



London Hockey AGM – 14th July 2025

Juniors Review 2024-2025 Season

The Junior section had a particularly busy season with a huge amount of activity covering Club leagues & festivals for U7s-U18s; In2Hockey Cup & Plate Tournaments at U10 & U12; Area Tier 3 Cup & Plate Competition; Indoor competitions; School competitions and Talent Development activity.

Clubs

Activity was arranged for groups aged U7-U18 as follows:-

- U7- U12 Mega and Mini Leagues with 166 teams entered
- U10 & U12 In2Hockey Cup & Plate involved 232 teams across the two age groups and genders. The winners of the U12 Cup competitions qualified for the England Hockey Finals. Both qualifying teams were from Surbiton.
- U12 Performance Leagues (7 a side) had 34 entries across the two genders. Winners Boys – Eastcote ; Girls - Surbiton
- U14-18 leagues a total of 210 teams entered.
- The U14 Leagues were rearranged after Christmas after the U14 SupraLeague qualifiers were identified. The remaining Tier 1 teams were placed in a London, South Central & South East cross border Tier 1B leagues with some stronger Tier 2 teams. Finals were held for the Tier 1B, 2 & Tier 3A Leagues.
- U16 Tier 1 entries were made centrally with England Hockey for a second season. Tier 2 and 3 remained unchanged with Finals for T2 & 3A.
- The U18 Tier 1 & 2 teams also participated in a cross-border leagues. Crossover Finals were held where appropriate.
- EH Tier 3 Knockout Cup & Plate Competitions for U14s & U16s had 63 entries
- Indoor Area Finals were held in November & December for the U18 & U16 Boys & Girls with the winners qualifying for the England Hockey S6s Finals. 20 teams entered across both age groups & genders. Winners U18 Boys – Teddington; U18 Girls – Wimbledon; U16 Boys – Wimbledon; U16 Girls – Surbiton.
- A London Invitational Indoor Competition for U12 & U14s was held in March with 22 teams entered. Most came from the London Area but there were additional entries from South Central and East Clubs.

Supraleagues

U14s

At the Christmas break, a number of teams qualified for the U14 National SupraLeagues:-
Boys – Wimbledon Stormers, Surbiton Seals, Old Cranleigh & Teddington
Girls - Surbiton Eagles, Surbiton Wrens, Teddington & Spencer.

In the National finals, two teams from the Area qualified and finished as follows:-

U14 Boys – Wimbledon - Winners

U14 Girls – Surbiton Wrens – 3rd; Surbiton Eagles 5th

U16s

Tier 1 was in the same format as last season with entry being made centrally with England Hockey. Two London clubs entered the Boys competition and 4 the Girls

In the Boys competition, 2 teams from Wimbledon and one from Surbiton reached the SupraLeague Finals.

Wimbledon Stormers 2nd

Surbiton 3rd

Wimbledon Tornadoes 7th

In the Girls Competition

Surbiton 1st

Teddington 8th

Additionally, London teams also played in the waterfall KO Finals

U16 Girls T1 Plate – Wimbledon Stormers – runners-up

U16 Girls T1 Vase – Southgate – winners

In2Hockey

The In2Hockey Cup & Plate was again a hugely successful tournament with the Preliminary Rounds for 223 teams held over two weekends in March. The 4 qualifying teams from each of the age group & gender Cup & Plate competitions played at the Finals day at Lee Valley at the end of April.

Winners

U10 Boys Cup – Surbiton

U10 Boys Plate – OMTs

U10 Girls Cup – Surbiton

U10 Girls Plate – Surbiton

U12 Boys Cup – Surbiton

U12 Boys Plate – Hampstead & Westminster

U12 Girls Cup – Surbiton

U12 Girls Plate – Surbiton

Surbiton U12 Boys & Girls qualified for the National Finals & finished :-
Surbiton Girls - Winners; Surbiton Boys – Runners-up

Indoor

Following the London Indoor rounds, Surbiton U16 Girls, Wimbledon U18 Girls & U16 Boys and Teddington U18 Boys represented London in the Super 6s Finals and finished :-

U18 Boys – Teddington – Jt 3rd
U18 Girls – Wimbledon – Runners-up
U16 Boys – Wimbledon - Jt 3rd
U16 Girls – Surbiton – Runners-up

We launched a London Invitational Indoor Tournament for U12s & U14s in March which had entries from some London clubs which do not normally enter the older age groups plus teams from the East region and South Central. Entries came from Amersham & Chalfont, Chelmsford, Marlow, Merton, Old Cranleigh, Southgate, Surbiton, Teddington, Upminster, Waltham Forest, Wapping & Wimbledon.

