NATIONAL ENTRY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021-22 ENGLAND HOCKEY







INFORMATION SHEET

INTRODUCTION

England Hockey is pleased to confirm that it is planned to again run a range of Schools Championships for the 2021-22 season. This is, of course, on the assumption that inter-schools' hockey fixtures and the requirements for fulfilling these are both possible.

We hope that, whatever a school's level of hockey activity, there is a suitable Championship to help provide appropriate competitive opportunities. For more details of the background of the Championships see https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championships/schools-championships

Entry to the National Championships, detailed below, is now open. If you do not have a log-in to the England Hockey Competition Management System (CMS) please email competitions.info@englandhockey.co.uk. The web address of the CMS is https://competitions.englandhockey.co.uk/maint.php. Any queries relating to administration and access to the CMS please us the email above. Schools will not need to pay entry fees until September 2021 in case there are barriers to running the Championships then.

This sheet provides more details of Championships where teams enter nationally.

GIRLS' AND NOTTS SPORTS BOYS U18 TIER 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overview

The Girls and Boys Under 18 Tier 1 Championships will run as a maximum of 4 parallel Premier Divisions with 8 teams in each. It is possible that the competition will run with a smaller number of teams. On completion of fixtures in the divisions, teams will be drawn to play quarter finals and semi-finals leading to the final.

The aim of the competition is to provide high level competition for schools' specialising in hockey. To see details of last season's entrants https://shared2.sportsmanager.ie/~englandhockey/?group=schools. Schools who enter the U18 T1 Championships are expected also to enter any U16 team in the relevant Tier 1 Championships too.

Teams will be drawn into Divisions, this will be done on a geographic basis. Once drawn, teams will need to arrange fixtures. Matches must be played midweek. Teams will not be expected to play matches outside of their term dates.

In the Boys' competition teams will need to play a minimum of 3 league fixtures before Christmas, which will be drawn by England Hockey and 4 further fixtures after Christmas.

These dates may be revised if there are fewer than eight teams in each Division.

National Entry Schools Championships 2021-22

Dates

Girls Under 18s	Date
Tier 1 Championships League matches concluded	Played by 11 Feb
Tier 1 Championships Quarter Final	24 Feb
Tier 1 Championships Semi Final	09 March
Tier 1 Championships Final	24 March

Notts Sport Boys Under 18s	Date
Tier 1 Championships League matches concluded	Played by 11 Feb
Tier 1 Championships Quarter Final	23 Feb
Tier 1 Championships Semi Final	09 March
Tier 1 Championships Final	24 March

England Hockey will facilitate discussions between teams to organise fixtures as required.

Entry Fee - £66.00

Closing Date.

Thursday 27 May for both Girls and Boys Tier 1 Championships.

GIRLS AND NOTTS SPORT BOYS UNDER 18 TIER 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GIRLS AND NOTTS SPORT BOYS UNDER 16 TIER 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Girls and Boys Under 18 Tier 2 Championships and the Girls and Boys Under 16 Tier 1 Championships will run as knockout tournaments. Losers in Round 1 and Round 2 will play in the parallel Plate competition - at Under 18 level this is the Tier 3 Championships; for Under 16s this is Tier 2.

The draws for all Rounds up to the Quarter Final of the U16 T1 Championships and the Semi Finals of the U18 T2 T3 and U16 T2 Championships, will be made at the start of the competition so teams will know who they may face in latter rounds. Matches will be drawn within zones so that teams will play locally although as teams progress travel distances will increase

For the first three rounds teams will know if they are drawn at home or away. For subsequent rounds, where practical, home advantage will be allocated depending on how many home or away matches teams in a tie have played, up to that stage in the competition. This is to endeavour to ensure that there is some equality in terms of home/away ties for teams who progress to the latter stages of the competition

Dates

Matches must be played midweek by the relevant play by date, see below, and teams drawn to play against each other should discuss and agree the date and start time. Given that early round draws are known in advance, teams should look to make arrangements for possible future matches too. Teams will not be expected to play matches outside of their term dates.

The actual number of rounds is dependent on the number of entries.

In the Girls U18 T2 / U16 T1 Championships there will be 6 rounds prior to the semi finals if there are more than 128 entrants but fewer than 256. An extra Preliminary Round will be required if there are more than 256 entries.

