

2009 Derbyshire HA AGM – England Hockey Report 19th May 2009

Single System Implementation

JDCs and JACs

The 2008/09 season has seen great progress made towards the implementation of the single system, with many counties piloting the introduction of Junior Development Centres (JDCs) and Junior Academy Centres (JACs).

Junior Development Centres at:

Repton,

Wirksworth,

Tupton

Junior Academy Centres:

These were again moved around the county and were at Trent, Belper, and Wirksworth & Tupton.

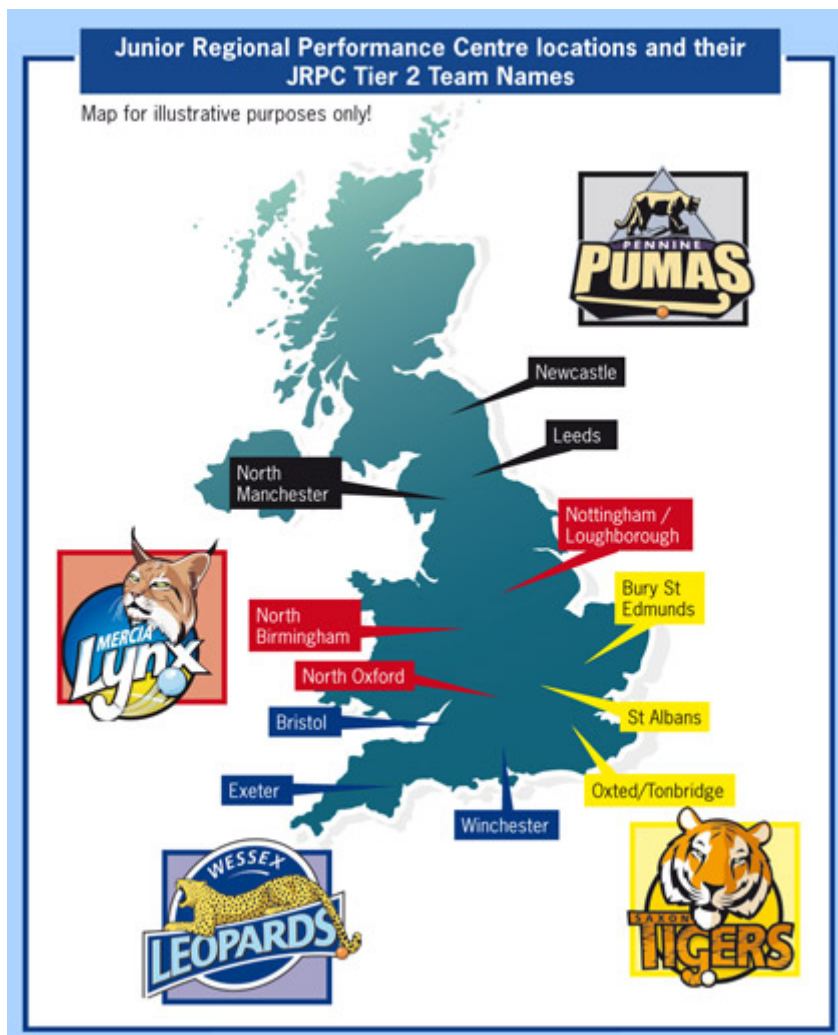
Overall within the Midlands there will be approx 33 JDCs and approx 12 JACs set-up over the next couple of seasons. This is a great effort and so we thank all of you for your hard work and support.

As part of our continued strategy/policy review we are asking for you give us a forecast for the period up to 2013 as we work together to roll out the single system further.

JRPCs

Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC) activity was run at 12 locations across the country in August / September. Cannock HC, King Edwards School and Repton School were used as interim venues within the Midlands.

