

**MIDLANDS  
HOCKEY**

# Clubs Junior Competitions Information

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2025-26 Season

# Midlands Hockey Junior Competitions



Clubs Outdoor	Clubs Indoor	Clubs In2h	County Hockey	Schools Outdoor	Schools Indoor	Schools In2H
U18s	U18s	U12s	U17s	U18s	U18s	U13s
U16s			U16s	U16s		U12s
U14s	U16s	U10s	U15s	U14s	U16s	U11s
U12s			U14s	State School		
			U13s			

# 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>

# EH Central Calendar



DAY	DATE	INTERNATIONAL	SENIOR 1	SENIOR 2	MASTERS 1	MASTERS 2	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10/U8
Sat	25-Oct-25		MWEHLPi6	Champs 1 League Reserve											
Sun	26-Oct-25		MWEHLPi7		WM EngM 35-75		Club	1. DiSE 2. Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club
Mon	27-Oct-25							DiSE							
Tue	28-Oct-25						EAG Assessment		EAG Assessment						
Wed	29-Oct-25						EAG Assessment		EAG Assessment						
Thu	30-Oct-25						EAG Assessment		EAG Assessment						
Sat	01-Nov-25		MWEHLPi8 WEHLDiv1&Conf 6	League 7											
Sun	02-Nov-25		MEHLDiv1&Conf 6		WM EngM 35-75		ClubLge4		T1 ClubLge4 T2 Club Lge4	As U16s	Club	As U14s	Club	Club	Club
Mon	03-Nov-25						TA	TA	TA	TA					
Thu	06-Nov-25						G Schs T2 R4				G Schs T1 R3				
Fri	07-Nov-25						G T3 Schs (Area) Play by								
Sat	08-Nov-25		MWEHLPi9 WEHLDiv1&Conf 7	League 8											
Sun	09-Nov-25		MEHLDiv1&Conf 7		M35+2 M55+2 W35+2 W55+2	WM AreaM	ClubCh2	As U18s	T1ClubLge5 T2ClubCh2	As U16s	T1 Club Ch 2 T2 Club Ch 2	As U14s	Club	Club	Club
Mon	10-Nov-25						TA	TA	TA	TA					
Thu	13-Nov-25								G Schs T2 R4						
Fri	14-Nov-25						GSchS6s(Area Playby		BSchS6s(Area Playby						

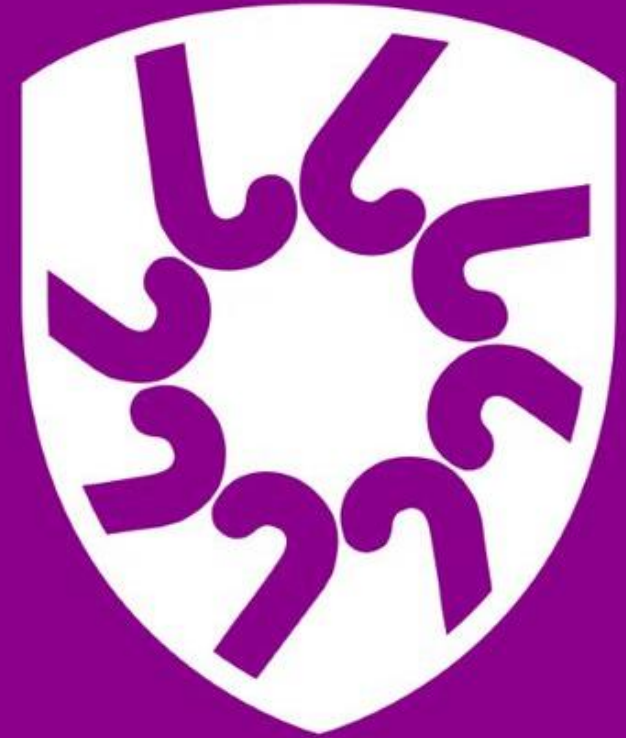
# Things to remember

- 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.

