

Welcome to the Yorkshire and Humberside (Y&H) region's report for March 2016. This report aims to look at how the Y&H region will look at implementing the five strategic aims (Grow our Participation, Deliver International Success, Increase our Visibility, Enhance our Infrastructure and Be a Strong and Respected Governing Body) in order to become a region where hockey matters.

GROW OUR PARTICIPATION

Junior Competitions Review

As many of you may know we have been going through a review of our junior competitions offer recently and delivered a series of regional workshops to gain stakeholders' feedback. We want to ensure that all young people playing our sport have the opportunity to take part in competitive hockey and further increase participation.

After compiling that feedback we now have a draft 'model' programme and some key principles, which we have sent out to all clubs to seek further feedback on. The deadline for clubs to send their feedback was Thursday 10th March 2016.

We hope that as many people involved in hockey at a junior level have taken the opportunity to have their say. We will cascade any updates on this review as soon as possible.

Summer of Fun – Back to Hockey Campaign 2016

Our Back to Hockey campaign is back. Last spring, 243 hockey clubs across the country took part resulting in over 4,400 players picking up a hockey stick and learning new skills whilst having fun and socialising with other players. The feedback we received was fantastic and lots of clubs gained new players so don't hesitate to get involved as we have a fantastic year of hockey coming up with the Hockey Champions Trophy to look forward to starting on 10th June 2016 (which ties in perfectly with the end of the Back to Hockey Campaign and small-sided games) and the Olympic Games in Rio starting on 5th August 2016.

Small-sided Tournament!

During this campaign, we want clubs to get together with other local clubs to arrange small-sided games (clusters) at the end of their Back to Hockey sessions. This is a chance to put together the skills the participants have learned during the sessions into fun small-sided games.

Back to Hockey Incentive

The Y&H Relationship Manager is offering £200 to the first 5 clusters of clubs that sign up to the spring Back to Hockey campaign before 21st March 2016 and confirm with local clubs, which small-sided games cluster you will be part of. This £200 must be used for facility hire to bring Back to Hockey clubs together to play small-sided games at the end of your Back to Hockey campaign.

When the clubs have signed up through the campaign link, they will let the North office know via email if they are interested in being part of a Back to Hockey cluster. The North office will then be able to see which neighbouring clubs have also signed up and put them in touch with each other. England Hockey is actively encouraging clubs to get in touch with neighbouring clubs to rally around to get more men and women playing our great sport and having fun. All clubs in Yorkshire & Humber have had information about this.

The following Y&H clubs, as at 21st March 2016, have signed up to this spring's campaign to run during the campaign period. A few other clubs have signed up to run sessions later in the year (Harrogate and Otlionsians HC).

- Leeds Adel HC
- Slazenger HC
- Grimsby HC
- City of York HC
- Kingston-upon-Hull HC
- Leeds HC
- Huddersfield Dragons HC
- Thirsk HC
- Sheffield Hallam HC
- Chapelton HC
- Halifax HC
- Selby HC

Sign Up Now!

The next Back to Hockey Campaign dates are the **9th of May to the 19th of June 2016** and we would love for many more clubs to be involved. By being involved during the campaign they will benefit from national promotion and be provided with a number of marketing materials. The deadline to sign up to the campaign to receive bespoke promotional material is **21st March 2016**. However clubs can sign up after this date but the promotional material will be general rather than bespoke.

Please help us to promote this campaign and the small-sided clusters by sharing the [Back to Hockey 2016 Campaign Sign Up Link](#).

#HockeyFest 2016

Many of you were part of the huge success of **#HockeyFest** weekend (replacing Club Weekend) last summer. Over 300 clubs opened their doors to existing players and the local community and took part in many fun activities including Bake Off's, fancy dress, obstacle courses, and even some hockey was played. **#HockeyFest** aims to encourage new members into your clubs and the campaign weekends designated to run your #HockeyFest are:

#HockeyFest Campaign dates:

- Weekend 1: 20th & 21st of August
- Weekend 2: 27th & 28th of August
- Weekend 3: 3rd and 4th of September
- Weekend 4: 10th and 11th of September

If your club wants to sign up to be part of the national #HockeyFest campaign please do so at the following [#HockeyFest link](#).

HockeyFest on Tour

This summer, in celebration of the Hockey Champions Trophy and the Olympics in Rio, England Hockey will be encouraging clubs across the country to get involved in small-sided games. Clubs can get together in a fun, sociable and competitive format to play each other or mix everyone up to play games on an informal basis.

A series of small-sided regional festivals will be taking place across the country. Primarily aimed at current players, shorter games (circa 15-20 minute) will see between 6 and 9 pitches running at any one time (three pitches across one Artificial Grass Pitch). We will be using the festivals as an opportunity for players to play small-sided games with a view that more clubs will offer alternative versions of the game alongside 11v11 more regularly in the future.

A squad can consist of up to 10 players who can enter into one of ten categories below. The events will have a festival feel to them and is as much about the sociable off-pitch activities as well as playing the game. Whilst the festival will be at a venue for the weekend, each category will run on one day. The venue for the Yorkshire festival will be Leeds on the 4th and 5th June 2016. Clubs can sign up via EH website from April 2016.

