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PICK UP A STICK OPEN DAY

ACTIVATION PACK

This summer England Hockey are asking clubs to open their doors to the community, encouraging them to pick up a stick and have a go at hockey in a fun, triendly and welcoming environment. This pack is designed to equip you with all the information and resources you need to host a successful and engaging open day event for your hockey club. In this pack, you'll find:

- Easy-to-follow instructions on planning your open day
- Fun and engaging activities to introduce participants to hockey
- Promotional materials to spread the word

We're confident that with your enthusiasm and the resources in this pack, you can host a fantastic open day (or any other event that you might be planning) that will leave a lasting impression on your community and inspire a new generation of hockey players!





HOCKEY WELCOMES ALL! A GENDER-BALANCED, FAMILY FRIENDLY TEAM SPORT WHERE ANYONE CAN PLAY, REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR AGE. IT COMES WITH A HOST OF BENEFITS TOO:

- ACTIVE FUN: DEVELOP SKILLS WHILE HAVING FUN
- MAKE FRIENDS: BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH TEAMMATES.
- BUILD CHARACTER: LEARN TEAMWORK, PERSEVERANCE, AND SPORTSMANSHIP.
- CONFIDENCE BOOST: GAIN SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH PARTICIPATION

OUR GAME







OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY

- Capitalise on the additional media coverage and exposure
- Raise the profile and embed your club in the local community
- Engage with new, different audiences by offering new playing opportunities and hockey experiences
- Develop and build relationships with local companies and schools for long-term sustainability
- Recruit new members (all ages), volunteers or bring back some of those players that have drifted away
- Celebrate our sport with your members









GET STARTED

GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR SUMMER OF HOCKEY ACTIVITY COULDN'T BE EASIER. WORK YOUR WAY THROUGH THE STEPS IN THIS PACK AND PLAN, PROMOTE AND BRING YOUR PICK UP A STICK OPEN DAY EVENT TO LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOUR CLUB **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WILL BE ON HAND** TO SUPPORT, OR YOU CAN DROP US AN EMAIL: SUMMEROFHOCKEY@ENGLANDHOCKEY.CO.UK





PICK UP A STICK OPEN DAY ROADMAP

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PRE-EVENT

NOW

- Set the date/time and format of the day (around Olympic games?)
- Plan the activities and support you will need
- Engage your members
- Include hockey and nonhockey activity suitable for all

PROMOTION

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MAY-AUGUST

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- Piggy-back on other local initiatives and events

SUPPORT

MAY-AUGUST

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- ClubSpark & Capri-Sun national campaigns
- Templated resources, guidance and support

POST-EVENT

JULY-SEPTEMBER

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EVENT

JUNE-SEPTEMBER

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- Loan Equipment
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- Social area with food, drink and a place to chat
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EXPLORE, PLAN & PREPARE

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Before the excitement of the event itself, a successful execution hinges on a well-planned Pre-Event stage, here you will solidify your goals, target audience, activities and logistical details.

Work your way through the following slides and use our handy checklist to make sure you have everything covered off.

- Buy in from club for Pick up a Stick Open Day
- U Working group formed for planning
- Date, time, venue, budget agreed
- Identified the Audience
- Planned activities according to target audience
- Contingency for bad weather
- Allocated roles for volunteers on the day
- Review admin for ClubSpark, social media accounts etc.
- Informed all club members and outlined their involvement in publicity/day activities
- Marketing Plan
- Attendee capture form
- Photographer for the day





SAFEGUARDING

HANDY RESOURCES

ENGLAND HOCKEY SAFEGUARD POLICIES, **GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES**

CSPU SAFEGUARDING CHECKLIST

ENGLAND HOCKEY SAFEGUARDING TEAM We all have a duty to safeguard and protect young people from harm. All hockey clubs/organisations must have policies and procedures in place to create a safe environment. Before planning your activities check you meet the Safeguarding Basics below:

SAFEGUARDING BASICS



Adopt SAFEGUARD Policy





young people



concern



- Named and trained Welfare Officer
- DBS Checks for those regularly working with young people
- Safeguarding Training up to date for those regularly working with
- Reporting Procedures know who to contact when there is a

CONTACT THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM WITH ANY QUERIES





PLANNING

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT YOUR EVENT?

