

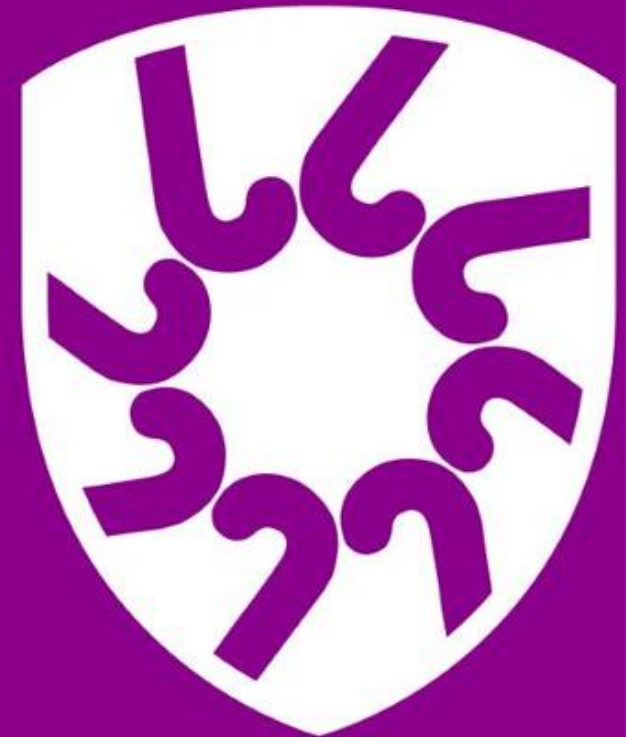
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Clubs Junior Competitions Information Session

31/07/23

Welcome

- Housekeeping.
- Intro to Midlands Junior Comps and Central Calendar
- Feedback Survey
- Plans for 2023-24



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Midlands Hockey Junior Competitions



Clubs Outdoor

- U18s
- U16s
- U14s
- U12s

Clubs Indoor

- U18s
- U16s

Clubs In2h

- U12s
- U10s

County Hockey

- U17s
- U16s
- U15s
- U14s
- U13s

Schools Outdoor

- U18s
- U16s
- U14s
- State School

Schools Indoor

- U18s
- U16s

Schools In2H

- U13s
- U12s
- U11s

We need more help...



- Midlands Hockey run a number of events throughout the year, and rely on a very small group of volunteers to help with this.
- If you have anyone in your club that could support any Midlands events (even it is just one afternoon throughout the season) then please let me know. Our events are usually held at:
 - Rugby.
 - Nottingham.
 - Wolverhampton.
- Midlands Hockey will pay petrol expenses and subsistence.

EH Central Calendar



- Gives details of what activity has priority on dates throughout the year.
- Can be found at:
<https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/centralised-calendar>

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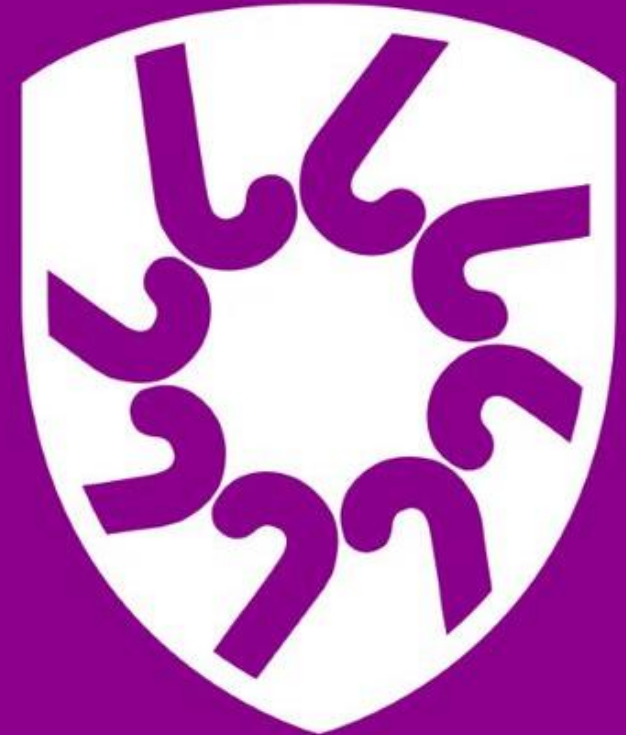


