West Area Junior School Competitions Review and Plan for 2023- 2024



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Boys School Competition	1st	2 nd
Boy 18 T4	Truro College	Beechen Cliff
Boy 16 T3	KLB	Truro School
Boy 14 T2	Katharine Lady Berkeley	King Edwards Bath
Boys 14 T1 Final	Taunton	Bristol Grammar
Boy IN2 - 13	Dean close	Sherborne
Boys in2 - 12	Kings Hall	Clifton College
Boys in2 11	Cheltenham College	Dean Close





West Junior School Results Girls 2022 2023

Girls School Competition	1st	2nd
Girl 18 T4	Katharine Lady Berkeley	Redmaids High
Girl 16 T3	Red Maids High	Balcarras School
Girl 14 T2	Prior Park	Kingwoods Bath
Girl 14 T1	Clifton College	Millfield School
Girl IN2 - 13	Clifton College	Redmaids High
Girls in2 - 12	Kingswood	Millfield
Girls in2 11	Millfield	Hereford Cathedral



West Junior Schools Results Indoor 2023



Girls indoor 16	Kings Bruton	Dean Close
Girls indoor 18	Millfield	Dean Close
Boysindoor 16 Pools	Taunton/Dean Close	Millfield/KLB
Boys Indoor Final B16	Katharine Lady Berke	Millfield
Boys indoor 18 pools	KLB/Claysmore	Millfield/KES
Boys Indoor B18 Final	Katharine Lady Berke	King Edwards



Breakdown of the West School Competitions2022 2023

Number of entries for each competition. 75 of the Schools were independent and 15 were State.

Boys 18 T4	11	Girls 18 T4	12
Boys 16 T3	10	Girls 16 T3	14
Boys 14 T1	11	Girls 14 T1	12
Boys 14 T2	14	Girls 14 T2	15
Boys 13	15	Girls 13	15
Boys 12	8	Girls 12	10
Boys 11	16	Girls 11	16
Indoor		Indoor	
Boys 18	10	Girls 18	8
Bovs 16	10	Girls 16	8



EH School Championships 2023-2024

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Changes have been agreed to the championships for 2023-24. U16 Tier 1 will run with leagues leading to knockout stages final (similar to existing U18T1). U16 Tier 2 will be a knockout competitions with a plate for early round losers. U14 Tier 1 will become a knockout competition with a plate for early.

https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/competitions-and-events/championshipsps/schools-championships

- U18 Tier 1. Leagues High Performing Schools
- U18 Tier 2. KO (with Plate) Intermediate Schools
- U18 Tier 3. County Area National Intermediate Schools & Emerging Schools
- U16 Tier 1. Leagues High Performing Schools
- > U16 Tier 2. KO (with Plate) Intermediate Schools
- U16 Tier 3. County Area National Intermediate Schools & Emerging Schools
- U14 Tier 1. KO (with Plate) High Performing Schools
- U14 Tier 2. County Area National Intermediate Schools
- U14 Tier 3. County* Area National Emerging Schools (*or County or straight to Area)
- U14 Tier 4 . State school only 7 aside completion Open competition with England Hockey.

What Counties can offer

Changes have been agreed to the championships for 2023-24. U14 Tier 1 will become a knockout competition. Entries to be made through England Hockey.



- ➤ Boy & Girl U18T 3 Intermediate Schools & Emerging Schools. Top 2 teams to West final.
- ➤ Boy & Girl U16T3 Intermediate Schools & Emerging Schools. Top 2 teams to West final.
- ➤ Boy & Girl U14T2 Intermediate Schools. Top 2 teams to West final.
- ➤ Boy & Girl U14T3 Emerging Schools. County led only.
- Boys & Girls U11 IN2hockey. Top 2 teams to West final.
- ➤ Boys & Girls U12- IN2hockey. Top 2 teams to West final.
- ➤ Boys & Girls U13- IN2hockey . Top 2 teams to West final. England Hockey are promoting hockey competitions for State Schools only and are actively encouraging both Counties and Areas to hold State School T4 competition were possible.

West to hold a 1 day 7 aside state school competition for Boys and Girls U14 T4 in February /March 2024 – venue and date to be confirmed.

Guidance for Tiers Proposal to refine definition for Schools.



HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS	EMERGING SCHOOLS
Tier 1	Tier 2 &3	Tier 4
Specialise in hockey. May play two terms. Successfully compete at Tier 1. Regularly develop a number of players who play in the EHL for local clubs and for England age group teams.	Traditional hockey playing schools playing one term with regular block fixtures against other schools. May have some playe since play in EHL for local clubs for EHL for local clubs for England age group teams.	Schools who play some hockey but may not have regular block fixtures. Mainly players who play at a local club and some who play at school

<u>Eligibility criteria</u> To assist with ensuring teams play at the correct level and not play "down". Any School playing in a Tier 1 competition at any age group cannot play in another competition at Tier 3 competitions.

To ensure opportunities for the maximum number of schools High Performing Schools 2nd XIs may play in Tier2 competitions but no lower.

West Schools competition Indoor 2023 2024

Next Season the School Indoor will run as an Open Competition.