U12 Boys – 7 teams	Winners - Surbiton
U12 Girls – 6 teams	Winners - Surbiton
U14 Boys – 4 teams	Winners - Southgate
U14 Girls – 5 teams	Winners - Surbiton

As a concept, it was very well received although a number of London clubs were unable to enter due to the timing of the various tournaments. We will certainly run this again next season but aim to run it slightly earlier, possibly in January if there are appropriate dates in the calendar.

A Junior Clubs meeting was due to be held on 25th June at The Wimbledon Club to discuss the various leagues & competitions & proposals for 2025-2026. Thank you to Wimbledon HC for hosting us.

Many thanks to the League/In2 Competition/Mega & Mini League/U12 Performance Administration team of Adrian Darley, Jenny Walker & Andrea Cole for all their hard work over the last 12 months as without them, the huge amount of activity organised by the Area would not have happened. Also, many thanks to all those who gave up their time to run the various tournaments on our behalf, it is much appreciated.

Enormous thanks also to Joergen Jaehnig for leading on the Indoor competitions. They were very successful and a very enjoyable experience for the players.

A full list of winners of the Area run competitions can be found below at the end of this report.

Talent System

Development Centre (DC) activity ran throughout July & August for U12-15s for around 856 children, 341 of whom were selected to the Squad Assessment phase. The players selected for 2023-2024 squads were not required to attend the DC but were invited for assessment together

with the players taken through from DC. A further 194 players were assessed for the U16 & U17s being a combination of new players and the previous season's squads

The Assessment phase was complicated & extended due to the TA Assessments at some centres not being completed until late October 2024.

Following the Assessment sessions, 449 players were selected for 20 representative squads, two squads being selected for each gender in each age group.

After the training phase was completed, all the teams participated in the South Counties AC Championship playing against the seven counties which formed the former South Region. Matches were played in a triangular format across weekends in March-May.

The final standings for the teams were:-

2024-2025					
	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
Boys					
North	4th	5th	6th	1st	4th
South	5th	2nd	2nd	5th	8th
Girls					
North	6th	2nd	1st	6th	1st
South	1st	1st	5th	3rd	5th

In conjunction with London Officiating we ran an Introduction to Umpiring course for squad players. Some 25 players attended and a number expressed an interest in taking their Level 1. We intend to run something similar at least once a season. Many thanks to Phil O'Hagan for organising and running an enjoyable session.

Clare Cogswell & Claire Sabourin continued in their administrative roles for London North & London South respectively. I am very grateful to them for all their hard work in running the programme so efficiently.

My thanks also to the coaches without whose enthusiasm and work throughout the season, we would not be able to run the Talent programme.

Schools

The London team of Marilyn Walker & Sandra Marlow continued to oversee the extensive Schools' programme across both Outdoor & Indoor formats.

A total of 64 Schools entered teams across all competitions. The Area Winners are set out at the end of this report.

National School Finals

Qualifiers from some of the London Area rounds participated in the EH Schools' Finals

Outdoor

U18 Boys Tier 3 – Dulwich College – 3rd
U18 Girls Tier 3 – Latymer Upper – winners
U16 Boys Tier 3 – Dulwich College – jt 7th
U16 Girls Tier 3 – Croydon High School – 8th
U14 Boys Tier 2 – Forest School – winners
U14 Girls Tier 2 – Godolphin & Latymer – 6th

U13 In2Hockey Boys – Whitgift – 1st
U13 In2 Hockey Girls – Surbiton High School – 1st

Indoor

U16 Boys – Whitgift – 1st
U18 boys – Whitgift – 1st
U16 Girls –Surbiton High– Jt 3rd
U18 Girls -Surbiton High – 6th

State School Tournament

For the first time, an area state school only tournament was organised for U14s and took place on 7th March at Southgate HC and was greatly enjoyed by the participating schools. 5 Boys and 4 girls teams participated with Langley Grammar winning the Boys competition and Grey Court School the Girls. Many thanks to Southgate HC for hosting us. A number of schools were unable to participate due to clashes with other activity but did take place in open tournaments the following week.