Table 1. HockeyFest on Tour categories

Categories				
Men's adult*	Women's adult*	Boys under 16	Boys under 14	Girls under 12
Mixed adult*	Families	Girls under 16	Girls under 14	Girls under 12

*Adult classed at 16+

INCREASE OUR VISIBILITY

Hockey Champions Trophy – Men and Women – 10th-26th June 2016

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) and England Hockey are delighted to announce that the Men's Champions Trophy in June this year will be hosted in London. The event will precede the Women's Champions Trophy at the same venue and the Great Britain team will feature in both tournaments. Both events form part of UK Sport's #EveryRoadtoRio series of events in the UK in 2016.

The Men's Champions Trophy was originally scheduled to take place in Argentina but, after the cancellation of the contract between FIH and the Confederación Argentina de Hockey (CAH), England Hockey has stepped in as hosts. The decision gives British sports fans the opportunity to see hockey's Olympic stars against world-class opposition, just weeks before the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

This world class event is coming to the home of hockey; the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, hockey's Olympic legacy venue at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park from **10th to 26th June 2016**.

This is your chance to join Great Britain's Olympic stars on their journey to Rio in the last tournament before the highlight of the 2016 hockey calendar, the summer Olympic Games. Don't miss out. Tickets to all the days of the Hockey Champions Trophy 2016 are [on sale here!](#)

ENHANCE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

England Hockey Awards 2016 – Nominations Now Open

On the evening of **Saturday 21st May 2016, at the Madejski Stadium in Reading**, hockey lovers from all over the country will gather to celebrate the achievements of volunteers, umpires, coaches and players over the past year. Awards will be given in 13 categories at a glittering gala dinner which will be attended by current England athletes. Once again, three-time Olympian Simon Mason will be in charge of proceedings.

So, do you know a volunteer who has shown huge dedication and commitment to the sport or a coach who has truly inspired a group of young players? Does your club have an umpire who, week in week out, delivers excellent performances or do you know someone who has led your club to achieve things you didn't think possible? If so, then get nominating these incredible people. **Nominations close at 9am on Monday 4th April 2016.**

For more information and how to nominate please see [England Hockey Awards 2016](#).

England Hockey Workshops and Courses

We continue to make available workshops and courses and they are always advertised extensively to all clubs in and around Y&H.

Below are the current workshops and courses we have available to book on to. Please circulate these to as many people as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Great Britain Coaching Club Programme Workshops

Coaching for Talent Workshop - Leeds Grammar School – 11 April 2016

Umpiring Courses

Pickering HC – Level 1 Umpire Course – 9 April 2016

Thirsk HC – Introduction to Umpiring Course – 13 April 2016

Bradford HC – Level 1 Umpire Course – 17 April 2016

For more information or to book onto an umpiring course, please click on [find a course](#) or to book onto a workshop please click on [find a workshop](#).

BE A STRONG AND RESPECTED GOVERNING BODY

FIH Announces Changes to the Rules of Hockey

The FIH has announced changes to the Rules of Hockey, specifically rule 13.2 which relates to the taking of an attacking free hit within 5 metres of the attacking circle. The changed rules are as follows:

- 13.2.c: when a free hit is awarded to the attack within the 23 metres area, all players other than the player taking the free hit must be at least 5 metres from the ball, except as specifically indicated below for attacking free hits awarded within 5 metres of the circle.
- 13.2.f: from a free hit awarded to the attack within the 23 metres area, the ball must not be played into the circle until it has travelled at least 5 metres or has been touched by a player of the defending team.

Further details and explanations can be found [on the FIH website](#).

A reflection on the 2015/2016 Season So Far

As highlighted in earlier reports Yorkshire & Humberside has seen almost an 8% growth in participation since September 2014 and we want to keep encouraging clubs to flourish and become the clubs they want to be. Many areas of support can be offered and possibly more often than not clubs are unaware of the support they can draw upon. The development of Club Forums in both South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire are showing signs of cascading better to clubs how they can be helped locally by England Hockey and their County Sports Partnerships.

Attached is a small snapshot of what support the England Hockey Relationship Manager for Yorkshire & Humberside has given since the beginning of this season. Although the season is drawing to a competitive close there is still a lot of support available to get ready for next season, clubs just need to ask.

