

#GetSeasonReady

CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help your hockey club prepare for a successful season by addressing key areas of club management aligned with the principles of What Makes a Great Club. Use it to assess your club's readiness and identify areas for action ahead of the new season.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review each question carefully.
2. For questions relevant to your club, answer with a simple "YES" or "NO".
3. Identify areas where your club may need to take action.

STRAND 1

HAVING GREAT LEADERSHIP

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Has your club reviewed and updated its governance policies, procedures, and leadership structure for the new season? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Has your club completed the England Hockey Membership Process and set up on the Game Management System (GMS)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you have a clear understanding of your club's goals for the season (grow, retain, diversify), and is there a strategic plan in place to achieve them? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is there a clear communication plan in place for the committee and club members, including regular meetings and updates? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 6

BEING LOCAL WITH STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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| 1. Have you identified potential partnership opportunities with local schools, clubs, or organisations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the club have a clear community engagement strategy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is the club visible and active within the local community? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Has the club considered participating in local community events or initiatives? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 7

STRETCHING AND DEVELOPING THOSE THAT WANT IT

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| 1. Are there clear pathways for player development within the club? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is there a talent identification and development programme in place for players, coaches and officials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are there opportunities for members to take on leadership roles within the club? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are there plans to support players in transitioning to higher levels of hockey? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 2

HAVING APPROPRIATE FACILITIES

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Has your club conducted a pre-season inspection of all facilities to identify maintenance needs and safety hazards (e.g. Sport light levels, goal maintenance)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are your facilities accessible to all members, including those with disabilities, and have you considered reducing your environmental impact wherever possible (e.g. energy efficiently and stick animosity, inclusive practices, communication – accessible formats)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you have emergency plans in place for your facilities (including first aid, severe weather, and evacuation procedures)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 5

BEING FRIENDLY, WELCOMING AND SOCIAL

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Are there social events, Pick Up a Stick Open Days or club activities planned for the start of the season to welcome new members? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Has the club created a welcoming environment for players from diverse backgrounds? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is there effective and regular communication with members and the wider community through various channels, including social media? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Has the club implemented safeguarding policies, best practice standards and procedures to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 3

HAVING INSPIRED AND EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

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| 1. Do you have the right people in place with clear roles and responsibilities to deliver your club's plans? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are people adequately trained, qualified, insured, supported, and valued for their contributions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are there plans to recruit, retain, and develop volunteers and members? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Have you shared details of the free coaching, umpiring and safeguarding courses? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STRAND 4

WAYS TO PLAY THAT MEET PLAYER NEEDS

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you understand what your members want from the club in terms of hockey activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the club offer new or adapted formats to cater to different player (existing and new) preferences and abilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Can the club accommodate new members and offer flexible options? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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