# 2025-2026 Plans

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- 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 (but scope to change based on club availability- we want to promote participation).
- 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- we will look at options for these teams.

## 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](mailto:junior.competitions@englandhockey.co.uk)

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

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 <sup>st</sup> round losers in Plate play in a KO Vase	D

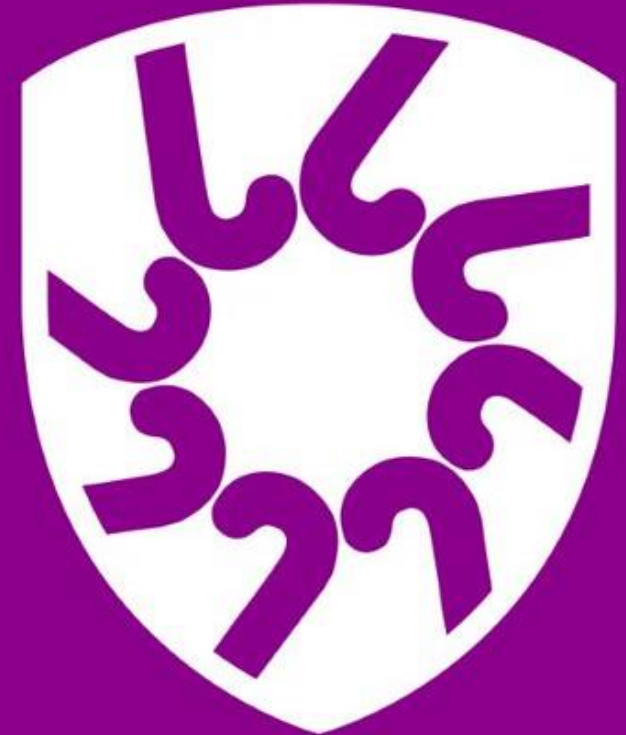
# Playing Formats

Age Group	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<b>U18s</b>	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	7 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands
<b>U16s</b>	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by England Hockey	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	7 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands
<b>U14s</b>	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	11 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	7 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands
<b>U12s</b>	7 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	7 a side Girls and Open/Boys Organised by Midlands	No Tier 3 U12s activity, however your sub area may offer something.

# Key Information

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- Deadlines for entries.
- Admin.
- Contacts.



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# Midlands Hockey Entries



- Tier 1
  - Entries Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August**
- Tier 2 & Tier 3
  - Entries Deadline: **21<sup>st</sup> September**
- Entries: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/A20Y2AHWfL>
- Any amendments- please do these on the form (text box at the bottom of the form).

# Age Group Guidance



- Age group qualification is based on age at 1<sup>st</sup> September.
  - For U12s born on or after 01/09/2013.
  - For U14s born on or after 01/09/2011.
  - For U16s born on or after 01/09/2009.
  - For U18s born on or after 01/09/2007.

# England Hockey Knockouts



- <https://www.Englandhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/england-hockey-junior-club-championships/junior-club-championships>
- If you are entering a Midlands competition and an England Hockey competition these need to be at the same Tier- for example if you enter Midlands at Tier 1, if you entered England Hockey this would need to be at Tier 1 as well.



# Admin



- Fixtures will be on GMS, please ensure that results etc are submitted.
- 8-0 guidance available from EH:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsZuJaz3N5Q>

# Contact Details



- Junior Leagues and Competitions Chair:  
[juniorchair@midlands.hockey](mailto:juniorchair@midlands.hockey)
- Jane Jelley, Junior Clubs Competitions Administrator:  
[juniorclubcompetitions@midlands.hockey](mailto:juniorclubcompetitions@midlands.hockey)

# 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. Midlands Hockey will pay petrol expenses and subsistence.
- Also: we are trying to build up a database of hockey playing state schools, if you are working with any state schools then please pass their details on.