

Yorkshire Youth Hockey Report Yorkshire HA Meeting 23rd March 2016

North Performance Committee (NPC)

Nothing to report.

Player Pathway/ Single System Meeting at Harrogate Pavilions on 22 February was poorly attended.... 8 EH staff and probably 20 reps from Clubs with one Club sending 4 reps., and 2 or 3 others with 2 reps that suggests that only 12 or so North East (Yorkshire, Durham & Northumberland) Clubs & Hockey Development Groups (HDGs) attended.

The proposals for changes to the Player Pathway had not been circulated as the original Draft sent out before Christmas was confidential

Most attendees were not fully aware of what was being proposed and felt that the evening lacked depth, direction & confusing messages.

North Youth Competitions Committee

A Chair still needs to be found. Competitions continue to be organised by volunteers but there is no one pulling the whole structure together.

West Yorkshire HDG

The three Senior Officials: **Dave Smith, Treasurer, Morag Wilkinson, Administrator, & Phil Thomas, Chair**, plan to step down at the end of the JAC Competition programme this year.

Meeting arranged for Wednesday 13 April @ 7.00pm at Leeds University to encourage new fresh enthusiastic faces to take over the running of the Group.

Yorkshire Youth HDG

Nothing to Report at this time.

NEJACAG North East Junior Academy Centre Action Group.

The four Chairs of the Yorkshire HDGs + Durham & Northumberland.

Next Meeting planned at Topcliffe on Tuesday 29 March

Hope we have better attendance than last time we met.

JAC Competition Days

Each HDG is taking responsibility for one Competition day: Booking venue, arranging Umpires, and Order of Play, refreshments etc.

Leeds JRPC have been made aware of the dates of JAC Competition so that they can arrange for mentors/selectors to attend to confirm progression to JRPC participation.

24 April @ Maiden Castle: Durham Univ has double booked so JAC U15/16 Boys hoping to move to Leeds University instead.

North Indoor Clubs U18/16

Organisers

Girls: Bev Barstow (Bradford/Wakefield HC)

Boys: Hugh Lorimer (Ben Rhydding HC)

After some negotiation with the YHL four dates have been agreed for the U16/18 Boys & Girls Indoor Competition in 2016.

Richard Dunn Sports Centre Bradford has been booked for the following dates:

Sunday 4 December U18 GIRLS

Sunday 11 December U18 BOYS

Saturday 17 December U16 GIRLS

Sunday 18 December U16 BOYS

North Indoor Schools U18/16.

Nothing to Report

Organisers

Boys: Gary Ferguson: Eaglescliffe School/ Stockton HC

Girls: ?????

JRPC Leeds Pumas. (Junior Regional Performance Centres)

John Dowley, as I understand it, is to step down as Leeds Pumas Chairman.
Bev Bastow is taking on the role and new Boys & Assistant Chairman to be appointed.

The Futures Cup: Player Selection

EH have indicated that the selection process criticised by Players & Parents as unclear in what was being evaluated will be outlined & explained to help players develop in future.

Ed Barney was approached at The Player Pathway Meeting at Harrogate to explain more fully the selection process so that players could work on areas that were used as part of the selection process.

No clear response was given but it is hoped that a clear indication of criteria will help Players, Parents & Coaches recognise areas to be worked on to improve selection opportunities and encourage Yorkshire & North youngsters to make the extra effort to bridge the "suggested" gap between North players and the rest of the Country.

In2Hockey (CLUBS): Mini Hockey

Yorkshire Clubs In2Hockey (Mini) U12& U10 County Finals at Leeds University on Sunday 6 March 2016.
Norm & Pam Hughes organised.

North Clubs In2Hockey (Mini) U12/U10 Finals at Leeds University on Sunday 17 April.

Yorkshire Schools In2Hockey (Mini Hockey)

U13/11 details from Cath Pedley CoYHC.

Girls - 26 February (WGHS) and 29 February (Barnsley) for both age groups.

Boys - U13 NE prelim qualifier Thursday 25 February (venues TBC) - this is necessary as there are 10 teams going through.

NE Final: 3 March (at St Peters),

U11 NE Round :- Tuesday 1 March (at St Peters)

North Finals are on Tuesday 15 March at Leeds University.

EH Clubs U16/U14 Championships

Yorkshire Teams who progressed to the North Finals.

U16 Boys	Doncaster HC & Thirsk HC
U16 Girls	City of York HC & Ben Rhydding HC
U14 Boys	Wakefield HC & Ben Rhydding HC
U14 Girls	City of York HC & Thirsk HC

EH Clubs U18 Cup

U18 Boys **Ben Rhydding HC** play Peterborough HC in Semi Finals

U18 Girls **Wakefield HC** play Old Lought's in Semi Finals

EH Schools Cup

U16 Girls **Leeds Grammar School (GSAL)** have reached Finals

U18 Girls **Leeds Grammar School (GSAL)** have reached Finals

U16 Boys **Thirsk High School** have reached Finals.

Yorkshire Youth Hockey League: YYHL

YYHL U16/U14/U12/U10 Boys & Girls.

This season we have tried to run the YYHL Season within 6 sessions to include the Play Offs.

We will try this system out and if not appreciated will return to 6 sessions + the Play Offs.

Play Off Final & Session 6 of the season:

U16 Boys U16 Boys originally 6 March (at Halifax) postponed due to snow - rearranged to Wakefield HC on Saturday 9 April.

6th March U14 Girls (at Leeds GS/GSAL).

13 March U16 Girls Play Offs (at Halifax)

20 March U14 Boys Play Offs (at Halifax)

League Winners so far:

U10 Girls	Winners - Thirsk HC	Runners Up - York
U10 Boys	Winners - Harrogate	Runners Up - Kingston upon Hull
U12 Girls	Winners - Sheffield	Runners Up - Wakefield
U12 Boys	Winners - Harrogate	Runners Up - Ben Rhydding

U14 Girls	League Winners & Play Off Champions Ben Rhydding	Runners Up Wakefield
U14 Boys	League Winners & Play Off Champions Harrogate	Runners Up Wakefield
U16 Girls	League Winners & Play Off Champions Ben Rhydding	Runners Up Thirsk
U16 Boys	Saturday 9 th April @ Wakefield HC	

THANK YOU to the YHUA for their support & encouragement at the U16 Boys & Girls Play Off Finals & the U14 Boys Play Off Finals.

EH Youth Competitions Review 2015: Consultation Process.

Meeting at Wakefield HC led by Sue Catton was well attended by Yorkshire Clubs & Schools on 28 January. A follow up **Review Questionnaire** has been circulated by EH and had further circulation throughout the Yorkshire Youth League Clubs with an encouragement to respond.

YHA WEBSITE:

Andy Pettigrew has continued to support and pick up small errors in his continued input to all things YOUTH HOCKEY on the YHA Website.

Phil Thomas - 20 March 2016