The 12 permanent JRPC locations are as follows;



JRPC Centre

Newcastle

Leeds

Manchester

Nottingham/Loughborough

North Birmingham

Bury St Edmunds

St Albans

Oxford

Winchester

Oxted

Exeter

Bristol

Venue

University of Durham

University of Leeds

City of Manchester – Belle Vue Site

Highfields Sports Club

Cannock Hockey Club

Culford School and Bury St Edmunds Hockey Club

Merchant Taylors' School

Oxford Consortium – Oxford Hawks Hockey Club/

Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University

Trojans Hockey Club

Tonbridge School

University of Exeter

University of the West of England

Player Syllabus

In January, the Player Syllabus and associated single system coaching materials were published, and the Midlands launch evening was held on 28 January at Loughborough University. Over 50 active JDC / JAC / JRPC coaches attended to be briefed on the new resources. Free copies have been given to JDC / JAC / JRPC organising bodies, and the resources, which contain a booklet, 11 coaching cards and a DVD, are also available for individual coaches to buy if they would like their own copy. Please contact the Midlands Office for an order form.

Centralised Calendar

The success of delivering the single system pathway is reliant upon a centralised season of competition and training to prevent young people being pulled in all different directions, and therefore a centralized calendar for the 2009/10 season has been published ahead of the full roll out of single system activity.

ClubsFirst & Club School Links

Across the Midlands we now have 31 ClubsFirst accredited Clubs, with 29 formal Club School links set up. Within Derbyshire these are detailed as follows:

Clubsfirst

Belper Ladies

Chesterfield

Matlock Baileans

We hope to have Belper Men, Burton and Buxton completed between now and the end of the year.

CSL's

Belper Ladies with Amber Valley SSP

Matlock Baileans with Derbyshire Dales SSP

Congratulations go to all of these clubs who continue working hard to ensure that they are safe, effective and child friendly clubs.

Quicksticks

2008/09 saw England Hockey introduce and launch Quicksticks – a new game for children aged 7-11. It aims to introduce hockey irrespective of ability and gender in a safe but challenging environment. Quicksticks and the supporting educational resources have been designed to assist teachers who have little or no hockey knowledge or background - it makes the game of hockey more exciting and simpler to teach by minimizing danger, reducing stoppages and maximising playing time and involvement.

It can be played with existing equipment that schools have, or with specific Quicksticks equipment. A Quicksticks Kit Bag includes 30 Hockey sticks (size range 30", 32" & 34"), 30 Quicksticks balls, and 12 Quicksticks Bibs. The Quicksticks sticks have been designed to have teaching aids on the artwork, for example the playing side is green to aid the development of using the flat side of the stick, and there is a hand print on a shorter grip to enable the correct positioning of the left hand on the stick. The Quicksticks ball (which is larger and lighter than a normal hockey ball) has been specifically designed for use on various surfaces including tarmac traditionally found in Primary School play grounds.



England Hockey runs an INSET training course for clubs and schools to train teachers on how to deliver the game. Thanks to support from the National Hockey Foundation we were able to offer a funding package to all of our club school links to assist them to run a Quicksticks training course for staff within the club and local schools. They also receive 5 £100 vouchers which they could redeem against sets of Quicksticks equipment. 16 of the Club-School Links (CSLs) within the Midlands secured these funding packages to help them deliver Quicksticks.

Within Derbyshire these CSL's are as follows and the courses are to be run at;

Belper 21st June with Amber Valley

Matlock Baileans with Derbyshire Dales (date and time to be confirmed).

We hope to again support more clubs and ssp's with further funding and clubs accredited will be asked to apply accordingly. Further information will follow.

Coaching

Coaching Courses

Between September 2008 and August 2009 we will have run fifteen Level 1 courses, three Level 2 courses, and one new fast-track Level 2 course (for any coaches who gained their Level 1 qualification pre 2005) within the Midlands.

Courses held within Derbyshire have been as follows:

Level One at;

Derby College in April

We have further courses scheduled across the Midlands including a new one at Derby College and are reviewing plans for our autumn and winter courses.

Level 3 / High Performance workshops are being held at Lichfield on May 30th & June 21st.

Places are still available.

Regional Coach Education Group

We now have a Regional Coach Education Group set up within the Midlands, to continue the fantastic work done that has been done by the IV group in the past. We are lucky to have a group of experienced and extremely knowledgeable members to help us go from strength to strength in this area.