ENGLAND HOCKEY WAYS TO PLAY

ENGLAND HOCKEY GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR EVENT

ENGLAND HOCKEY CLUB DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS There are loads of things you can do at Pick Up a Stick Open Days or club events to engage with your local community and existing members. Use our handy guide to help you through the different stages of planning and delivering your event.



* These are example sites, but not officially endorsed by EH



- <u>Bingo card generator</u>* for watch parties
- <u>Decorations: colour in bunting</u>*
- <u>Player face masks</u>*

Bring a Board

For those who are no strangers to social media you are bound to have seen the bring a board parties.

Why not do this at your club with each team supplying a board which can be a colour, theme or a country competing in the Olympics.

LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION? Check out these ideas on TikTok Bring a Board Bring a Board Idea







OLYMPIC HOCKEY SCHEDULE

FOLLOW THE GREAT BRITAIN TEAMS THIS SUMMER WITH A MATCH-BY-MATCH SCHEDULE

WHERE TO WATCH:



EUROSPORT



OLYMPIC FIXTURES GREAT BRITAIN MEN





OLYMPIC FIXTURES GREAT BRITAIN WOMEN

r	28TH JULY	29TH JULY	31ST JULY
nds	GB vs Spain 12:15 GMT	GB vs Australia 16:00 GMT	South Africa vs GE 09:30 GMT
т	1ST AUGUST	3RD AUGUST	5TH AUGUST
	USA vs GB 16:00 GMT	GB vs Argentina 09:00 GMT	Quarter Final
т	6TH AUGUST	7TH AUGUST	9TH AUGUST
	Semi-Final 1	Semi Final 2	Final



ENGAGING NEW AUDIENCES

WHO DO YOU WANT TO ENGAGE?

ENGLAND HOCKEY WAYS TO PLAY

ENGLAND HOCKEY **GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR** EVENT

ENGLAND HOCKEY CLUB DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

Share your love of hockey, inspire future generations and position your club at the centre of your community.

- competitive skills.



Cater to Everyone: Design sessions for all skill levels, from complete beginners to seasoned players. Provide equipment for first-timers to remove barriers to entry.

Focus on Fun: Engage participants with exciting activities that teach the fundamentals while fostering a fun, inclusive environment.

Meet Player Needs: Experienced coaches can tailor activities to different age groups and experience levels. Offer sessions for recreational players seeking a fun workout or those aiming to hone



DISCOVER HOCKEY

INTRODUCE NEW WAYS TO PLAY AND ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE

HOCKEY HEROES

A fun and welcoming introduction to hockey aimed at children aged 5-8. Sessions help develop physical hockey and character superpowers.

QUICKSTICKS

Introduce young people aged 7-11 years old to the game of hockey. It is a 4a-side game, which can be played on any surface, and uses a larger, lighter and safer ball.

IN2 HOCKEY

A fun, exciting and dynamic game designed for 10-14 year olds to help them develop their hockey skills and techniques and help progression into the 11-a-side version of the game.