PRIORITY & CENTRALISED CALENDAR 2023-24 Final (June 2023)

| WEEK | Day/Date | INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY | SENIOR PRIORITY 1 | SENIOR PRIORITY 2 | MASTERS PRIORITY | U18 | U17 | U16 | U15 | U14 | U13 | U12 | U11 | U10/8 | |
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| 09 | Mon 23 Oct | | | | | ▼ | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tue 24 Oct | | | | | ▼ | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wed 25 Oct | | | | | | DISE remote induction | EAG | | | | | | | |
| | Thu 26 Oct | | | | | | | ▼ | | | | | | | |
| | Fri 27 Oct | | | | | | | ▼ | | | | | | | |
| | Sat 28 Oct | | 1 EHLPrem8 2 Tiered Ch (2 3 4) 1 3 Lge Reserve date | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sun 29 Oct | | Tiered Ch (1) 1 | | | MW EngM 35-75 | Club Champs2 | U18 Club Champs2 | Club Slip | Club Slip | Club Champs2 | U14 Club Champs2 | Club | Club | Club |
| 10 | Midweek | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Thu 02 Nov | | | | | GU18 Schs T2 R4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sat 04 Nov | | EHLPrem9 WEHLDiv1&Conf 6 | League 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sun 05 Nov | | MEHLDiv1&Conf 6 | | M50+1 W45+1 | ClubLge3 | U18ClubLge3 | ClubLge4 | U16ClubLge4 | ClubLge3 | U14ClubLge3 | Club | Club | Club | |
| 11 | Thu 09 Nov | | | | | GU18 T3 Schs (Area) Play by | | GU16 Schs T2 R3 | | GU14 Schs T1 R2 | | | | | |
| | Sat 11 Nov | | EHLPrem10 WEHLDiv1&Conf 7 | League 8 | | B EAG | | B EAG | | | | | | | |
| | Sun 12 Nov | | MEHLDiv1&Conf 7 | | W35+1 M40+1 M60+1 W45-65 AreaM | G EAG | County2 | G EAG County2 | County2 | County2 | County2 | InterClub2 | InterClub2 | InterClub2 | |
| 12 | Midweek | | | | | BU18 Sch S6s (Area) | | GU16Sch S6s (Area) | | | | | | | |
| | Thu 16 Nov | | | | | GU18 Schs T2 R5 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sat 18 Nov | | EHLPrem11 WEHLDiv1&Conf 8 | League 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sun 19 Nov | | MEHLDiv1&Conf 8 | Mx 1 | W35-40 M AreaM | Club Champs3 | U18 Club Champs3 | ClubLge 5 ChampsT2 2 | U16 ClubLge 5 ChampsT2 2 | Club Champs3 | U14 Club Champs3 | Club | Club | Club | |

Feedback Survey

- Sent out to all Midlands Clubs.
- 46 responses from 38 clubs.
- Mixture of clubs that do currently enter Midlands Competitions and those that don't.
- Working group from Midlands Junior Comps Committee to review the feedback.



