



County Update – March 2024

In response to feedback wanting more regular communication with counties, we are introducing a new quarterly newsletter. This will keep counties updated on EH initiatives and contain relevant links and diary dates etc in one place. The newsletter will be available on the counties page of the EH website.

If you would like to help us improve the newsletter, please feedback any comments or suggestions for content via the dedicated counties email address county@englandhockey.co.uk

This newsletter will cover the following topics

- EH Awards
- County Junior Hockey Activity---Forum 20th March
- Governance Update
- Super 6's thank you
- Pro League Schedule
- State School Update—teacher training and data collection
- Dates for the Diary

UPDATES

EH Awards

The England Hockey Awards presented by Notts Sport will be on Saturday 18 May 2024 at the Athena in Leicester where the winners of this years awards will be announced. **Entries close at midnight Sunday 17th March.**

For the second year, EH has a specific category to recognise Area and County volunteers. [For more information, and to nominate.](#)

County Junior Hockey Activity

The EH Talent team have been working on a framework to support counties in running junior county activity. The team will present the Framework at our County Network evening on **20th March**. Please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to know more.

Governance Update

The County Standing Committee (CSC) is a committee of representative counties that challenge, advise and support EH on all matters affecting counties. This can range from commenting on documents to testing systems and processes. At the recent CSC meeting, the topics discussed included the EH Strategy, Junior County Hockey Activity and the Centralised Calendar. We will be looking to add to the CSC membership and if you would be interested in joining the committee, please email county@englandhockey.co.uk We will be adding members over the summer and if you have already put your name forward, we will be in touch soon.

The work to ensure all counties have adopted the EH template constitution continues; currently 30 counties have adopted the constitution and become full voting members of EH and we are actively working with the remaining 10 counties.



Super 6's

It was great to meet so many county reps at the recent VIP county day at the Super 6's in Derby. We hope to be able to make this a more regular event to say thank you and that more counties will be able to attend in future.

FIH Pro League Schedule

The dates and playing schedule is available for the FIH Pro League at Lee Valley in June. Tickets are selling fast and this will be a great chance to see our GB Hockey players before the Olympics. [For more information, and to purchase tickets.](#)

State School Update

State Secondary School Teacher Training

As part of our commitment to build hockey within State Schools, we arranged a secondary school teacher training workshop on Thursday 14 March 2024 for any school teachers who had signed up for one of the Area State School Festivals.

The workshop was aimed at introducing hockey to Secondary School teachers and covered the following:

- Benefits of delivering hockey as a sport - gender equal, leveller etc
- Overcome concerns about teaching hockey and explore solutions to common challenges e.g. facilities, equipment, safety, rules.
- Give some 'take away' fun and engaging introductory games.
- Explore next steps and where to get further resources and development.

Following this workshop, we would be happy to work with Counties to arrange a bespoke course in your locality for secondary and primary school teachers. If your County would like to run a further workshop and are able to fund one of these sessions (£400), please contact Gail.Rushton@englandhockey.co.uk

What schools are playing hockey in your county?

We also know that many counties are running competitions for local schools, and we would love to know more about the activity you are organising. Fill in this Excel sheet [here](#) to let us know which schools you are engaging with and whether you would be happy to share any top tips with other counties. This sheet is a 'live' sheet which means everyone can just add information to it, please do not delete any information you see on there as others will have added this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Meetings coming up

Meeting	Date	Time
County Network evening on Talent	20 March	19:00
ED&I Network evening	24 April	19.00
County Networking Coaching evening	19 June	19.00
County Forum Communications evening	4 October	19:30
County Networking evening – Review of first half of the season	20 November	19:30