

DEAR JUNIOR HOCKEY PLAYERS,



For all new and existing Worcestershire hockey players, we will be hosting Player Pathway assessment sessions for U13-U17 boys and girls. These will form the entry point to the Academy Centres for the 2021-2022 season. The assessments will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Stourport Sports Club.**

Any player wishing to be considered for an Academy Centre can attend an assessment. It is our aim to take as many players, as resources allow, through to the Academy Centres. Players who are selected for the Academy Centres will be asked to commit to **6 training sessions on a Friday or Monday evening** and **3 Sunday** fixtures between November 2021 and March 2022.

**2021 ACADEMY assessments –**

Date	Year of Birth	School Year	Gender	Location	Registration	Session Time
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U16, U17	11, 12	Girls & Boys	Stourport Sports Club	6.30pm	7-8.30pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U13	8	Girls & Boys	Stourport Sports Club	9:30am	10-12:00pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U14, U15	9, 10	Girls & Boys	Stourport Sports Club	12:00pm	12:30-2:30pm

**\*Exceptional U12s may be assessed but will require a nomination from their teacher or Club coach.**

Goalkeepers	<p>Goalkeeper training and selection will be based at <b><u>Malvern College</u></b> and initially run separately to the outfield players.</p> <p><b><u>ALL</u></b> goalkeepers who express an interest will be given a series of goalkeeper technical development group sessions. There will then be a selection process and a maximum of 3 goalkeepers will be allocated to each of the County gender/age group squads. The charging will be advised accordingly.</p> <p><b><u>FOR NEW GOALKEEPERS</u></b> to the County, you are invited to the Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Oct outfield assessments according to your age group, where coaching will be available before joining in match play. PLEASE NOTE THAT INABILITY TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR SELECTION.</p> <p>Nominations to be part of the pathway and attendance at the outfield assessments to be forwarded direct to Nick Lewis <a href="mailto:nick.lewis50@googlemail.com">nick.lewis50@googlemail.com</a> who will coordinate the Goalkeeper assessments and training.</p>
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**What to do now:**

- **For new players to the County system only**, please register at [https://www.playerpathway.englandhockey.co.uk/members/sign\\_up](https://www.playerpathway.englandhockey.co.uk/members/sign_up). **Pre-registration is compulsory to enable participation in the trials.**
- **Existing players**, you are already registered on the EH player pathway.
- **Goalkeepers new to County hockey only**, please advise Nick Lewis if you intend on attending the outfield player assessments so that we can ensure there are sufficient coaches available.
- **Outfield player only**, please bring a £10 charge for the assessment session to cover the cost of the pitch and Coaches. We are only able to accept cash and unfortunately will be unable to accept players that have not brought the fee.

The following are the provisional dates for training and competition. Final arrangements and costings will be confirmed after the assessment.

Bromsgrove		Malvern	STOURPORT		WORCESTER	COMPETITION DATES - ALL AGE GROUPS Venues tbc
Bromsgrove Hockey Club	Bromsgrove School	Malvern College	Stourport Sports Cub		Worcester International Hockey Centre	
U14&U15 BOYS	U13 GIRLS	U14&15 GIRLS	U13 BOYS	U16&U17 BOYS	U16&U17 GIRLS	
Friday	Monday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	
7.00 - 8.30pm	7.00 - 8.30pm	7.00 - 8.30pm	7.00 - 8.30pm	7.00 - 8.30pm	7.00 - 8.30pm	
26/11/21	29/11/21	19/11/21	26/11/21	19/11/21	19/11/21	
10/12/21	6/12/21	3/12/21	10/12/21	3/12/21	10/12/21	9/1/22
28/1/22	24/1/22	7/1/22	28/1/22	7/1/22	7/1/22	
11/2/22	7/2/22	21/1/22	11/2/22	21/1/22	21/1/22	13/2/22
25/2/22	21/2/22	4/2/22	25/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	
11/3/22	7/3/22	4/3/22	11/3/22	4/3/22	4/3/22	13/3/22

There is further information about the Player Pathway available on the England Hockey website <http://www.england-hockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2132>.

Yours faithfully,

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