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BACK TO HOCKEY

A friendly and social programme designed to get people to pick up a stick, whether it is for the first time or returning after a number of years

WALKING HOCKEY

Attract new players and help retain your current members looking for a less physically demanding version of the game

FLYERZ

Flyerz Hockey is fun and friendly, inclusive of all abilities and ages. It enables disabled and non-disabled players to play together





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THE POWER OF EXISTING MEMBERS

LEVERAGE THE POWER OF YOUR MEMBERS

SHARE ACTIVITY BOOKLET WITH JUNIOR MEMBERS

ENGLAND HOCKEY **GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR** EVENT

ENGLAND HOCKEY CLUB DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

- **Include everyone:** Ask your members what they would like to do and how they are going to help
- Welcoming environment: Encourage members to support Open Day's, 'meet and greet', 'buddy up' with people new to hockey and share the hockey love
- **Volunteers:** Team of volunteers to support on and off the pitch
- **Encouragement & instruction:** Create a positive on pitch experience by demonstrating skills and providing support.
- **Increased retention:** Positive interactions with existing members can make the difference between a one-time visit and long-term membership.



To ensure a winning Pick Up a Stick Open Day" at your hockey club, look no further than your existing members.



LOCAL PROMOTION

ATTRACT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

PROMOTION

MAY-AUGUST

- Use a range of online and offline channels to reach your target audiences
- · Engage with local schools, community groups and organisations
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Local promotion is the key to attracting a community eager to join you at your Pick Up a Stick Open Day

- audiencés
- **Target your message:** Highlight activities for families, young professionals, etc... to attract the right people
- **Organic buzz:** Local promotion sparks word-of-mouth marketing, drawing more attendees.
- **Build connections:** Network with local organisations for future partnerships



Go local, save big: Flyers and social media groups reach your community affordably

Partner for reach: Collaborate with local businesses and schools to expand your audience, ask them to share your event details to their



NEW AUDIENCES

HOW TO IDENTIFY NEW AUDIENCES

When planning your event don't forget the audience! Knowing your ideal attendees is key.

It shapes your marketing, ensures attendees are engaged, and helps you measure success. The right audience is the foundation for a truly impactful event.

Who are you going to target?

Market Segmentation Tool

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Age
- Location
- Experience
- Income
- Schools

INTERESTS

- Family Oriented
- Social Groups
- Fitness Seekers
- Sports Enthusiasts
- Local Businesses



PSYCHOGRAPHICS

- Motivations
- Lifestyle
- Values
- Specific Benefits
- Charitable Causes

BEHAVIOURAL

- Past / current members
- Social Media interaction
- Other analytics

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MULTI-CHANNEL APPROACH

A multi-channel marketing approach ensures your message reaches the right audience across various platforms, maximising reach and engagement.







SUPPORT

HOW CAN ENGLAND HOCKEY SUPPORT **YOU?**

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SUPPORT

MAY-AUGUST

- National paid social media campaign
- ClubSpark & Capri-Sun national campaigns
- Templated resources, guidance and support

England Hockey will provide support and resources for clubs on a local and national scale, including:

- campaign!
- providers.



National Marketing Campaign – ClubSpark simplifies registration and promotion, while targeted social media drives attendees. Plus, from May 1 st, millions of Capri-Sun drinks with a QR code will link to participating club sessions, including yours, through their "Free Sports Sessions"

Local Marketing Support – Maximise your local marketing activities with ready-made, fully branded Summer of Hockey promotional materials and a range of Club Support tools from England Hockey and third-party



CLUBSPARK

SIMPLIFY YOUR CLUB EVENTS WITH **CLUBSPARK**

CONTACT ENGLAND HOCKEY FOR MORE HELP WITH CLUBSPARK

READ LEICESTER WESTLEIGH'S STORY

By expressing an interest in running a Pick Up a Stick Club Open Day, your event will be automatically added to ClubSpark. Providing you with the following benefits:

- **One Platform:** Manage your event, sign ups, attendance and scheduling all in one system!
- **Boost Attendance:** Reminders and communications to participants pre and post event
- **Reach More Players:** Promote events through a dedicated event page URL
- Targeted Communication: Send relevant info to specific groups.
- Mobile-Friendly: Register and access info on the go, anywhere, anytime with ease.

We will contact your ClubSpark Administrator and help you set up your event page.