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Girls Under 18s	Date
Tier 2 Championships Round 1	Thu 16 Sep
Tier 2 Championships Round 2 / Tier 3 Championships Round 1	Thu 30 Sep
Tier 2 Championships Round 3 / Tier 3 Championships Round 2	Thu 14 Oct
Tier 2 Championships Round 4 / Tier 3 Championships Round 3	Thu 11 Nov
Tier 2 Championships Round 5 / Tier 3 Championships Round 4	Thu 25 Nov
Tier 3 Championships Round 5	Thu 09 Dec
Tier 2 Championships Quarter Finals / Tier 3 Championships Quarter Finals	Thu 20 Jan
Tier 2 Championships & Tier 3 Championships Semi Finals	Wed 03 Feb
Tier 2 Championships & Tier 3 Championships Finals	Thu 03 Mar

Girls Under 16s	Date
Tier 1 Championships Round 1	Thu 23 Sep
Tier 1 Championships Round 2 / Tier 2 Championships Round 1	Thu 07 Oct
Tier 1 Championships Round 3 / Tier 2 Championships Round 2	Thu 04 Nov
Tier 1 Championships Round 4 / Tier 2 Championships Round 3	Thu 18 Nov
Tier 1 Championships Round 5 / Tier 2 Championships Round 4	Thu 02 Dec
Tier 2 Championships Round 5	Thur 13 Jan
Tier 1 Championships Quarter Finals / Tier 2 Championships Quarter Finals	Thu 27 Jan
Tier 1 Championships & Tier 2 Championships Semi Finals	Thu 03 Feb
Tier 1 Championships & Tier 2 Championships Finals	Thu 03 Mar

In the Boys U18 T2 / U16 T1 Championships there will be 5 rounds prior to the semi finals if there are more than 64 entrants but fewer than 128. An extra Preliminary Round will be required if there are more than 128 entries.

Notts Sport Boys Under 18s	Date
Tier 2 Championships Round 1	Thu 06 Jan
Tier 2 Championships Round 2 / Tier 3 Championships Round 1	Thu 20 Jan
Tier 2 Championships Round 3 / Tier 3 Championships Round 2	Thu 03 Feb
Tier 2 Championships Round 4 / Tier 3 Championships Round 3	Thu 24 Feb
Tier 2 Championships Quarter Finals / Tier 3 Championships Round 4	Thu 10 Mar
Tier 3 Championships Quarter Finals	Thu 17 Mar
Tier 2 Championships & Tier 3 Championships Semi Finals	Thur 24 Mar
Tier 2 Championships & Tier 3 Championships Finals	Wed 27 Apr

Notts Sport Boys Under 16s	Date
Tier 1 Championships Round 1	Thu 13 Jan
Tier 1 Championships Round 2 / Tier 2 Championships Round 1	Thu 27 Jan
Tier 1 Championships Round 3 / Tier 2 Championships Round 2	Thu 10 Feb
Tier 2 Championships Round 3	Thu 24 Feb
Tier 1 Championships Round 4 / Tier 2 Championships Round 4	Thu 03 Mar
Tier 1 Championships Quarter Finals / Tier 2 Championships Quarter Finals	Thu 17 Mar
Tier 1 Championships & Tier 2 Championships Semi Finals	Thu 23 Mar
Tier 1 Championships & Tier 2 Championships Finals	Wed 27 Apr

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Entry Fee - £66.00

Closing Date for Girls and Notts Sport Boys Under 18 Tier 2 Championships and Girls and Notts Sport Boys Under 16 Tier 1 Championships

Tuesday 08 June for Girls Championships and Tuesday 05 October for Boys Championships.

REGULATIONS

Full regulations, which will be based on standard England Hockey Knockout and Schools competition regulations, will be issued with joining details.

A team may only be entered in one competition, this does not include where a "Plate" competition is run for early round losers in a higher Tier Championships.

Players can only play in one age group and in one competition, except that in certain circumstances a goalkeeper may play in more than one age group.

Where a school enters separate teams in the U18 Tier 1 and U18 Tier 2 competitions they will need to submit a squad list of 16 players who can only play in the Tier 1 Championship

Home teams are responsible for pitch costs and any costs associated with umpires appointed by local associations.

Subject to the agreement of the losing team a match may be concluded early when the margin of defeat exceeds eight goals.

OUTSTANDING ENTRY FEES

A small number of schools have outstanding entry fees from previous seasons and have been contacted by us. Please note that we will be unable to accept entries from schools where these remain unresolved.

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If you have any queries regarding the Schools Championships please email me in the first instance as below

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