

DURHAM COUNTY JUNIORS COMMITTEE

AGM REPORT JANUARY 2026

Committee Update- January 2026

Season 2025 to 2026

The season began on the 21st September with the first of 2 assessment sessions- the full schedule for the season can be viewed [here](#) -112 county sessions have been organised including assessment, tournaments and training sessions and in addition to that- training camps have held at Egglescliffe School in August and October 2025 and will be held at Yarm School during Easter 2026.

The assessment letters which can be viewed [here](#) were circulated to as many school and club contacts as possible in the summer of 2025 and numbers attending assessments were up which was positive with a good range of boys and girls.

Coach recruitment is always a challenge but we were able to cover all squads with appropriate levels of coaching- many clubs were represented and it was great to see some welcome additions...

U12 Girls-	Kirsty Brown, Abi Crowther, Lesley Burgess
U12 Boys-	Lee O'Connor, Phil Sykes
U13 Girls-	Joss Plummer, Sophie Saxton
U13 Boys-	Mike Trubshaw, Jack Addison, Tilly Pallent Home
U14 Girls-	Alan Fisher, Tom Crack
U14 Boys-	Derek Moore, Matt Payne
U15 Girls-	Gary Ferguson, Lee O'Connor
U15 Boys-	Marcus Brown, Jonathan Stout
U18 Girls-	Gary Ferguson, Lee O'Connor, Bill Sawyer
U18 Boys-	Leigh Brown, Dan Marsden

Fees for the season were set at £10 to attend a 2 hour assessment (x2 sessions) and selected players paid an additional £120 which covers training sessions (most squads accessed 5 sessions) and tournaments (at least 3 tournaments per squad).

Attendance at holiday camps are an additional charge of £27.50 per player per day- these camps are purely optional.

Fixtures Completed & Players Selected

We are very early into the season in terms of tournaments- Each of the U18, 15, 14 and 13s have played their opening tournaments so I will publish results later in the year. So far, we have selected 194 players for this current season which is great- the selected players can be viewed [here](#).

SAFEGUARDING

We probably need to review some of the new coaches in terms of safeguarding and First Aid- DBS Checks are in place for all current coaches and Kirsty Brown is a great addition as the new DSL for the county.

FINANCE & EQUIPMENT

I will leave Dave Yule to go through the finances but the season estimated costs can be viewed [here](#)

Small bits of kit have been bought but nothing major this year.

Tournament entry fees and pitch hire were taken into account.

We did increase the coaching fees for the season as follows...

Fees	
Durham Pitch Per Hour	45
Egglescliffe Pitch Per Hour	55
Tournament Entry (7 aside)	75
Tournament Entry (11 aside)	105
Assistant coach train per hour	15
Lead coach train per hour	25
Assistant tournament rate (day)	60
Lead tournament rate (day)	85
Tournament Travel Per Coach	10

Easter / Summer Training Camp 2026

Dates are set for 6th to 10th April for the Easter Camp at Yarm School and the summer camp at Egglescliffe in early August.

Season 2026 to 27

The planning is already underway for next season- GF is starting work this week on...

- Planning Dates/Times for training and competitions
- Booking in Training Venues
- Recruiting Coaches- always an issue

- I also wonder if the committee can consider other ways of bringing in funding for junior hockey (eg- sponsorship, fund raising, presentation evenings).
- Recruiting more players from different schools and clubs

Gary Ferguson

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