Midlands Coaching Newsletter

In September we launched the Midlands Coaching Newsletter – a monthly electronic newsletter containing various updates from the world of coaching, as well as information regarding up and coming courses, and details of coaching opportunities available within clubs, schools, JDCs, JACs and JRPCs. It is sent to all qualified coaches within the Midlands and has proven to be very popular! If you would like to receive the newsletter please let us know.

Midlands Youth Panel & Youth Festival



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The Midlands Youth Panel recruited new members in December, and so now consists of Ali Crewe-Smith, Alex Bandurak, Will Lobo, Charlotte Hilary, Helen Jelley, Vicki Smith, Ben Arnold and Jonathan Oldham..

The Panel have done a fantastic job of organising the Midlands Youth Festival at Highfields on 26th April, with support from Emma Hewitt, Janet Hopkins and Elaina Leithead, so our congratulations and thanks go to all of them.

The winners of the Midlands rounds go through to the National Youth Festival at Highfields on 17 May. We wish all the Midlands representatives the best of luck!

Midlands Regional Young Umpiring Action Group (MRYUAG)

The MRYUAG continues to do some great development work with young umpires under the guidance of John Lichfield and Margaret McLoughlin. The past season has seen them start to integrate into the new single system activity and we look forward to this developing over the coming seasons to provide a clear and consistent development opportunity and pathway for all young umpires who wish to progress.

Midlands Office – Staff Changes

2008/09 has seen a couple of major changes within the Midlands office team. Fay Longdon left the position of Regional Administrator in late October to go off and travel around Australia, and we were very lucky to welcome back Elaina Leithead who with her wealth of experience is undoubtedly an extremely valuable asset to the office and to the region.

Phil Yetzes left the position of Development Officer for Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire in September, and after a protracted recruitment process, we were very pleased to appoint Jamie Fleet to the role in March. Jamie brings a wealth of work experience, plus significant hockey knowledge gained in both coaching and administration roles, and he has already proven to be an excellent appointment in the short time that he has been with us.

Once again, we'd like to apologise for any inconvenience caused during the period where we were a member of staff short.

General England Hockey Updates

Head Office Move to Bisham Abbey

In late April the England Hockey Head Office moved from the hockey stadium in Milton Keynes to brand new purpose built offices at the National Sports Centre in Bisham Abbey. This has been a massive change for the organisation and the impact on many staff has been significant. The move brings together all of our departments under one roof, and signals exciting times for England Hockey as we move towards London 2012.

Safeguarding

England Hockey's new 'Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy, Procedure and Good Practice Guidance' and summary documents have recently been published and hard copies have been sent out to all regional, county and club reps.

The new policy has been updated in line with legislation and current good practice guidance and is split into four sections – policies, reporting, good practice and templates / appendix. In addition, a series of abbreviated guidance have been produced, aimed at providing key messages to the following groups:

- Clubs and Associations



- Coaches and Leaders
- Umpires and Technical Officials
- Parents
- Volunteers

A new safeguarding section of the website has also been established; please go to www.englishockey.co.uk/safe to see the new documents. All are available to download and are split into sections so that you can print sections as well as the whole document.

Time to listen courses will be held in the region and details will be sent out soon.

Hockey's Big Night Out

England Hockey's first National Awards Dinner was held in Nottingham on Saturday 16 May. The awards night is dedicated to hockey's champion volunteers, and will celebrate and honour those loyal volunteers whose dedication to hockey is the lifeblood of the sport. Nominations were received online, and the Midlands volunteers shortlisted to win awards are as follows:

Laurie Alcock – Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Services to Hockey

Tim Barlow – Performance Coach of the Year

Margaret McLoughlin – County, Regional or League Award

Mark Moss – Young Performance Coach of the Year

Jackie Sharp – Club Member of the Year

many congratulations to all nominated

If there are any issues (either in this report or in general) that members wish to have clarified or would like to discuss further please feel free to get in touch. As your Development Officer, and as your Regional Office, we are all here to offer you all as much help and support as possible!

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