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Clubs that don't enter Midlands Comps

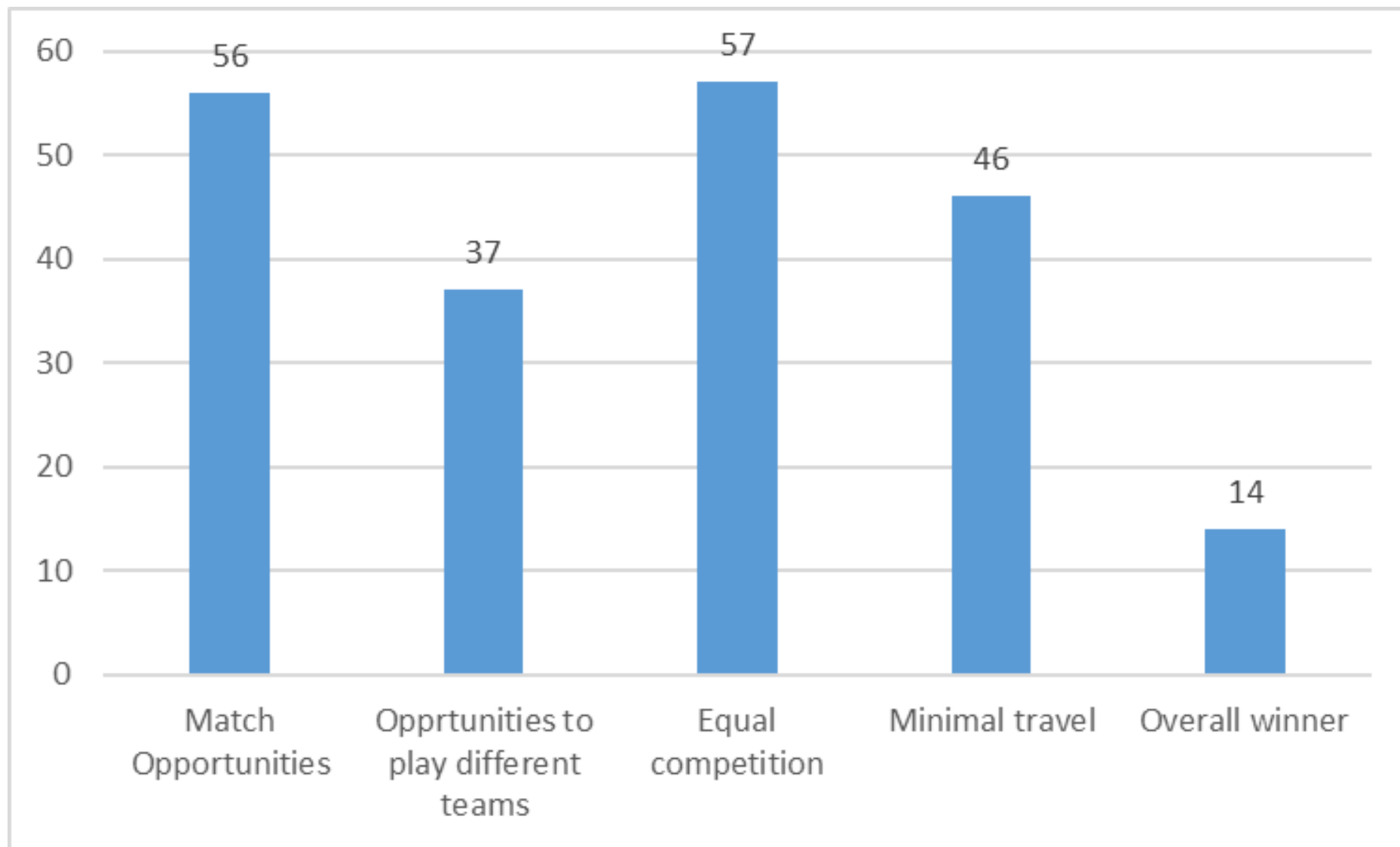


- Why didn't you enter Midlands Competitions?
 - Lack of numbers.
 - Limited number for required age groups.
 - Travel.
- Is there anything Midlands can do to support you entering Midlands Clubs Competitions?
 - 7 a side.
 - Make mixed gender.

