5th	7th	3rd	1st

In June, England Hockey ran a pilot tournament in conjunction with The Andy Gibson Foundation for U14 County teams comprised exclusively of state school players in years 8 & 9 with the aim of improving the visibility of state school players. Five counties took part in the event on 13th June at Cambridge City HC. London entered a team in each gender at no cost to the participants and won both tournaments. It was well received by the participants.

Due to the short notice given of the tournament, players were selected from the existing U13 & U14 state school players within the London Talent programme save that an additional 4 girls were selected from Ti_in Girls School. It is hoped that should this tournament run again, we will be able to cast the net more widely across the state schools in the area and reach an accommodation with London Youth Games to enable players to participate in both competitions which we were unable to do this year.

At the end of July, U15 & U17 Girls and Boys teams will take part in the National County Championship being held in Nottingham. Trials have been held and teams selected. The tournaments will be run over a number of days for each age group and gender and it is hoped the players will find the experience enjoyable & rewarding. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with Team management at the event.



Clare Cogswell & Claire Sabourin continued in their administrative roles for London North & London South respectively. I am very grateful to them for all their hard work in running the programme so efficiently.

My thanks also to the coaches, assistants and helpers without whose enthusiasm and work throughout the season, we would not be able to run the Talent programme.

Schools

Marilyn Walker & Sandra Marlow continued to oversee the extensive Schools' programme across both Outdoor & Indoor formats.

A total of 41 Schools entered teams across all competitions. The Area Winners are set out below.

Indoor	
BU18	Whitgift
GU18	Alleyns
BU16	Whitgift
GU16	Tiffin

Outdoor	
Open-BU18 Tier 3	UCS
GU18 Tier 3	Streatham & Clapham
GU18 Tier 4	Notting Hill & Ealing
Open-BU16 Tier 3	UCS
GU16 Tier 3	Tiffin Girls
Open-BU15	Forest
GU15	KGS/Mill Hill
Open-BU14 Tier 2	Dulwich
Open-BU14 Tier 2A	Whitgift
Open-BU14 Tier 3	KCSW
Open-BU14 State School	Kingsdale
GU14 Tier 2	James Alleyn Girls
GU14 Tier 2A	Surbiton High
GU14 Tier 3	Radnor House
GU14 Tier 4	Grey Court
GU14 State School	Graveney



Open-BU13 In2	Whitgift
GU13 In2	Kingston Grammar
Open-BU12 In2	Eltham
GU12 In2	Alleyn's
BU11 In2	Whitgift
GU11 In2	Eltham

National School Finals

Qualifiers from some of the London Area rounds participated in the EH Schools' Finals

Outdoor

U18 Open/Boys Vase (Tier 3) –UCS – 4th
U18 Girls Vase (Tier 3) – Streatham & Clapham – 6th
U16 Open/Boys Vase (Tier 3) –UCS– 8th
U16 Girls Vase (Tier 3) –Ti_in Girls– Winners
U14 Open/Boys Vase (Tier 2) – Dulwich College – 5th U14
Girls Vase (Tier 2) –James Allen Girls– 2nd
U13 In2Hockey Open/Boys – Whitgift – 2nd
U13 In2 Hockey Girls – Kingston Grammar School – 4th

Indoor

U16 Open/Boys – Whitgift – 1st
U18 Open/Boys – Whitgift – 2nd
U16 Girls – Ti_in – 6th
U18 Girls - Alleyns – 7th

State School Tournament

Our second Area State School Tournament was organised for U14s and took place on 6th March at Southgate HC and was greatly enjoyed by the participating schools. Seven Open/Boys and three girls teams participated with Kingsdale winning the Open/Boys competition and Graveney, the Girls. Many thanks to Southgate HC for hosting us.

As part of our support for the State Schools in the Area, we donated four face masks to each of the schools participating in the March tournament. Two additional schools which normally enter London competitions but which were unable to participate in the March Tournament will receive four masks each at the start of next season. Additionally, we supported Tiffin Girls School to enable them to participate in the two U16 national finals for which their teams qualified.

Our thanks to all the schools which hosted the competitions and last but not least, huge thanks to Marilyn & Sandra for running another busy and successful season.



Finally, my annual request for new volunteers to step forward to help us to maintain (and hopefully develop further) such an extensive programme of Junior hockey. We are reliant on a small number of volunteers who are doing an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to organise & manage all the competitions. It is imperative more people step forward next season to assist us and if you are able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me on juniors@london.hockey

I would also like to express my personal thanks to the Board of Directors, the rest of the Management Committee, Step Parikian and Catalina Giglio for their invaluable support throughout the season.

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