



## **Gloucestershire Hockey Association - Provision of Junior Competitions**

### **WHY DOES HOCKEY FEVER EXIST?**

Hockey Fever was created to fulfil a dream of providing 'Hockey to All' A project to promote other ways of playing hockey alongside the traditional season calendar. Created in 2016 we initially started with adult leagues, mainly providing a development and 'Back to Hockey' environment. This first season saw approx 150 players being coached and partaking in social hockey. Fast forward to the present day and we have grown to providing approx. 350 players with some form of hockey on a weekly basis - including Walking Hockey, Restart Hockey, Junior Sessions, Technical Sessions, Junior Camps and League 6 a-side Hockey all year round.

### **WHY DO WE WISH TO DO THIS FOR THE GHA?**

Hockey Fever is dedicated to 'giving back' to our local hockey community. Driven by the love of the sport and the want, in line with England Hockey's directive, to increase the participation numbers in our great sport.

We wish to continue to encourage affordable hockey to, in this specific case, the young players in our county.

### **HOCKEY FEVER WILL PROVIDE FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON:**

#### **Schools**

- 9 Competition Dates – from Sept – March (plus any others required)
- U14 7aside State School Festival (new to 2024)
- Weekday events

- Administration prior to event – communications, entry forms, schedules etc
- Logistical implementation of the competitions

### **Clubs**

- 13 U8/10/12 Competition Dates – from October – March (including 4 qualification tournaments)
- 6 U14 Festival Dates – from October - March
- Weekend events
- Administration prior to event – communications, entry forms, schedules etc
- Logistical implementation of the competition

### **OUR AIM**

Our aim through all of this is to promote hockey as a whole in Gloucestershire, working with schools and clubs to increase participation and grow our sport.

### **PROPOSAL**

Hockey Fever is offering to run all of the School and Club Competitions on behalf of Gloucestershire Hockey Association, starting in the 2024/25 season. We are willing to do this on a trial basis for the first season.

Initially we will make contact with all of the appropriate schools and clubs by form of a survey to glean feedback and information that we require to plan the 2024/25 season.

Lisa and Ian have kindly supplied hand over documents which help greatly with the planning process from April through to September so we will use this information to ensure we are ready.

### **COSTS/PROFITS**

Hockey Fever will cover all of the costs of running these county events and will ideally aim to make a profit, of which a percentage will be fed back into promoting hockey participation in Gloucestershire to grow our sport. It is not

our intention to dramatically raise costs to schools or clubs but there may be minor increases due to increases in our costs – we will work with venues/pitches to keep these down as much as possible.

- From the profits will work with State Schools - who do not already have a hockey provision (or a minimal offering) - by offering free coaching sessions, after school clubs or other ways to promote hockey in 'non-hockey' schools.
- From the profits will offer a bursary to qualifying State School's struggling to pay for competition entry fees

Hockey Fever will not require any funding from GHA apart from a discussion around the entry fee for teams qualifying through to regional rounds. We believe that the GHA funds this for schools at the moment by paying West Hockey.

## **REPORTING**

Hockey Fever would like to be invited to the quarterly Committee Meetings to enable us to report to the GHA Committee and retain complete transparency.

We'd like to thank you for this opportunity and we look forward to running these events for you.

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