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England Hockey announced the appointment of Rich Beer as its new Chief Executive Officer from 1 September 2025, stepping up from his previous role as Sport and Development Director. He also became Chief Operating Officer of Great Britain Hockey.

England Hockey Membership Model

Last September, we made a significant change together. We moved away from a model solely dependent on team fees to a more balanced, transparent membership structure. By introducing a dedicated player registration fee alongside a reduced club fee, we are moving toward a collective funding model that ensures the sport's essential services are supported by everyone who plays and that every pound is tied to a specific benefit for you, your club, and the future of the game.

□ Free to Air Broadcast

Across the 2024/25 season, 32 England FIH Hockey Pro League matches were broadcast free-to-air, with over 700,000 live views across Channel 4 platforms, on average, each match had 13,000 live views. These results show that the move to free-to-air is working.

□ People Development through Free Courses

The 2025/26 season marked a transformational shift in how we support the vital network of hockey volunteers, coaches, and officials across England. By moving to a membership-funded model, we have removed the financial and administrative barriers to development, ensuring high-quality learning is accessible to everyone. The results from the first six months show a record-breaking surge in engagement with 79% of the total club network accessing learning during this period.

- 4330 learners through our new Safeguarding Awareness module
- 547 volunteers completed 'Time to Listen' training and/or our new Safeguarding in Hockey workshop
- 1,864 new Umpire Level 1 participants
- Over 750 coaches engaging across Junior, Sessional, and Coaching Club Teams learning.

□ National Hockey Fund for State Schools & ED&I

- [New Junior Hockey Framework \(JHF\)](#)

To achieve sustainable progress at scale, we have developed a unified approach that ensures every child's first experience of hockey is consistent and high-quality. It ensures every child (5–11) receives the same fun, progressive experience whether they play at school, in a club, or at a community festival.

- Leveraging Local Networks

We have partnered with the Youth Sport Trust (YST) to reintegrate hockey into the School Games, securing the time of 28 dedicated School Games Organisers (SGOs) to deliver free Teacher Training and Young Leader courses and in partnership with the local clubs organise Skills and Competitive Festivals for primary schools.

- 174 teachers and 387 young leaders trained
- 48 School Games festivals delivered to 2,607 pupils, with a further 27 scheduled this year.

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Best Practice Standards

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In hockey, we are proud of the integration and engagement that people of all ages have in the game. But this also means that we have extra responsibility to ensure that all young people have the right to participate in hockey in an environment that is safe, welcoming and enjoyable and to be supported and protected from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Whilst the culture of hockey is generally very good, we have been undertaking research on club compliance with standards alongside also identifying some recent trends in the handling of cases that have led to concerns. Therefore, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of what is required of you as club committees.

To protect yourselves, and to be compliant with the expectations we require all clubs to ensure they have the following in place:

- All clubs are required to have named and 'Time to Listen' trained Welfare Officer(s) by 31 August 2026
- Ensure all roles in a position of trust have completed a DBS check, through England Hockey
- Ensure all roles who work with U18s have attended the correct level of safeguarding training. All England Hockey safeguarding training is free
- Fully understand the EH Safeguarding policy and reporting procedures
- Discuss your club's safeguarding provision at your next committee meeting
- Update the Club Portal if your Welfare Officer changes.

Youth Strategy

England Hockey are continuing to develop the Youth Strategy for our sport which is encompassing Community, School and Club Hockey activity. We are working with community groups and schools to offer fun, inclusive hockey sessions, where possible linking to the local community hockey club. There is a clear focus of engaging with state schools to increase participation as well as offering free teacher training.

England Hockey are, working with Youth Sports Trust (YST) to engage with School Games Organisers (SGO) across the country to bring hockey festivals to state primary school aged children. This work involves linking SGO's with clubs to support the festivals where possible and create a clear pathway for the children into local clubs. We worked with a couple of clubs in the London Area in year one and are finalising the year 2 cohort currently.

Club Support

Whatever your plans or ambitions for your club development, England Hockey is committed to help you achieve them through access to a wide range of staff, resources, and advice. Find out more about what support your club can access, specialist staff, resources, and advice to help you meet your development goals by visiting the England Hockey website - [Club Support | England Hockey](#)

MEANINGFUL GROWTH

Membership data

There has been good growth in junior numbers this year with a slight drop in the number of reported adults playing. Once again this could be due to the cleansing of data with regards to membership payments but it is still a positive growth of over 1100 players in the Area.

