

Report to West Council

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ENGLAND
HOCKEY

AGM Resolution Update

The membership survey, which followed the series of Roadshows held around the country, concluded at the end of October. The Working Group produced a summary of the feedback in November ahead of issuing 'A Structure Fit for the Future', recommendations for the 2020 AGM, just before Christmas. Full details can be found [here](#).

The 'Calling Notice' and information regarding the electronic voting procedure for the England Hockey AGM on 17 March 2020, will be circulated to all affiliated clubs and Associations in February. If the proposal is carried, the new structure will be in place for the 2021-22 season. Any questions should be sent to agm.resolution@englandhockey.co.uk

England Hockey Awards Night

The Nomination process is now open for the England Hockey Awards Night to be held in Leicester on Saturday 6 June. The nomination process closes on 29 March and full information can be found [here](#).

GROW OUR PARTICIPATION

Club Affiliation

The affiliation window has now closed, and we are currently analysing affiliation data to be able to fully share information. A reminder that clubs can access the site at any point throughout the year to update contacts or membership numbers. We ask our clubs to update their affiliation data three times a year – November, April and August. This data is currently being checked and challenged and final numbers will be available in February.

Hockey Heroes – Year 2

The first block of Hockey Heroes sessions has been successfully delivered, with feedback from clubs, coaches, parents and players being a resounding success. Clubs are now setting dates for their second block of sessions and working on transitioning players into their junior club. We will be looking for clubs to participate in the programme for next season and clubs have been asked to contact their Relationship Manager if interested or wanting more information.

Back to Hockey

Back to Hockey started in 2011 and has encouraged many players to either return to, or start, our sport. Currently, England Hockey are reviewing Back to Hockey guidance and support materials, with the aim to support clubs to attract more players offering a good experience of hockey. This includes working in partnership with our sponsor Vitality to help clubs with marketing their sessions wider within their community and utilising the new Club Spark registration system.

Walking Hockey

Momentum is growing across the Country for Walking Hockey sessions which appear to be a mix of older people as well as younger people who are no longer able to play due to injury. Once again, clubs are being asked to contact their Relationship Manager if interested.

DELIVER INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers

Success over two days & two legs in London in November saw GB Men & Women qualify for this summer's Tokyo Olympics with aggregate wins over Malaysia and Chile respectively.

INCREASE OUR VISABILITY

FIH Pro-League

The FIH Hockey Pro League is hockey's annual global women's and men's leagues involving the best teams and players in the world. The nations at the top of the tables at the end of the season, having battled it out against all eight teams, will be crowned champions and receive the coveted FIH Pro League Trophy. The league takes place from January to June 2020, with next a change in the structuring of fixtures with teams playing each other home and away in alternate years. All matches are being shown on BT Sport.

Great Britain start their campaign in Australia this weekend (1st /2nd February), with London playing host to 16 games (eight double-headers) over four big weekends;

DATE	WOMEN	MEN	START TIMES	VENUE	THEME
SAT 2 MAY	CHINA	INDIA	14:00 (M) 16:30 (W)	LEE VALLEY HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE	END OF SEASON CLUB PARTY
SUN 3 MAY	CHINA	INDIA	14:00 (M) 16:30 (W)		
SAT 16 MAY	ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA	14:00 (W) 16:30 (M)	TWICKENHAM STOOP	BIG STADIUM HOCKEY
SUN 17 MAY	ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA	13:00 (W) 15:30 (M)		
SUN 24 MAY	USA	SPAIN	14:00 (W) 16:30 (M)	LEE VALLEY HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE	JUNIOR TAKEOVER
MON 25 MAY	USA	SPAIN	13:00 (W) 15:30 (M)		
SAT 13 JUNE	GERMANY	GERMANY	14:00 (M) 16:30 (W)	LEE VALLEY HOCKEY AND TENNIS CENTRE	OLYMPIC SEND-OFF
SUN 14 JUNE	GERMANY	GERMANY	14:00 (M) 16:30 (W)		

New for 2020:

- Each big weekend of hockey has a theme which drives the fun and activities on and off the pitch.
- HOCKEY REWARDS – if purchasers name their club when purchasing tickets, tickets are converted into points for the club, and points into rewards for the club.

The Hockey Family Window, giving clubs the opportunity to book seats together, closes on 4th February. Ticket prices are as little as £17.50 per adult and £5 per U18 to watch GB Women and Men play back to back. Buy Tickets [here](#)

Jaffa Super 6s Finals

To be held at The Copper Box Arena on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Sunday 2nd February. The entire day's play, starting at 10.30am, will be shown live on the BBC Sport website. Details [here](#).

ENHANCE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Club Forums

Working in partnership with our County Hockey Associations, Forums have been held as follows:

- Safeguarding - Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire
- Umpire Development – Dorset (with Hampshire)
- Developing a Volunteer Workforce – Avon
- AGM Resolution - A Structure Fit for the Future – Cornwall, Devon & Somerset
- Player Pathway – Wiltshire

Coaching Courses & Resources

We have been working with our Coach Developers to ensure that a Coaching Offer is available across the region. The programme of Courses and Workshops through until next season has now been publicised and are available to book on the [Hockey Hub](#). These include Sessional Coach Courses in Plymouth and Bath in May and Bournemouth in July, and a Coach Course in Taunton in July.

PEG Challenge Cards – bringing the Great Britain Hockey Talent Development Framework to life, are an innovative new resource for coaches, challenging the coach and players by inspiring practices and

enhancing players hockey. The cards are a tool to help create imaginative sessions. Over 60 cards focussing on Players, Environment and Game. Price £22.95

BE A STRONG AND RESPECTED GOVERNING BODY

Call to Action – Safeguarding & DBS

All clubs completed the Call to Action as part of their affiliation process. We will be auditing 10% of clubs to check their evidence.

DBS – England Hockey will now accept DBS checks via the Government Update Service, more information to follow.

If you require any further information on any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact the England Hockey West Team. Thank you for your continued support developing hockey across the West.

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