We hope this will become an annual event and that participation numbers will increase over time.

The EH National State School Tournament took place the following week in Nottingham at which Grey Court School won the Tier 2 Girls Competition and were runners-up in the Boys.

Our thanks to all the schools which hosted the competitions and last but not least, huge thanks to Marilyn & Sandra for running another successful London season.

Many thanks must also go to Phil O'Hagan & the London Officiating team for appointing for the South Tournament matches, Indoor Finals, & League Finals.

Finally, my annual request for new volunteers to step forward to help us to maintain (and hopefully develop further) such an extensive programme of Junior hockey. We are reliant on a small number of volunteers who are doing an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to organise & manage all the competitions. It is imperative more people step forward next season to assist us and if you are able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me on juniors@london.hockey

I would also like to express my personal thanks to the Board of Directors, the rest of the Management Committee, Step Parikian and Catalina Giglio for their invaluable support throughout the season.

Judith Jones
21st June 2025

2024/2025	
Club Competitions	
Tier 1	
U18 Boys (London/SC/SE)	N/A

U16 Boys	N/A
U16 Girls	N/A
U14 Boys Tier 1B (London/SC/SE)	Southgate
U14 Girls Tier 1B (London/SC/SE)	N/A
U12 Boys Perf	Eastcote
U12 Girls Perf	Surbiton

Tier 2	
U18 Boys (London/SC/SE)	N/A
U18 Girls (London/SC/SE)	N/A
U16 Boys	Hampstead & Westminster
U16 Girls 2A	Richmond
U16 Girls 2	London Wayfarers
U14 Boys	Surbiton
U14 Girls	Southgate

Tier 3	
U16 Boys	Merton
U16 Girls	Sunbury & Walton
U14 Boys	Eastcote
U14 Girls	Sunbury & Walton

In2Hockey Cup	
U12 Boys	Surbiton
U12 Girls	Surbiton
U10 Boys	Surbiton
U10 Girls	Surbiton

In2Hockey Plate	
U12 Boys	Hampstead & Westminster
U12 Girls	Surbiton
U10 Boys	OMTs
U10 Girls	Surbiton

EH Tier 3 Cup	
U16 Boys	London Wayfarers
U16 Girls	Merton
U14 Boys	Wapping
U14 Girls	Sunbury & Walton

EH Tier 3 Plate	
U16 Boys	Old Cranleigh
U16 Girls	Richmond
U14 Boys	Purley Walcountians
U14 Girls	Teddington
Indoor	
U18 Boys	Teddington
U18 Girls	Wimbledon

U16 Boys	Wimbledon
U16 Girls	Surbiton
U14 Boys	Southgate
U14 Girls	Surbiton
U12 Boys	Surbiton
U12 Girls	Surbiton

Schools Competitions	
Indoor	
BU18	Whitgift
GU18	Surbiton High
BU16	Whitgift
GU16	Surbiton High
Outdoor	
BU18 Tier 3	Dulwich
BU18 Tier 3A	Trinity
GU18 Tier 3	Latymer Upper
GU18 Tier 4	Radnor House
BU16 Tier 3	Dulwich
GU16 Tier 3	Croydon High
BU15	Alleyns
GU15	Tiffin
BU14 Tier 2	Forest
BU14 Tier 2A	Eltham
BU14 Tier 3	Kingsdale
BU14 State School	Langley Park
GU14 Tier 2	Godolphin & Latymer
GU14 Tier 3	Radnor House
GU14 State School	Grey Court
BU13 In2	Whitgift
GU13 In2	Surbiton
BU13 Tier 1	Whitgift
BU13 Tier 2	Whitgift
BU13 Tier 3	Latymer Upper
GU13 Tier 1	Surbiton
GU13 Tier 2	St Benedicts
GU13 Tier 3	Croydon High
BU12 Tier 1	Whitgift
BU12 Tier 2	Whitgift B
BU12 Tier 3	Latymer Upper
GU12 Tier 1	Eltham
GU12 Tier 2	Bancrofts
GU12 Tier 3	Croydon High
BU11 Tier 1	Eltham
BU11 Tier 2	Forest
GU11 Tier 1	Alleyns
GU11 Tier 2	Streatham & Clapham