



## U13 – U18 Fixtures 2025-26

HWHC will field 15 league teams for U13 – U18 age groups this season to offer as many opportunities as possible for competitive hockey.

Players are expected to support any team they are selected for. The ranking of your child's team is not important and parents should support and encourage their child in whatever team they are part of. No team is fixed and player movement is fluid throughout the season.

Players are allocated to a squad on Teamo based on coach feedback. Their school team or friendship group is not taken into consideration – club hockey is a separate environment and everyone has the same opportunity to be selected for a team.

We aim to select 14-15 players per match: 13-14 outfield and 1 goalkeeper. There are up to 80 players in each age group so we cannot select everyone for the same match.

Hockey has rolling subs and all selected players will get pitch time. Formal team sheets are submitted to England Hockey and penalties are incurred for fielding players who are not on that team sheet, so please don't turn up to a match your child is not selected for.

### Process

1. Mark availability for your child on the Teamo calendar (at least 14 days in advance).
2. If your child is showing as available and they are selected, you will receive a selection notification approx. 7 days in advance.
3. You must ACCEPT or DECLINE selection (deadline 5 days before the fixture).
4. You will receive a team sheet email via Teamo to confirm details of the fixture (4-5 days before the fixture).
5. You will receive a final team sheet email via Teamo (1-2 days before the fixture).

**We will ask for availability for more players than we are able to select. Marking availability does not mean that your child is selected. You will receive a selection alert if they are selected.**

### Teamo

My child can play the fixture and has been selected

Mark as AVAILABLE for the fixture and ACCEPT selection.

Mark as UNAVAILABLE for training.

My child cannot play the fixture

Mark as UNAVAILABLE.

My child was available and was selected but can no longer play

You must contact the Team Manager to be removed from the fixture.



My child cannot play the fixture but can attend training

Mark as UNAVAILABLE for the fixture and AVAILABLE for training.

### **Training**

Training runs for those not involved in a fixture.

Players taking part in a fixture do not train on the same day.

If anyone can't make their fixture but can attend training, they should attend training.

### **London Hockey (County)**

Some Tier 3 league matches clash with County trials / training dates. If your child is attending London Hockey please prioritise this and mark your child as unavailable for club training and matches on those dates.

### **Comms**

All communication is via Teamo.

The team sheet emails are open for you to arrange lift shares with other parents. Please don't use the team sheet to ask personal questions as all parents will receive it!

### **Illness / Change to selection response**

If your child can no longer attend a fixture after the **initial team sheet** has been sent out (4-5 days before the fixture) you must contact the Team Manager to be removed from the fixture.

If your child can no longer attend a fixture after the **final team sheet** has been sent out (1-2 days before the fixture) you must message the team chat on Teamo to let the whole team know.

Please do not send Alex an email to drop out of a fixture. There are multiple fixtures every Sunday and we won't be able to assist with any changes once the final team sheets have been sent out. It is up to you to let the other parents know that your child is pulling out of their team.

### **Match Day Format**

A match typically runs for 2 hours: arrival is 30 minutes before pitch access. For Tier 1 & 2, teams will meet 45 minutes before pitch access.

Teams will be on pitch for approx. 1.5 hours, playing 2 x 30 or 35 min halves.

Your child will need to arrive at the confirmed meet time. They should not arrive once matches have started.

U13 – U18 age groups play on full pitch, 11 a-side including a goalkeeper. If opposition teams are struggling with availability, the pitch or team size might be reduced to ensure that the match can still go ahead.



We might also loan players to other clubs for Tier 3 matches. It is important for juniors to play, regardless of which team they are on. Please be supportive of all teams taking part to ensure that hockey is the winner!

### **Kit**

All players need a MOUTH GUARD, SHIN PADS and HOCKEY STICK to take part in a fixture. We do not take spare hockey sticks to fixtures, so unless your fixture is at Paddington Rec or UCS Playing Fields, please borrow a club stick the Sunday before a fixture and keep it at home until you can return it the following weekend.

Players should wear:

HWHC playing shirt, navy shorts/skort and socks.

Players involved in penalty corner defence must bring a hockey face mask.

Players must also bring their club sports bib in case of a colour clash with the opposition.

For Tier 3, HWHC club kit is not compulsory. Please wear any white top with dark shorts/skort and socks.

If it is cold, please wear a base layer or leggings UNDER playing kit. The team must play in the same colour tops; we can't play with half of the team in white shirts and the other half in navy hoodies! Please also bring layers to warm up in and put on after the match.

### **Travel**

You are responsible for getting your child to and from a fixture. We encourage lift shares and these can be arranged via the team chat on Teamo. Please arrange any lift shares in advance. Do not drop out of a fixture at the last minute because you haven't arranged transport in time.

### **Home pitch venues**

When your child has a 'home' fixture, it will take place at one of the following locations:

Paddington Recreation Ground, Maida Vale W9 1PD

UCS Playing Fields, Hcroft Road, Cricklewood NW2 2BN

Mallinson Sports Centre, Bishopswood Road, Highgate N6 4NY

Clarion School, Claremont Road, Brent Cross NW2 1TR

Please click on the fixture in your Teamo calendar to see full details.

### **Coaches**

Teams at fixtures may be coached and managed by volunteer parents. Most club coaches are needed for other age group training sessions and do not typically attend fixtures.

If you would like to get involved and coach a team at a fixture, please get in touch at [youth@hwhc.co.uk](mailto:youth@hwhc.co.uk)



### **Team Managers**

We need a Team Manager for every team who is responsible for sending two team sheets ahead of each fixture.

If you might be able to help with this role, please get in touch at [youth@hwhc.co.uk](mailto:youth@hwhc.co.uk)

### **Umpires**

We need several umpires every Sunday. If you are able to help as an umpire, please get in touch at [youth@hwhc.co.uk](mailto:youth@hwhc.co.uk)

We can offer support with umpire training and development.

### **Weather**

We play hockey in the rain and the cold! If the pitch is frozen or if the weather puts players at risk (torrential rain, strong winds, thunder and lightning) a match might be cancelled. We will send a message via Teamo to cancel with as much notice as possible.

We are unable to respond to individual emails regarding the weather.

We hope that you and your child can get involved with fixtures this season!