

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Junior Festivals Organiser report for GHA Committee Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

In the second half of the season (January to March) there were Clubs Festivals for U8 mixed, U10 girls and boys, U12 girls and boys and U12 A Teams girls and boys. These were generally well supported as can be seen from the table below. The total entries were as follows:

U8 Mixed	U10 Girls	U10 Boys	U12 Girls	U12 Boys	U12 A Girls	U12 A Boys
35	31	17	38	22	9	6

Overall a total of 158 teams entered which was excellent. Invoices for a total of £3,950.00 are due to be raised and will be sent out before the end of March. Support for the Festivals was really positive despite the In2Hockey events in February. The entries also confirmed the view at Christmas that U8s would need a different venue next season, there are now too many teams for Bournside.

The In2Hockey U10 and U12 girls and boys went ahead as planned with myself supported by Cirencester running the U12s on 25<sup>th</sup> February and the U10s being run on 10<sup>th</sup> March by Sara Thompson of Lansdown Hockey Club as I was away. This latter event used the scheduling and result recording software app developed by Sarah Doughty, very successfully as I understand it. My thanks to Sara Thompson and Sarah Doughty.

In the U12s event of 25<sup>th</sup> February the results were as follows:

U12 Girls – Champions: Lansdown HC, runners up Lydney HC.

U12 Boys – Champions: Cheltenham Junior A team, runners up Cheltenham Junior B team; but Lansdown who came third will go through with Cheltenham Junior to West.

In the U10s event of 10<sup>th</sup> March the results were as follows:

U10 Girls – Champions: Lansdown HC, runners up Cirencester HC.

U12 Boys – Champions: Cheltenham Junior, runners up Lansdown.

Further requests have been made to all GHA Junior contacts and at the U12 girls In2Hockey event regarding replacements for both myself as Clubs organiser and Lisa Lundie as schools organiser. The request was for Clubs to canvas their members to see if there might be a volunteer or several who could take on the roles. There has been no response to this and so it looks as if the choice will have to be between Hockey Fever or the Clubs and Schools organising it themselves. This is probably something that will need to be put to the Clubs and Schools directly and maybe also a topic for the AGM.

Lastly, there have been no further West Junior Competitions meetings other than one to cover the principles of planning the competitions, but which I was unable to attend and for which I have not yet received any Minutes.

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2024