Please do contact me if you require any further clarification, and please do feel free to circulate this report to all Y&H clubs

18th March 2016

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APPENDIX – Snapshot of the RM Y&H 2015/2016 Season

	North Yorkshire	South Yorkshire	West Yorkshire	Humber	Comments
Clubs Met to Discuss the 7 Strands of “What makes a great club?”	Thirsk HC Selby HC City of York HC Harrogate HC	Sheffield Hallam HC Chapelton HC Sheffield Bankers HC Barnsley HC Rotherham HC Leopold HC Phoenix HC Doncaster HC	Bradford HC Leeds HC Leeds Adel HC Wakefield HC Halifax HC Huddersfield Dragons HC Ben Rhydding HC Slazenger HC Airedale HC	Grimsby HC Kingston-upon-Hull HC Driffield HC Brigg HC Epworth HC Appleby-Frodingham HC Barton Town HC	To continue to meet with clubs and expand reach to other clubs
Club Forums Delivered		2	1		Want to develop the concept in NY and Humber
Big Clubs status	City of York HC		Wakefield HC Leeds HC		Identified by EH as having more than 500 players or more than 15 adult teams, they are invited to “Big Club” forums nationally
Offers of Funding* *Clubs in bold have taken up the funding offer	Scarborough HC Whitby HC Harrogate HC City of York HC Thirsk HC	Sheffield Hallam HC Chapelton HC Sheffield Uni Bankers HC Barnsley HC Rotherham HC Doncaster HC	Leeds HC Leeds Adel HC Halifax HC Huddersfield HC Wakefield HC Ben Rhydding HC	Driffield HC Brigg HC	Funding offered for variety of initiative including BtH, CSL, Satellite Clubs, coach bursaries and small sided games

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Total EH funding £2043.29					Total EH funding released £2043.29
CSP Satellite Clubs	Potential for Harrogate HC next season	Rotherham HC Doncaster HC	Huddersfield Dragons HC Leeds HC	Driffield HC Brigg HC x2 Kingston Upon Hull HC PL4S links	PL4S is the link with the Tigers Trust
External Funding Generated		£750	£1433	£3169.38	Satellite clubs; Driffield and Brigg HC x2, Coach Bursary,
Tutors trained	2	3	2		
Assessors Trained	2		1		
Coaching Audit tool – sent out *Clubs in bold have completed the coaching audit tool	Harrogate HC Thirsk HC City of York HC	Sheffield Hallam HC University of Sheffield HC Doncaster HC Leopold HC Rotherham HC Barnsley HC Chapelton HC Sheffield Bankers HC	Leeds HC Leeds Adel HC Wakefield HC Bradford HC Halifax HC Ben Rhydding HC	Kingston Upon Hull HC Tigers Trust	
School Games	Assisting with leadership training Funding Games organiser	Supported expression of interest submitted by SYHDG	Assisted with leadership training	Discussions with Active Humber about inclusion next year	

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Courses/ Workshops** **courses in bold were cancelled	Level 1 Umpire – CoY HC Engaging Games for Children – Selby HC Level 1 Umpire – Harrogate HC Level 1 Umpire – Pickering HC – CURRENT Intro to Umpiring – Thirsk HC - CURRENT Bradford HC - CURRENT	Level 1 Umpire – Sheffield Hallam HC Engaging Games for Children – Doncaster HC Level 1 Umpire – Doncaster HC	Introduction to Hockey Coaching – Wakefield HC Coaching for Talent – Leeds Grammar – CURRENT Level 1 Umpire – Bradford HC - CURRENT		Clubs now invited to book coaching workshops themselves Organising 2 x Sessional Courses and 1 x EH Coach Awards this summer
Campaign Sign Ups (Back to Hockey (BtH), HockeyFest (HF), Hockey’s Changed Too (HCT))	City of York HC (BtH & HF) Harrogate (BtH) Thirsk HC (BtH & HF) Selby HC (BtH)	Sheffield Hallam HC (BtH & HF) Rotherham HC (HF) Sheffield Uni. Bankers HC (HF) Richmond (Sheffield) HC (HF) Horizon Community College (HCT - completed)	Leeds Adel HC (BtH & HF) Leeds (BtH) Halifax HC (BtH) Slazenger HC (BtH) Huddersfield Dragons HC (BtH) Otliensians HC (BtH) Chapeltown HC (BtH) Wakefield HC (HF) Bradford HC (HF) Co-operative Academy of Leeds (HCT - completed) Wetherby High School (HCT – in progress)	Grimsby HC (BtH & HF) Kingston Upon Hull (BtH) Hull Hawks HC (HF)	
Facilities Assistance	Met with Thirsk HC’s facility provider to look at maintenance and schedule adjustments for next season	Supporting Rotherham HC with their funding application	Pitch condition tests carried out at: Bradford HC Huddersfield Dragons HC	Advise to Brigg HC on proposed new pitch. Manage expectation of AFWAC facility going forward	

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	Advised Harrogate HC on financial modelling Pitch condition tests carried out at Tadcaster Grammar School		New pitch development support at Ben Rhydding HC Advice to Othensians HC re facility developments		
Playing Pitch Strategies Underway	Craven	Barnsley	Wakefield Leeds Kirklees Calderdale	North East Lincs North Lincs	Bradford due a re-fresh in the next 18 months
Misc Forward Planning	To deliver a club development workshop at Selby HC April 2016				To send to all clubs revised player survey
Reports Produced	Selby HC insight report City of York HC insight Thirsk HC insight	Sheffield Bankers HC insight Sheffield Hallam HC insight Doncaster HC insight	Bradford HC insight Leeds HC insight Wakefield HC insight Leeds Adel HC insight	Brigg HC insight	2x Y&H 2x North