

# GHA - Schools Competitions Report - February 24th 2022

The level of entries into the boys competitions has been low this year and as a consequence we have only run tournament days for the In2Hockey age groups. Some schools are not happy about this as teams are progressing to regionals without a county competition but if not enough teams are entering there is not much we can do. Post lockdowns, many schools have had increased pressure to reduce the amount of time pupils spend out of school and off curriculum. However, I have also received positive feedback about the tier system, particularly from schools that are less strong - they now feel they can participate on a more even playing field.

Due to low entry numbers I decided to run all age groups in the IN2Hockey competitions all on the same day. Due to unforeseen circumstances this had to be changed at the last minute and whilst they ran on the same day, we used two venues to hold the competitions on the same day. This worked well with Cheltenham College kindly hosting the U11 & U12 tournament at the same time Dean Close hosted the U13 Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournaments.

We have been able to financially support a successful school who has found the additional costs of progressing a big burden. This is an area that I would like to look at for the future so perhaps we can publicise it a bit more.

I have also attached a summary of competition winners and runners up so you can see historically who is representing Gloucestershire into the regional competitions where the most surprising thing to note is that Dean Close have not secured a place in the any of the boys In2Hockey competitions.

## **BOYS**

### **U18 Tier 4**

This tournament was due to run on 21/2/22 - 3 teams entered with two pulling out two days before. Between the two teams a date could not be arranged and so both teams progressed to the West Finals.

**Position 1 - KLB**

**Position 2 - Rendcomb College**

### **U16 - Tier 3**

Only one team entered this category and they will therefore progress to the West Finals by default

**Position 1 - KLB**

### **U14 - Tier 1**

Only 2 teams entered this category so a match took place at Dean Close on 27th January.

**Winners - Cheltenham College**

**Runners Up - Dean Close**

### **U14 Tier 2**

Only two teams entered this category so a simple fixture took place on 25th January.

**Winners - Kings Gloucester**

**Runners Up - KLB**

### **U13 In2Hockey - Tier 1**

After some re-jigging we ended up with 4 teams entered into this competition held at Dean Close on 11/2/22.

**Winners - KLB**

**Runners Up - Cheltenham College**

### **U13 In2Hockey - Tier 2**

There were 3 teams entered into this competition held at Dean Close on 11/2/22.

**Winners - Rendcomb**

**Runners Up - Hatherop**

### **U12 In2 Hockey**

After a late drop-out, there were 3 teams entered into this competition held at Cheltenham College on 11/2/22.

**Winners - Cheltenham College**

**Runners Up - Kings Gloucester**

### **U11 In2Hockey**

After a late drop-out, there were 4 teams entered into this competition held at Cheltenham College on 11/2/22

**Winners - Richard Pate**

**Runners Up - Cheltenham College**

# **GIRLS**

## **U18 Tier 4**

This tournament ran on 30/9/21 - 8 team tournament hosted at Cheltenham College.

**Winners - Wycliffe**

**Runners Up - KLB**

It was an eventful day involving a couple of serious injuries which raised the question as to whether GHA should be providing pitch side injury services.

## **U16 - Tier 3**

Eight teams played in a tournament held at CLC on 23/9/21.

**Winners - Ribston**

**Runners Up - Denmark Road**

Both teams made it through to the quarter finals at the West Finals tournament where they met each other. Ribston moved through and narrowly lost to Hereford in the final.

## **U14 - Tier 1**

Only two teams entered this category so a simple fixture took place on 30/9/21.

**Winners - Cheltenham College**

**Runners Up - Dean Close**

## **U14 Tier 2**

This tournament ran on 7/10/21 at CLC in which 10 teams took part.

**Winners - Pates**

**Runners Up - CLC**

## **U13 In2Hockey - Tier 1**

3 teams entered into this category which ran on 26/11/21 at Dean Close.

**Winners - Dean Close Prep School**

**Runners Up - Kings Gloucester**

## **U13 In2Hockey - Tier 2**

Eight teams entered into this category which was played on 26/11/21 at Dean Close.

3 teams entered into this category which ran on 26/11/21 at Dean Close.

**Winners - KLB**

**Runners Up - CLC**

## **U12 In2 Hockey**

There were 8 teams entered into this category which was played at Dean Close on 3/12/21.

**Winners - CLC**

**Runners Up - St Edwards**

## **U11 In2Hockey**

There were 5 teams entered into this category which ran on 3/12/21 at Dean Close.

**Winners - Richard Pate**

**Runners Up - Hatherop Castle**