

Junior County Leagues Meeting 2nd June 2025



2024/25 Survey

Survey (May 2025 – 7 responses)



All Counties indicated entering both U17, U15 & U14 Boys & Girls teams for the 2025/26 season

Support for U14 'B' team fixtures

	U14 Boys	U14 Girls
Avon		
Avon 2		
Cornwall		
Devon		
Dorset		
Gloucestershire		
Somerset		
Wiltshire		

County Junior Hockey factors (in order of importance)



West Strategy focus areas to develop (in order of importance)





What has worked well this season with the new league format?

- Improved Organization and Planning: Feedback highlights clear organization, timetables, and documentation of roles for host counties. Planning fixtures and providing dates, venues and timings at the start of the season were appreciated for their efficiency.
- Competitive Matches and Diversity of Opponents: Playing against a variety of counties, rather than the usual few, was well-received. Competitive matches were enjoyed and the diversity added excitement to the league format.
- **Venue Quality and Accessibility:** Centralized and rotated venues ensured sensible travel distances and maximized pitch time. Venues were of decent standard, contributing positively to the overall experience.



What would you change about the County Junior League?

- Improved communication among Counties: Feedback highlights poor communication among counties, including sporadic responses, last-minute confirmations and late cancellations causing administrative stress.
- **Venue distribution and hosting concerns:** Excessive travel requirements highlighted as a challenge. Concerns raised about the concentration of fixtures in specific locations with the desire for a more equitable distribution and share travel burdens.



What has been the feedback from players, coaches and parents?

- **Positive experiences:** Players and coaches appreciated the competitive matches, league format and the opportunity to play against different counties. Feedback highlighted enjoyment and gratitude for the organisation and shorter days.
- **Travel concerns:** Travel distances were noted as a challenge with local games were preferred. Suggestions included: to reduce travel for U14 games and provide food/drink facilities near venues for long journeys.
- **Event organisation:** The organisation at venues was praised, with matches being more structured and enjoyable. Coaches appreciated the reduced rest window between games and the overall competitive standard.
- **Umpires:** Concerns were raised about matches being umpired by two assessed umpires simultaneously. Suggestions included assessing one umpire per game and partnering them with an experienced umpire.



West Hockey value your opinion and would be interested in hearing if there is any further information that you could provide us with that may help with developing Hockey across the West.

- Concerns about County Hockey: Feedback highlights worries about the future of county hockey, including
 its diminished status and challenges in retaining players. Some counties appear less committed to
 supporting county hockey and the standard gap between TA and AC levels.
- Participation and pathways: Suggestions include developing participation through state school pathways
 and extending opportunities for younger players to participate in events like the National County
 Championships. The importance of maintaining engagement across all age groups is emphasised.
- **Resource needs:** Recommendations include increasing the number of coaches and helpers to support county teams and hockey development efforts. Resource allocation is seen as a key factor in improving hockey across the region.
- **Event feedback and expansion:** Positive feedback on the National County Championships in Nottingham, with interest in expanding participation to younger age groups. Concerns raised about limited involvement from counties in the West, with only two counties participating this year.



2025/26 Proposal vo1

Plans for the 2025/26 season



- **Schedule:** Continue with the same format.
- Dates: Confirm dates (including slip date) as early as possible ideally by end June.
- Venues & travel: Include additional venues whilst minimising travel where possible.
- **Pitch booking:** To be invoiced centrally to West Hockey on a monthly basis.
- Administration of fixtures and results: Utilise GMS.