SUMMER OF HOCKEY ACTIVITY BOOKLET

As part of our goal to get more 5–11-year-olds excited about the Olympics this summer, we've created a fun, interactive resource that will introduce primary school pupils to the stars of the GB men's and women's teams (and our mascots Jess and Jasper).

We've set a range of fun challenges and activities within the resource ranging from hockey skills, arts and crafts and even baking. This booklet will help keep hockey front of mind in the summer as we build up to Paris 2024.

The booklet will signpost young people to ClubSpark where they can then find their local Pick Up a Stick Open Day.





ACCESS THE SUMMER OF HOCKEY ACTIVITY BOOKLET NOW



SUMMER OF HOCKEY ACTIVITY BOOKLET





SHARE WITH JUNIOR PLAYERS

SHARE WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY



CAPRI-SUN

NATIONAL 'FREE SPORTS SESSIONS' CAMPAIGN



Here's how your hockey club can benefit:

- kids
- your club.
- to play before.
- ulletmicrosite



Shine with a Star: Partner with a globally recognised brand loved by

Expand Your Reach: Get national exposure and reach through Capri-Sun's campaign, attracting new young players and potentially growing

• Welcome All Players: The campaign focuses on introducing young people to hockey, especially those who might not have had the chance

Grow Your Team: Free sessions are a fantastic way to attract new players. Customers need to simply scan the QR code on multi-packs and find their local Pick Up A Stick Open Day session on the campaign



MARKETING PORTAL

FREE MARKETING SUPPORT IN ONE SIMPLE PLACE

ACCESS THE ENGLAND HOCKEY MARKETING PORTAL



- Ready-Made Materials: Download customisable posters, social media graphics, and flyers - all pre-designed for the campaign. Save time and resources!
- **Target Your Audience:** Easily tailor materials to showcase your club's events and activities, attracting your local audience
- Spread the Word Fast: Share materials across all your channels for a consistent, eye-catching campaign
- Stand Out: Professional designs grab attention and boost participation
- Save Time & Money: Skip design work and focus on promoting your events
- National Integration: Be part of a nationwide initiative and benefit from its reach
- Top Tip: add QR codes to your posters to encourage immediate action





CLUB SUPPORT

HELPING YOUR CLUB EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

ENGLAND HOCKEY **OLYMPIC WEB HUB**

GREAT BRITAIN HOCKEY OLYMPIC UPDATES











Olympic Web Hub – Support and resources for your club and members to make your Summer of Hockey activity successful. Including links to the Summer of Hockey Activity Booklet, Activations and updates from Hockey at the Olympics



CLUB SUPPORT

HELPING YOUR CLUB EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

ENGLAND HOCKEY WHAT MAKES A GREAT CLUB

CLUB SUPPORT MONTHLY CLUB SUPPORT CALENDARS

ACCESS BUDDLE FREE SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND WORKSHOPS



Fixture Generator – Make tournament planning a breeze



Buddle – Free support, guidance and workshops for sports clubs





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What Makes a Great Club & Club Support Calendar – helping your club every step of the way



Club Forums - Marketing & promotion forum and sharing best practice amongst clubs



EVENT

MAKE YOUR EVENT LOOK GOOD, DRAW **PEOPLE IN – LOTS OF SMILES AND FUN**

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EVENT

JUNE-SEPTEMBER

- · Welcome area with friendly volunteers
- Loan Equipment
- · Fun, social hockey activities for all to try
- Social area with food, drink and a place to chat
- Raffle or competition

- - going on?
- □ Welcoming group lots of smiles
- □ All volunteers briefed
- looked after
- □ Capture attendee data free draw?
- permission)

Plenty of drinks/water available if the weather is hot □ 1-2-1 attention for finding the right stick to have a go Club/Happy to help t-shirts making volunteers identifiable/approachable



Does the environment look good, exciting and welcoming, plenty

□ Plan for any VIP's that are attending make sure they are

Take photos and videos to share through social media (ask



POST-EVENT

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CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EVENT - SHOUT ABOUT IT

