

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Junior Festivals Organiser report for GHA Committee Meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Since November there have only been Festivals in December. There was no U8 Mixed as just 2 clubs, Cirencester and Stroud entered so they played each other locally. U10 boys and girls went ahead with 6 boys teams and 8 girls ones. In U12 there were 9 boys and similarly 9 girls teams. The January and February Festivals have all been cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Invoices for the period up to Christmas have been sent out to all those clubs that participated at £27.00 per team entry. Due to the low numbers of entries this will result in a loss to GHA of approximately £800.00.

The future for Festivals this season is now very uncertain although a survey has been sent out to all clubs to see if there is any interest in playing beyond the normal end of the season into May. So far only 3 clubs have responded with 2 in favour and 1 against. The situation with the EH In2Hockey Clubs U10 and U 12 girls and boys competitions currently is also uncertain. In the calendar published shortly before Christmas there were dates, but since then of course everything has changed. This may in the end be a local decision, but will depend on how the Covid restrictions proceed.

Lastly, it would appear that the role of county (Sub-area) that will result from the EH AGM resolution on governance will primarily be about junior hockey. However, there is a great deal of ambiguity in the published documents with Areas in theory taking responsibility. It remains to be seen what emerges.

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