



**Winchester Hockey Club – 2025-26 Season**  
**Junior Section Report**

2025-26 has been another successful season for the junior section. We have provided the opportunity for many children to play hockey, whilst stretching our more motivated and talented players to maximise their abilities. This opportunity extends beyond the club, with our outreach coaching in local primary schools.

Opportunities run year-round with the regular season supplemented by our summer talent development and introduction to hockey programmes as well as hockey camps during most school holidays.

We are grateful to all our coaches, managers and administration volunteers without whom none of this would be possible. It has been wonderful to see some of our older juniors starting on their own coaching and umpiring journeys, whether that be for DofE awards, or merely the enjoyment of doing so. This was showcased at our end of season awards ceremony, in a Q&A session with U18 and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> team players Bea and Francesca, both of whom have contributed an enormous amount to the club through playing, umpiring and coaching.

We continue to have extremely strong player numbers, and it was great to see all age groups able to field at least 2 teams this season. We fully expect that the junior section will go from strength to strength over the coming years, with more players starting at an earlier age, enjoying the opportunities to participate in a healthy club environment and developing as better hockey players.

Individual achievements of note include Bea Eaton & Francesca Bradley representing English Colleges, and Bertie Bradley & Nat Eaton selected for the England Project 2011 squad. We have many players representing the South Coast Talent Academy, the South Saxons and the Hampshire age groups. All our teams played in the highest possible tier, with the U14 boys progressing to the national supra league stage. Our U10 and U12 teams placed well in the Hampshire Cup.

There remains a lot of work ahead to maintain this progress, but we are excited about the future for individual players, teams, the junior section and the wider club. If you would like to be part of this journey, you are very welcome; please contact us to express your interest.

Tim Lander  
Junior Section Chair

12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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This is a simple request. **Could just 360 player members and juniors / parents please sign up** and use this no cost, easy to use fundraising system. If you registered and used this, **we could raise £10,000 a year** which would transform the finances of the club and what we could do. Simple – see website – **please just do it.** [£4k+ raised from 39 supporters so far!]