- No County Rounds .
- All schools to enter the West indoor competition via their County Hockey Association by Friday 23 June 2023.
- Schools will then be divided into qualifying pools depending on numbers and location.
- One School within each pool to host and arrange their own pool playing a league or round robin. Schools will play a minimum of 3 or 4 games in their pool.
- Indoor matches to be played by Friday 10th November 2023.
- > Top teams from each group come to a West final.
- The Final competition day will be no more than 8 team and will take place on a Sunday.

School Girls indoor 16	Sunday 19 November 2023
School Girls indoor 18	Sunday 19 November 2023
School Boys indoor 16	Sunday 26 November 2023
School Boys indoor 18	Sunday 26 November 2023



West School Competition Dates 2023 2024

West Competition 2023-2024	Date	Venue
School Girl 18 T4	Thursday 12 October 2023	Clifton
School Girl 16 T3	Thursday 9 November 2023	Clifton
School Girl 14 T2	Thursday 16 November 2023	Clifton
School Boy 18 T4	Tuesday 6 Feb 2024	Millfield
School Boy 16 T3	Thursday 8 Feb 2024	Millfield
School Boy 14 T2/3	Tuesday 27 Feb 2024	Millfield
School Girls IN2 - 13	Friday 8 March 2024	Clifton
School Girls in2 - 12	Friday 15 March 2024	Clifton
School Girls in2 11	Friday 22 March 2024	Clifton
School Boy IN2 - 13	Thursday 7 March 2024	Millfield
School Boys in2 - 12	Thursday 14 March 2024	Millfield
School Boys in2 11	Thursday 21March 2024	Millfield
Club u12 IN2	Sunday 21 April 2024	Millfield
Club u10 IN2	Sunday 14 April 2024	Clifton



Before entering Schools need to consider the following.



- All entries (except Indoor) into West Competitions to be made through their County Hockey Association.
- All Teachers involved with their Junior School Competitions to read the EH junior regulations thoroughly.
- > Schools to enter the correct Tier for the standard of their team. Area will be able to allocate schools into the correct Tiers if needed.
- > Team sheets for all competitions will be required to be submitted before the date of the competition.
- Schools to make sure they have the support for each team at all competition.
- School will be required to supply a competent/level 1 umpire to West competitions unless informed in advance by the competition organiser.



When to enter into the West League

- All Counties will receive the West entry form in July.
- All Counties to submit their entries with full payment by Friday 15th September 2023
- Refunds will not be given for Schools that withdrawn from a West Area competition.
- All schools must enter thought their County Hockey representatives.



Competition Day

- Venues: Millfield School & Clifton College.
- First Times: Time will depend on number of entries at each competition. Generally, first games at 9.30am and last game no later than 4.30pm.
- Officials on the Day: For all the competition to run smoothly the West need volunteers to run these competitions. If you or anyone from your County or School are interested, please contact Jackie Stanley.
- Umpires. Schools are required to supply a competent/level 1 umpire for all competitions unless informed by the West Administrator.
- Kit: Players are required to wear a numbered playing shirt or numbered bib during all games.
- > Team sheets: All schools to submit their teams team sheet at least 4 days before the date of the competition.

Winners Pin Badges will be awarded as below.

- Boy and Girl 11 aside competitions: Winners & Runner up.
- Boy and Girl IN2 competitions: Winners, Runner up & 3rd Place
- Boy and Girl Indoor competitions: Winners & Runner up.



Entering West Competitions Guidelines

All Schools that enter a West Junior Competition will be required to abide by the following guidelines. Schools that fail to abide to these regulations disqualified from the competition.

All schools to abide by the England Hockey Respect document, Code of Ethics and Behaviour. Code Of Ethics And Behaviour (englandhockey.co.uk)

All schools are responsible for the behaviour of their own supporters and umpires at all competitions and must insure all abide by England Hockey Respect document, Code of Ethics and Behaviour.

All schools to keep the West updated of any change to the main teacher/coach contact responsible for the team entering a competition.

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All competitions will be played in accordance with the England Hockey School Competition rules & regulations. <u>Junior School Championships (englandhockey.co.uk)</u>
All schools to read and understand the competition rules and regulations before participating in a competition. <u>Rules Of Hockey | England Hockey</u>

All Schools that withdraw from a West competition will not receive a refund.

All competition players must be under the set age on the 1^{st of} September.

All Playing schedules will be e mailed out at least 7 days before a West Regional competition.

All Schools are responsible to ensure that they attend a West Competition with an appropriate number of adults. Schools should be responsible and abide by their own school travel policy.

All schools to send a completed team sheet to the organiser that is a true and correct record of players, shirt numbers and dates of birth on the day at least 4 days before the date of the competition. The West will not allow pupils with the wrong date of birth to play in the competition.

All schools to supply their own first aider and first aid kit.

All schools to bring a second playing kit or a full set of bibs in case of a colour clash.

All schools to check and confirm the score of their games with both umpires before leaving the pitch. Correction to results will not be made 15 minutes after the game has finished.

All school teachers are responsible for their team throughout the day and should not leave their team unattended at any time.

All Area qualifiers must attend the England Hockey Finals. All schools must notify the West immediately if they intended to withdraw from a England Hockey Final so the West can offer their place to the next place winner. The cost for playing at the England Hockey Finals must be met by the individual schools.

The West will inform schools in advance if refreshments will be made available at a competition.

If any disputes accrue at a competition the decision of the Competitions Lead Official will be final.