Clubs that don't enter Midlands Comps



Priorities



Clubs that do enter Midlands Comps

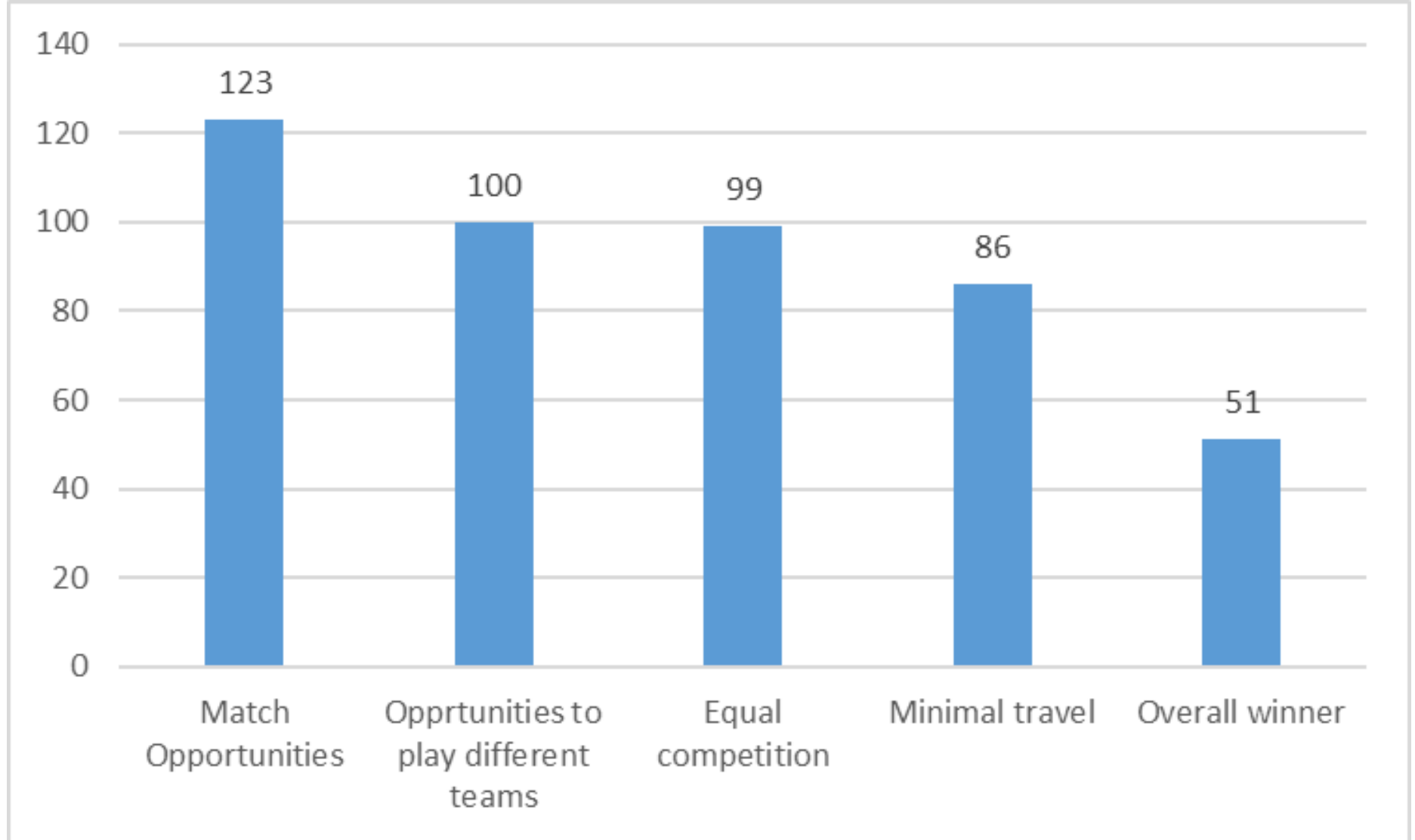


- Feedback on Midlands Competitions:
 - I think clubs struggled to make teams due to clashes but also having to enter the competition before they knew proper player numbers for the season. If you could delay entry to being as close to the start of the season, it might help with teams not pulling out.
 - Not enough notice for early season fixtures - details could be given earlier in the season and first matches in September. May prevent too many matches being lost to weather.
 - When competing with other sports for children's time it would be really helpful if we could give the parents a fixture list with times at the start of the season. I appreciate that clubs have got to find slots but if they were given a couple of weeks to notify times following the issue of all the fixtures at the start of the season then that would help parents with planning and lead to more availability and ultimately more hockey players.
 - Keep fixtures away from half terms - remembering that different counties have different term times.
 - Let us decide the exact fixture - so the fixture has to be played plus or minus one week either side of the date.
 - **Travel was the biggest issue that people have had with the Midlands Competitions.**