	Junior	Adult	Total
Total 2024/25	8684	8145	16829

Total 2025/26	9957	8030	17987
Difference	+1273	-115	+1158

INSPIRATIONAL INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Talent Development - [Future Talent Strategy | England Hockey](#)

Now in its fourth year, the purpose of England Hockey's Talent System is to produce greater breadth and depth in the talent pool, where the player is at the heart. If you would like to find out more about the area of talent, the Talent Team would welcome your questions on - talent@englandhockey.co.uk .

DRIVE VISIBLE IMPACT

Euro Championships 2027

Tickets sales opened early in May for the prestigious Euro Championships 2027. This is the biggest hockey event of 2027. England play every day at the Twickenham Stoop, the atmosphere will be electric, and tickets are expected to sell fast.

EuroChamps27 Needs You! Be part of the Hockey Family, have fun, meet new people, learn new skills and add to your CV. No hockey knowledge is required. Come and join the volunteer workforce making the EuroChamps27 happen, applications open in June.

FIH Pro League

England's men's and women's hockey teams competed in London this summer at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, London over 12 days between 13-28 June 2026. The Men finished a very credible 2nd place and the Women found form on home soil and avoided relegation and are now moving in the right direction with some great performances to keep hold of their place in next years Pro League.

Super 6s Finals

The Super 6's competition was held at, the Derby Arena, on 1 February 2026 for adults, junior clubs and schools. A great event and you can find more information about next years competition [here](#).

England Hockey Awards 2026

The England Hockey Awards Dinner was held in Leicester on 6th June 2026. All the shortlisted clubs and winners including those from London Area can be found [here](#).

LEAD POSITIVE CHANGE

ClubMark Update

- Richmond HC in progress 76% Re accreditation
- Tulse Hill & Dulwich HC – in progress 65%

Accredited London Clubs

West Hampstead HC, Southgate HC, Old Cranleigh HC, London Wayfarers HC, London Academicals HC, Ealing HC, Blackheath & Elthamians HC, Ashford (Middlesex) HC, Havering HC, Hampstead & Westminster HC, Harrow HC, Wimbledon HC, Waltham Forest HC, Spencer HC, Epsom HC.

If any clubs are interested in working towards the accreditation in the coming season get in touch. Everything is done on the Club Portal, it is much more streamlined, with only 16 pieces of evidence required to meet this minimum operating standard. Happy to have an online meeting to talk clubs through the process.

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Club Networks and Forums

Once again, I have hosted local networks and there has been a good number of national forums. The most recent Club Network was Workforce Ready and I will be repeating this at the start of the season if you missed it and want to find out more on all things Workforce from Coaching, Officiating and Safeguarding please make sure your club is represented.

2026 -October 20th 7-8pm, 21st 12.30 – 1.30pm – Workforce Ready

2027 -February 23rd 7-8pm, 24th 12.30 – 1.30pm - Development/Social Impact Plans

2027 June 2nd 7-8pm, 3rd 12.30-1.30 – These dates are provisional as there could be a lot going on with Pro league and EuroChamps27 – Potentially a club drop in to ask questions.

These sessions are for the clubs, and I would like to increase the number of London clubs represented. Please make sure your club is represented and reports back to your committees, it doesn't have to be the same person that attends all the time.

Network events work best when the clubs are the experts and share their good practice. Big thank you to those clubs who have already shared their words of wisdom it really is great. Sharing is Caring!

Club Strategy – What Makes a Great Club

What Makes a Great Club has been refreshed. Running through the heart of every great club are seven strands. They support your club to be the best it can be, help you provide the best experience to all involved and in the right combination will help your club become sustainable and succeed.

I would really like to work with clubs who are able to set tangible targets for their club. I am happy to work with small working groups on any project that is going to support your club so get in touch!

Flyerz Hockey

Flyerz Hockey continues to go from strength to strength. More clubs are expressing an interest in providing such a worthwhile opportunity for the hockey community. If your club is interested in finding out more please do drop a note in our WhatsApp group and we can help by sharing experience from across the area there are so many experts in this field out there and in our group you would be welcomed with open arms. - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hlk7uY7258c6HIQvPZdJRZ>

Finally, thank you for your support and hard work over the last 12 months. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Here are all the London WhatsApp groups links. It would be great to get all clubs on these groups as they seem to work really well with some really good questions and experience sharing on there.

WhatsApp groups London –

- London Club Chair - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DNqh8vOenSQ95CrBkczgSm>
- London Club Secretary - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GiiH2YZZsaV7DoHWJCKtDL>
- London Club Development Officer - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/I31ycSdpFmzISUXthcUalx>
- London Junior Clubs - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BDe2UMuGIHwKABNsgvxOsM>
- London CWO Chat - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KXNV47IzdD7HVJxP2zaUuh>
- Flyerz Chat - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hlk7uY7258c6HIQvPZdJRZ>

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