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County Newsletter – November 2025

Structure Fit For The Future Review

Chairs of counties will have received an email on 14th November regarding the review work that is currently taking place known as '*Structure Fit For The Future Review'*. This project is looking to review the governance changes across Areas and Counties over the past 6 years as part of the governance resolution agreed at EH AGM in 2019. In the email it is asking for a short survey to be completed to give feedback on the changes that have taken place – it would be greatly appreciated if this can be completed and that all submissions will be going to Governance United who have been brought in to support with the review process. If the Chair has not received this, please email county@englandhockey.co.uk.

County Membership and Support Update

Thank you to all counties and sub-areas who have completed the registration form for 25/26. Each county/sub-area should have received communication from our Membership Team regarding insurance and costs for the season – if you are yet to receive this, we can follow this up for you.

The EH Counties webpage is being updated with more information on the county support calendar for the year, the county portal (more information below) and sign up for the various forums and sessions available through the year.

County Portal

A County Portal has been set up to act as a 'dropbox' space for counties to utilise templates that have been created to support county activity. Currently there are presentations and notes from Counties Standing Committee meetings, branding materials and templates such as job descriptions to help with recruitment – more will be added in the coming weeks. By the end of the play on 28th November, Chairs and Secretaries will be given access to the county portal. This will come in the form of an email asking to register (this may land in your junk folder). Also, if you wish for other committee members to be added or removed from having portal access, please email county@englandhockey.co.uk to make the relevant amendments.

Link to the portal can be found on the EH Counties webpage.

Competition Registration – Under 12, 10 and 8s

With the Junior Hockey Framework having been released in the last few weeks, an aspect of this is getting a greater understanding of the recreational/informal competition that is being delivered (namely any competition that has no progression in the competition structure). If your county delivers recreational competition, it would be great if you could fill out the registration form to help build a picture of this level of the game. For competitions registered before the 1st January 2026, the organiser will be entered into a raffle for a pair of gold tickets for the Super 6s in Derby on Sunday 1st February.

Junior Competition Registration - Under 8/10/12 – Fill out form

Super 6s and Pro League Tickets

We are delighted to be able to invite you to attend one of the Community Days at Super 6s and/or FIH Pro League in 2026. Please see below further details:-

Super 6s

Will be held on Sunday 1 February 2026 at Derby Arena.
Cost for the Counties will be £30.00 per person.

FIH Pro League

Will be held on Wednesday 24 June 2026 at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre. The games on the day will be:-

11:00 – England v Spain (Women)
13:30 – England v Pakistan (Men)

Cost for the Counties will be £37.50 per person.

Please feel free to share the invite with anyone on your County Committee as well as other volunteers that have a role within your Area. If anyone would like to attend, please ask them to complete this MS Form – https://forms.office.com/e/SQ7dMjGACf

We will keep you updated on who from your County has completed the form.

Hockey Makers



Join our family of volunteers and help make England Hockey's events the best they can possibly be. Hockey Makers support the delivery of our events, including, but not limited to: car parking; wayfinding; liaising with teams and officials; field of play; and logistical support during bump-in and bump-out. All opportunities to volunteer at our domestic events for 2025/2026 and FIH Pro League 2026 are now live on our website, please follow the link here for all available opportunities and how to sign up.

New Hockey Makers are always welcome! Any questions, please feel get in touch with us at hockeymakers@englandhockey.co.uk or click here for our FAQs.

Ball Patrol team volunteers



England Hockey have opened applications for 15–18-year-olds to be part of the Ball Patrol team for home England matches at next summer's FIH Hockey Pro League in June 2026 in London. With hockey being a fast-paced game, ball patrollers require quick reactions to the action to help them play an exciting game.

Find out more here and apply here.

Please do share these 2 opportunities with your County via websites, social media etc.

Pitch Together Fund

We are delighted to announce the launch of The Pitch Together Fund, a groundbreaking new loan scheme that represents England Hockey's new approach to facility investment.

This initiative is designed to remove financial barriers, enabling clubs to access affordable loans to refurbish or develop their facilities. Crucially, this funding is combined with expert support and a capacity-building programme to ensure long-term success and sustainability for every project. More information on the Pitch Together Fund can be found here