Proposed Dates v01



U17 Boys & Girls

U15 Boys & Girls

7 teams

Boys & Girls

U14

16th Nov

16th Nov

16th Nov

23rd Nov

30th Nov

7th Dec

11th Jan

11th Jan

Dorset

Devon

Cornwall

Avon

11th Jan

8th Feb

8th Feb

8th Mar

(slip date)

Somerset

Gloucestershire

Wiltshire

8th Feb

8th Mar (slip date) 8 teams

Avon

Avon 2

Cornwall

Devon

Dorset

Gloucestershire

Somerset

Wiltshire

(slip date)

8th Mar

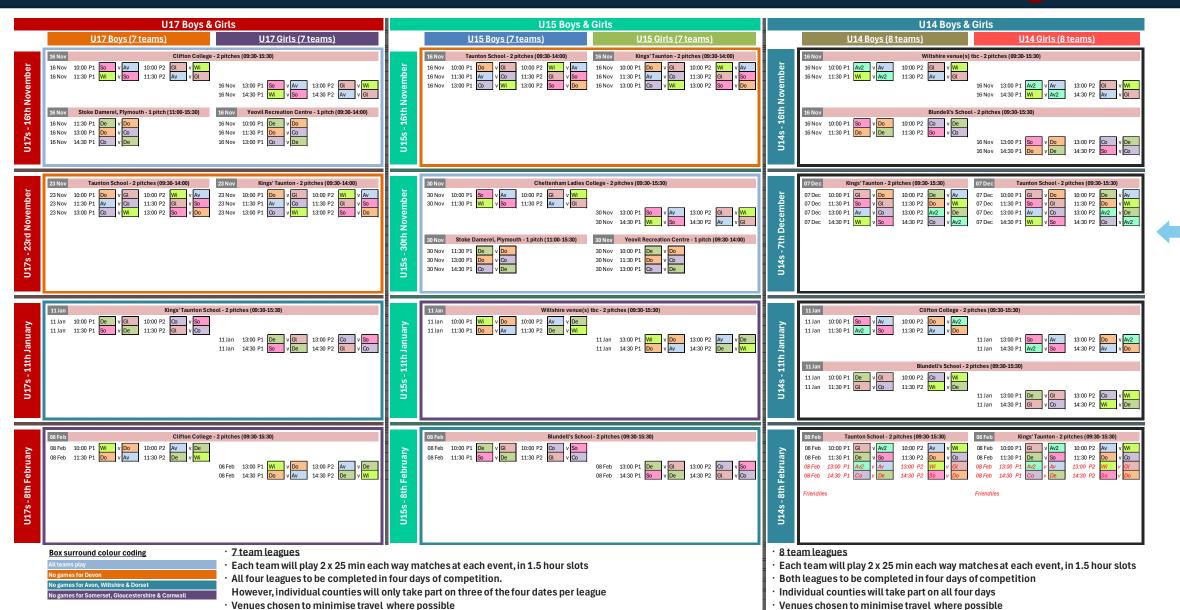
Proposed Venues vo1



Venue	16 November	23 November	30 November	07 December	11 January	08 February
Blundell's School	U14 Boys & Girls				U14 Boys & Girls	U15 Boys & Girls
Cheltenham LC			U15 Boys & Girls			
Clifton College	U17 Boys & Girls				U14 Boys & Girls	U17 Boys & Girls
Kings' Taunton	U15 Girls	U17 Girls		U14 Boys	U17 Boys & Girls	U14 Boys & Girls
Wiltshire venue(s) - tbc	U14 Boys & Girls				U15 Boys & Girls	
Stoke Damerel, Plymouth	U17 Boys		U15 Boys			
Taunton School	U15 Boys	U17 Boys		U14 Girls		U14 Boys & Girls
Yeovil Rec' Centre	U17 Girls		U15 Girls			

Proposed Summary Schedule vo1





Note:
Different

dates

Proposed U17 Fixtures vo1



Age Grou	Date <u>→</u> 1	Tim <mark></mark> ✓	Pitc ~	Venue	Home <u></u> ▼	¥	Away
U17 Boys	16/11/2025	10:00	P1	Clifton College	Somerset	٧	Avon
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Proposed U15 Fixtures v01



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Proposed U14 Fixtures v01



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