Clubs that do enter Midlands Comps



Priorities



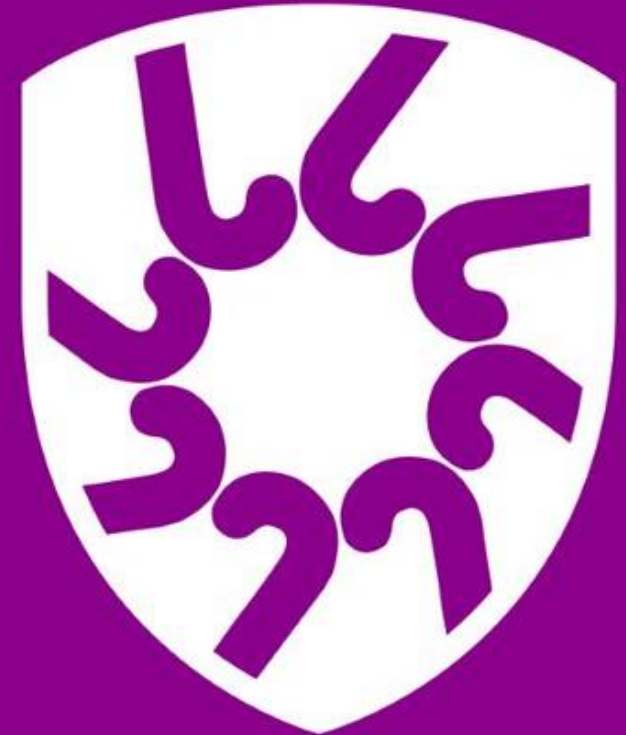
Things to remember



- We are constrained by the priority dates on the Central Calendar.
- Particularly at the lower tiers we will try to make sure that travel is as minimised as possible.
 - This does depend on the teams that enter.
 - If you know that teams locally to you haven't entered in the past please make sure they know that the Midlands Competitions exist.
 - We will be trying to push this as much as possible over the summer, but word of mouth is also really helpful!
- Clubs can join together to make teams at T2/ T3.

2023-2024 Plans

- Tier 3
- Tier 2
- Tier 1



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Tier Guidance- from England Hockey



| Tier | Guidelines |
|--------|--|
| Tier 1 | A good team with talent players (NAGS/PC/AC) this should be where any club that is showing interest in becoming a talent centre should be competing (both genders and multiple age groups), Travel potentially across the Midlands Area and beyond. |
| Tier 2 | A competitive side who are looking for good opposition for competitive games. |
| Tier 3 | A newly formed junior side or section looking for their first games competitively (this could be a clubs 2s, 3s, 4s depending on the size of the club). Local travel only with limited travel even at play-off stages. |

Tier 3: U14s, U16s, U18s



- 7 a side.
- Option to have mixed teams this year if the demand is there.
 - Minimum of 2 boys and 2 girls on the pitch.
- As local as possible for the fixtures, we would like this to be broadly sub area, but dependent on entries.

Tier 2: U12s, U14s, U16s, U18s



Tier 2A

- Midlands wide, competitive.
- Must be prepared to travel throughout the Midlands.
- More entries- could split East/ West.

Tier 2B

- 2 clubs can join together.
- More localised competitions.
- Might play same teams multiple times.

Tier 1: U14s, U18s



U14s

- Play in Area leagues pre-Christmas.
- Post-Christmas- top 3 teams go through to Supra League.
- Remaining T1 teams form T1B after Christmas.

