



London Hockey League Promotion and Relegation 2021/22

The promotion and relegation process is shown in the League Regulations in section 4. The Competition and specifically section 4.5.

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4.5.1 Standard promotion and relegation is as shown but may be varied by Areas in line with Regulation 4.5.1.1 below.

1 higher Division (A) <> 1 lower Division (B)

Bottom two teams in A relegated

Top two teams in B promoted

In London we are using the variation shown in 4.5.1.1 as this allows for more movement up/down at some levels in the League structure, helping to reduce bottlenecks caused by having only one up/one down.

1 higher Division (A) <> 2 lower Divisions (B1 B2)

Bottom three teams in A relegated

Top team in both B1 and B2 promoted along with the 2nd placed team from B1 and B2 with the best playing record

2 higher Division (A1 A2) <> 3 lower Divisions (B1 B2 B3)

Bottom three teams in both A1 and A2 relegated

Top two teams in each of B1, B2 and B3 promoted

So from the top:

Men's Premier Division

One team promoted to Conference and almost certainly three relegated (as two teams are likely to be relegated from East Conference to London) - see 4.5.2:

4.5.2 Where two or more teams from the same Area are relegated from the NL to AL, an additional team(s) will be relegated from the Area Premier Division to the next Step. This will be the lowest placed team(s) in a Division who otherwise would not be automatically relegated.

Women's Premier Division

One team promoted to Conference and maybe only one relegated (perhaps none to be relegated from East Conference to London based on latest league positions), in which case see 4.5.3:

4.5.3 Where no team is relegated from NL to AL an additional team will be reprieved relegation from the Area Premier Division to the next

Step. This will be the highest placed team in a Division who otherwise would be automatically relegated.

For Men's & Women's

Division 1, two up/ three down

Division 2N/S three up in total - division winners plus best second placed - and two down from each

Division 3N/S two up from each, three down from each

Division 4NW/SE/SW two up from each one

... etc

Of course, this is all subject to next season's league structure too, particularly at Grades 4 and 5.