POST-EVENT

JULY-SEPTEMBER

- · Contact all participants that attended and follow up
- · Share the event photos and videos
- · Host or direct people into a suitable club session
- Offer an incentive or special offer

- □ All clean and tidy

- THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED



□ Write up about the event written and shared Uploaded pictures to Social Media and shared with local media • Contact all the attendees, thanking them, valuing them, and inviting them to attend whatever session they showed interest in □ Share your highlights with EH using the template Review your event internally, what went well, what were the successes, how to build on the success next time Ask attendees what they enjoyed about the day



SHARE THE FUN

We'd love to see and celebrate your club's Summer of Hockey journey.

Let us know all about your Pick Up a Stick Open Day.

SHARE YOUR SUMMER OF HOCKEY STORIES & ACTIVITY

Share your highlights and you could also be in with a chance of winning England Hockey equipment for your club!!

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SHARE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AND STORIES SHOWCASING YOUR SUCCESSES AND ALL THE FUN MOMENTS.

TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

@ENGLANDHOCKEY #SUMMEROFHOCKEY2024 #PICKUPASTICK

SHARE WITH US VIA OUR <u>SUMMER OF</u> <u>HOCKEY EMAIL</u> OR USING THE LINKED SHARE THE FUN FORM



EXPANDING WAYS TO PLAY

After your Pick Up a Stick Open Day, you might want to consider running regular sessions that offer different ways to play. Many of our programmes can be advertised centrally through ClubSpark (the same method as Pick Up a Stick Open Days) speak to your CDM if you want help to set up sessions at your club.



Hockey Heroes

Aged 5-8, have little experience with hockey but looking for lots of competitive but still fun? Hockey Heroes will boost confidence, and ensure a positive experience of physical activity that will have a beneficial effect in the rest of their life.



Walking Hockey

Have experience playing but want informal and friendly hockey ... but walking! Stay active, whatever your age, health or ability.



Back to Hockey

ages and abilities.



Fun, social, informal hockey. Suitable for all



Flyerz

Flyerz Hockey is the name widely associated with grassroots disability inclusive hockey in England.



MORE SUMMER OF HOCKEY

In addition to hosting a Pick Up a Stick Open Day, there are more ways to get involved with the Summer of Hockey:

- 'Buddy Up' with a Primary School
- Summer of Hockey Activity Booklet
- Path to Paris







BUDDY UP WITH A PRIMARY SCHOOL

Can you 'buddy up' with a local state primary school and help introduce hockey to their pupils?

You could offer to assist with an after-school club, a taster session, or even deliver a hockey themed assembly using our set of resources and assets.

Using the Olympics as a catalyst, you can create a long-term partnership with the school to signpost new players to your club.



FIND OUT MORE AND GET INVOLVED





ACTIVITY BOOKLET

Remember to share the Summer of Hockey Activity Booklet with your junior members, and local schools to get them excited about hockey in the Olympics.







PATH TO PARIS

Team GB are challenging young people and their families to get active and complete a virtual tour of the world before the start of the Olympics. As a way of generating enthusiasm ahead of the Games, why not get your club involved?

Clubs can set up a 'team' to undertake the Path to Paris challenge and then encourage all junior members and their families to log hours of activity. The hours are converted to virtual kilometres, and this will speed your club's team around the world.

There are activities on the way and prizes to be won – there's even a hockey challenge with David Ames when you reach Cairo.

Good luck!





Join the Path to Paris! Let's get active together.



getset.co.uk/path-to-paris



SHARE THE FUN

If you do get involved with any of the other elements of Summer of Hockey 2024, make sure you tell us about them too.

Let us know if you've shared the Summer of Hockey Activity Booklet with your junior members, or whether you've set up a team for Path to Paris. Big or small, we'd love to hear about it!

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