

England Hockey RM Update Report / October 2008.

Single System Implementation

Counties (JAC / JDC.)

All east counties are progressing well with the introduction of the new JAC and JDC model. Catherine, Fiona and I are supporting as required and whilst there is much still to do we are really pleased with progress. Whilst clearly each county is to a degree at a different point, new county academies are developing in all counties whilst most counties have now piloted JDCs (Sub county centres.)

Club and Coach Funding.

The first batch Club and Coach funding that we made available to counties has been accessed and all have reported back participation numbers for the period October 07 March 08. Participation numbers and player details are required in order that we can report participation levels to Sport England (original source of funding) and so we can start to track the progress of all young people. This information is being collected on a 6 monthly basis.

JRPCs & Tier One Competition

At a regional level 11 of the planned 12 JRPC centres ran over the period July / September this year, with 4 successful cluster competitions taking place on the last two Sundays 1st and 28th September. This was a massive achievement and all concerned deserve great credit. The process has not been without problems but given so much change this is to be expected.

The east hosted the Bury / St Albans and Oxted/ Tonbridge Cluster tournament for under 16 and under 18 players at Old Loughtonians HC. The event was a great success and provided an excellent model for future partnership working between the east and south and also for the East Performance group and the East RYUAG. The east RYUAG in partnership with the south group provided an excellent group of young umpires, who impressed everyone involved.

Thanks are due in particular to Miche Bloch who did such an excellent job in coordinating the St Albans and Bury player's coaches and managers, to Liz Pelling for coordinating the young umpires and umpire coaches and to Old Loughtonians who were such excellent hosts.

Futures Cup

Young people selected via the tier one competition will attend the Futures Cup (tier 2 competition.) on the 30th October / 2nd November. The young players from the St Albans, Bury

and Oxted centres will form the Saxon Tigers teams at this event. (See attached flyer for further info.)

JRPC locations tendering process.

The tendering process for JRPC locations is ongoing and 11 facility providers have submitted expressions of interest to us by the closing date for prospective east locations.

These initial expressions of interest will be considered by the selection panel made up of members of the regional HAs and appropriate England Hockey staff. England Hockey and the Regional Hockey Associations will then nominate a number of applicants to make a full and detailed application for Junior Regional Performance Centre status. The selection panel will consider all applications; and invite applicants who are successful at stage two to deliver a presentation to the panel or visit the site.

There will be 5 selection panels, one in each region. Each panel will consist of up to 4 Regional Hockey Association representatives plus from England Hockey the Development Director or Performance Director (Sally Munday and David Faulkner respectively), National Manager Regional Network (Steve Floyd) and Regional Manager for that region. Each panel will be chaired by Steve Floyd.

Timeline

July 1 st - September 30 th 2008	Adverts for tender/expressions of interest (EOI)
30 th September 2008	Expressions of interest (EOI) deadline
October 2008	5 x panel meet to review applications, shortlist developed
November 1 st 2008	Applicants invited for full tender
December 15 th 2008	Closing date for full tender
January 2009	5 x Panels meet re applications. Outcome; shortlist
February 2009	Possible presentations to the panels and /or site visits
March 2009	Panels x 5 meet for final selection.
March 31 st 2009	Announcement of Junior Regional Performance Centres
August 2009	Junior Regional Performance Centres operational

Broad criteria being used to assess applications,

1. General facility provision
2. Hockey specific facility provision and any plans to upgrade facilities
3. Current hockey users of facility
4. Costs of facility

The next national planning meeting for the Single System takes place on Saturday 1st November at the Futures Cup event in Cannock. I will be attending along with ERHA representatives. The meeting will review progress to date and look at planning for JRPCs in 2009.

Region / County communications / planning meeting.

I am arranging a meeting with the East Performance and East Competitions / county reps to look at communications issues, with a view to ensuring that the nominations from JAC (county) to JRPC (region) and information back to counties about players in made as effective as it can be. This meeting is planned for **Thursday 13th November**.

RYUAG.

Liz Pelling and I are making study progress in getting all activities arranged for 2008/9. Liz has agreed with the ERHUA the events at which the RYUAG can provide officials and coaches.

Liz has started but not completed work on the new website and we have recruited a new appointments coordinator.

The recent JRPC Cluster competition demonstrated that we have some good young umpires in the region and some excellent umpire coaches.

EH Strategy 2009 / 11.

England Hockey is along with all funded sports preparing our strategy for the sport from 2009/13. The evolution of our new strategy builds on the successes of *Uniting the Hockey Family (2005/9)* and has been developed by our management team with significant input by EH Board, committee chairs and the RCC. The draft strategy has been used to support our funding applications to UK Sport (Performance) Sport England (Development) and we will expect to hear funding decisions in December.

Quicksticks

Quicksticks is our new game aimed at primary schools (children aged 7 / 11.) The game is now being launched around the country and we are investing £75K of funding via our Club School Link (CSL) programme to develop the game across the country. This funding is being invested as follows,

- £25K for 500 free inset places for teachers and coaches.
- £50K to provide 500 / £100 vouchers for the new equipment bags.

In the east expect to run 14 inset courses via our existing or new CSL by March next year. A big challenge but we are really excited about the new game which provides easy to play, fun, and safe version of the game which can be played pretty much anywhere!

Coaching Update / New Coaching Groups

We are planning to set up new Regional Coach Educators Group (RCEG,) these are designed to provide the framework for the development of coach education programmes in each region. Terms of reference are currently being agreed along with proposed membership criteria. Broadly the group will support the work of England Hockey in meeting the needs of the hockey community in the development of coaches and coaching resources. The recruitment for a east group will take place towards the end of this year with people with coach education expertise being sort. (More details will be available at the next meeting.)

Coaching Courses for 2009

Building on our best ever year for coach education this year we are planning a full programme in 2008/9. This will include 9 level one courses a full level 2 course and a new *Fast Track* Level two which will be available from March next year. We will also arrange further coaching workshops providing important updates for coaches.

Coaching Workshops 2008.

Over 80 coaches attended two Core Skills workshops in the region during the summer run by our new centrally contracted coaches, Simon Letchford and Chris Gladman.

ClubsFirst. Letchworth, North Walsham and Broxbourne are the latest clubs to achieve the ClubsFirst award. (Congratulations!)

New Membership Scheme. (Join Our Pride!)

The new membership scheme is proving popular with the number of initial applications ahead of expectations.