

County Newsletter – June 2024

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the County Newsletter which we hope you will find informative and useful.

New Contact Details?

If you have held your AGM and now have new officers or members of your committee, or if you just have some new faces on your committees, can you let us know so that we can keep our contact details up to date? We have tried to make this easier by trialling a new form which can be found <https://forms.office.com/e/zPEucNskiF> and can also be found on the Areas, and Counties section of the England Hockey website. If you can't find the form, you can also always email changes to the county email address county@englandhockey.co.uk

Junior Activity

Thank you to those counties that got in touch to share the activities they are providing for young people. Please continue sharing examples, together with details of schools that you are working with so that we can get a better picture of the work that counties are doing across the country.

Recent Meetings

County Network ED&I meeting

This focused on recruiting, retaining and rewarding volunteers. The slides will be available shortly

The ED&I Advisory group will be recruiting new members shortly. Keep an eye out for adverts on the EH website, or email EDIAdvisoryGroup@englandhockey.co.uk and ask for an Expression of Interest form.

Coaching Network Event

Stuart Guise (Head of Coaching and People) and Sam Beveridge (Coach Developer) led the Coaching Forum last week. Comprising some challenge around the purpose and intent of coaching at county level, the Coaching offer and how it might be accessed by counties was outlined. You can find the slides attached in the email.

County Standing Committee (CSC)

The CSC was held on Tuesday 14th May. An update was provided on the number of Counties working towards adopting the template constitution. The CSC also covered Sanctioned/Unsanctioned hockey activity, future forum calendar and growing State School Competitions in the Counties. There was a discussion on the purpose of the CSC and a request for a County handbook.

It was agreed to refresh the membership of the CSC, keeping a diversity of thought with representatives sought from small and large counties, rural and more urban counties. The Terms of Reference of the CSC are attached [County National Working Group ToR Final.docx](#) and if and if you would like to know more or would like to be considered for a place on the committee, please email the county email address. If you have previously let us know that you would like to join the committee, can you confirm that you are still interested. We would like to thank those members of the committee stepping down for their invaluable support and contribution that they have made since the committee was formed.

Governance Update

A huge thank you to those counties that have been working hard to get the new constitution adopted in time for the Areas AGMs. 11 counties have adopted the new constitution since September 2023, leaving just 6 counties to complete the task with 4 (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man and London) currently out of scope.

We will be contacting those outstanding counties to help ensure that the new constitution is completed as soon as possible.

Talent Centre Expression of Interest

You may have seen the recent communication to clubs about Expressions of Interest for Talent Centres—if not, here it is.

England Hockey are delighted to welcome Expressions of Interest from clubs who are aspiring to work towards the accreditation in Cohort 4 (September 2024 – August 2025).

- A Talent Centre club is a club that provides high quality provision for players at early talent development level (Talent Foundations).

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- This provision will be embedded within the club's junior and senior provision.
- Talent Centre accreditation recognises the quality of a club's talent development environment and provision, not individual players.

The Expression of Interest form is intended to capture the current position and readiness of the club to work towards Talent Centre Accreditation.

To express interest please complete form on the webpage below by **7th July 2024**

<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/play/talent-system>

If you have any queries around completing the expression of interest form, please email talent@englishockey.co.uk

Code of Conduct

The Draft Code of Conduct has been crafted by an internal working group at England Hockey to replace the current Respect Document. Unlike its predecessor, this draft offers a more concise and impactful approach. It aims to promote positive values rather than serving as a detailed list of expected behaviours. The intention is for the core message and values to permeate throughout England Hockey communications and initiatives over the coming years.

The draft Code of Conduct has been seen and commented on by several different groups, and the consultation window has now closed. England Hockey will now collate and review all feedback received and produce an updated version of the Code of Conduct along with a comprehensive guidance document and implementation strategy. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact liam.dell@englishockey.co.uk

Discipline Review

The review is now complete, and the final Discipline Regulations have been approved by the England Hockey Board. These will be rolled out for the start of next season.

FIH Pro League London

We've just finished a fantastic 8 match days (32 matches) of FIH Pro League at Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre. We had 25,000 fans visit including 5000 school children attended

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across two school days.

Summer of Hockey

England Hockey invites you to Summer of Hockey - an experience like no other. Get ready to see the world's top-class hockey nations compete for gold at the Paris 2024 Olympics. But that's just the start...

Join England Hockey as we celebrate the spirit of our game and give you the opportunity to become part of the action! Whether you're cheering from home, trying hockey for the first time, getting together as a club, or hosting a special hockey event, there's something for everyone to enjoy and plenty of chances to make lasting memories.

Play, celebrate and inspire! Join England Hockey's Summer of Hockey and discover the thrill of the game in a whole new way!

<https://www.englishockey.co.uk/play/summer-of-hockey-2024>

Development Funding Options

We have prepared some Development Funding Options for the Areas & Counties such as Community Projects, State Schools and Workforce. The slide is attached to this newsletter, and we have a number of templates which may be useful such as application and monitoring & evaluation forms. If you would like to discuss further please contact Chris.Lock@EnglandHockey.co.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Meetings coming up in July/August

Date	Meeting	Time
24/07/2024	County Network - Safeguarding	19:00
TBC	County Network--Talent	19.00
Aug/Sept	CSC	19:00

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If you have any topics you would like us to cover in the next newsletter, or you have a specific enquiry, please contact us on county@englandhockey.co.uk