U18s

- Play within league- remain at Area level.
- No Supra League at this age group.
- Travel across the whole Midlands Area.

Tier 1: U16s

- This will be run by EH following consultation with clubs. Entry through EH.
 - Reduces pressure on calendar.
 - Provides competition for T1 Area teams who miss out on Supra League in current structure and often struggle to find competitive matches.
- Any further details: junior.competitions@englandhockey.co.uk

Tier 1 – See annotated columns A-E with further details of the relevant phases of competition

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| Stage 1 | Teams play in Zonal leagues, geographic but not rigidly Area based. EH run. Max 8 Divisions with 8 teams in each. Can play each other once or H/A depending on numbers | A |
| Stage 2 | 4 Supra Leagues of 4 teams. Top 16 teams, ie top 2 in each of 8 Zonal leagues (or more qualifiers if fewer leagues are run) | A |
| | Top 2 in each Supra League qualify for Finals weekend. Two pools of 4 | A |
| | Teams finishing 3 & 4 in each Supra League play in Shield QF,SF, Final | B |
| | Teams who do not qualify for Supra League play in a KO Plate | C |
| | 1 st round losers in Plate play in a KO Vase | D |

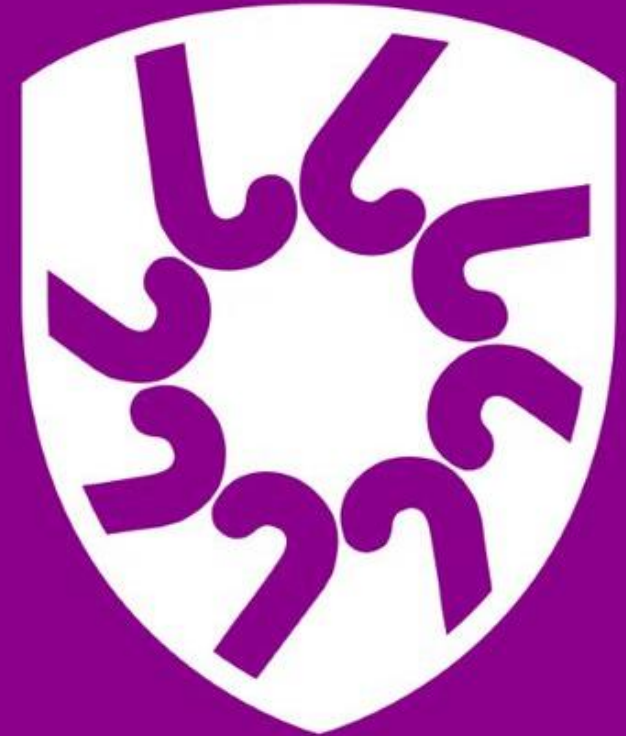
Playing Formats



| Age Group | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| U18s | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 7 a side Single Gender Option for 23/24- Mixed if demand from Clubs Organised by Midlands |
| U16s | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by England Hockey | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 7 a side Single Gender Option for 23/24- Mixed if demand from Clubs Organised by Midlands |
| U14s | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 11 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 7 a side Single Gender Option for 23/24- Mixed if demand from Clubs Organised by Midlands |
| U12s | 7 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | 7 a side Single Gender Organised by Midlands | No Tier 3 U12s activity, however your sub area may offer something. |

Key Information

- Deadlines for entries.
- Admin.
- Contacts.



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Entries

- Tier 1
 - Entries Deadline: **27th August.**
 - Fixtures Released: 3rd September.
 - First Fixture: 24th September.
- Tier 2 & Tier 3
 - Entries Deadline: **10th September.**
 - Fixtures Released: 17th September
 - First Fixture: 15th October.
- Entries: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/E3kSDwNWWD>

Admin



- Fixtures will be on GMS, please ensure that results etc are submitted.
- 8-0 guidance will be coming out from EH.

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