

Management Committee Proposal to the Member Clubs, Schools and Organisations.



Following the reinstatement of your Management Committee we met on Tuesday 30th June to put in place a roadmap for our eventual return to the field of play for competitive hockey in Scotland following the Covid-19 pandemic.

This in no way affects or impacts on any of our Districts as they are autonomous in their decision-making process.

We have gone with three options:

- A. A return to competitive hockey in September / October.**
- B. A return to competitive hockey in November / December.**
- C. A return to competitive hockey in January / February.**

To achieve the optimum outcome there is a certain amount of restructuring required. However, we have ensured no team has been affected in a negative manner.

We hope you will agree with this proposal, which received unanimous support from your Management Committee, and that is an incredibly positive way forward and you will support us in taking Scottish Hockey into a bright and successful future.

The Women's Leagues

Woman's Premiership

Milne Craig Clydesdale Western
Edinburgh University
Western Wildcats
MJ Ventilation Dundee Wanderers
Ondine The Watsonian Hockey Club Ladies
Focus Grove Menzieshill
Cairnhill Glasgow High Kelvinside
Hillhead
Glasgow University
Merlins Gordonians
Clinetix Rejuvenation Uddingston
Erskine Stewart's Melville

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Women's National League

Comprehensive Design Architects Inverleith
Ithaca Energy Granite City Wanderers
Fjordhus Reivers
Grange Edinburgh Ladies
Edinburgh Hockey Club Cala
University of St Andrews
Aberdeen University
Charleston Cycles Paisley Kelburne
Fubar Stirling University
George Herriot's FP's
Waverly Inveresk Trinity
Stirling Wanderers

Women's Championship

Edinburgh University 2
Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 2
Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 3
Hillhead 2
Watsonians 2
Edinburgh University 3
Grove Menzieshill 2
Perthshire
Erskine Stewart's Melville 2
Glasgow University 2
Strathclyde University
Falkirk & Linlithgow

Women's Championship 1

Grange Edinburgh Ladies 2
Dundee University
Haddington
Western Wildcats 2
Edinburgh Hockey Club Cala 2
Glasgow High Kelvinside 2
Highland
Ayr
Kelburne 2
Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers, and Gowrie Contracts Kinross
St Andrews 2
Glasgow Academicals

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The Men's Leagues

Men's Premiership

Commercial Water Solutions Grange
Checkpoint Software Technologies Western Wildcats
Edinburgh University
Focus Grove Menzieshill
Prosperity Financial Solutions Clydesdale Hockey
Deans Civil Engineering Uddingston Hockey
Kelburne
MJ Ventilation Dundee Wanderers
Western Lettings Hillhead
Avenir Analytics The Watsonians Hockey Club
Kingdom Homes Dunfermline Carnegie
Inverleith

Men's National League

Gordonians
Erskine Stewart's Melville
University of St Andrews
A & J Stephen (Builders) Ltd and Bridgehill B&B Muthill Perthshire
Glasgow University
Falkirk & Linlithgow
Steps
Archer Knight Aberdeen Grammar FP's
Strathclyde University
Falconers Butchers FMGM Monarchs
Ithaca Energy Granite City Wanderers
Highland
Aberdeen University
Harris
Edinburgh Hockey Club Cala

Men's Regional League

Western Wildcats 2
Edinburgh University 2
The Watsonian Hockey Club 2
Grange 2
Clydesdale 2
Western Lettings Hillhead 2

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Inverleith 2
Grange 3
Kelburne 2
Deans Civil Engineering Uddingston 2
Glasgow University 2
Dunfermline Carnegie 2
The Watsonian Hockey Club 3
Edinburgh University 3
Western Lettings Hillhead 3
Ardgowan Hospice Greenock Morton

The Options.

Option A – Sept/Oct Start

Premiership Women and Men

A 12 team league – teams play each other once – 11 games, then split into a top 6 (A Division) and a bottom 6 (B Division) with all first-round results carried forward. Each team would play each side in their division twice, with the top two awarded the European places. The B Division would also play each other twice.

Women's National League, Women's Championship and Women's Championship 1

12 team leagues with the same league structure as the Premiership.

Men's National League

A 15 team league – teams play each other once then split into an A Division of the top 8 teams, and a 7 team B Division, with each team playing the others in their division once. The top 8 teams are competing for the title and either automatic promotion or a play-off.

Men's Regional League

16 team league - 15 games in the first round before splitting into two groups of 8 and playing each other once.

Option B – Nov/Dec Start

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Premiership Women and Men

A 12 team league – play each other once – 11 games, then split into a top 6 (A Division) and a bottom 6 (B Division) with all first-round results carried forward. Each team would play each side in their division once, with the top 2 awarded the European places. The B Division would also play each other once.

Women's National League and Women's Championship

12 team leagues with the same league structure as the Premiership.

Women's Championship 1

An 11 team league – same league structure as the three leagues above i.e. playing each other once before the top 6 and bottom 5 split off and play each other once.

Men's National League

A 15 team league – teams play each other once.

Men's Regional League

A 16 team league – teams play each other once.

Option C – Jan/Feb Start

This would be an extreme measure as it would mean we have not been able to play competitive hockey up to 2021. Under those circumstances we would look at splitting leagues into small groups to run some sort of season if even possible. That decision would be taken as soon as it's apparent that January / February would be the earliest start. We view this as an unlikely option but will prepare for the decision-making process by consulting with members should we enter the Option B timeframe with little prospect of play in sight. It is not a route any of us would wish to go down.

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Notes.

1. In the event of teams being tied on points when splitting into smaller groups, the placings will be decided on the number of matches won, followed by Goal Difference, then Goals For, then the match between the 2 teams concerned as per FIH regulations.
2. Any team that has been moved up leagues, and are unhappy entering a higher standard, may revert to their original position with no penalty.
3. Any team that has not been relegated, but would have been under normal circumstances, will be allowed to drop out of that league with no penalty.

Pitches are opening now. If your local facility has yet to open, Scottish Hockey will work with clubs and facility providers to identify opportunities to open facilities. Let's work together to have plans in place for all venues that will show those facility owners we are ready to move forward and get our sport back on the pitch where it belongs.

Indoor Hockey.

Plans for the Indoor season will be scheduled where possible around the outdoor season once more information on facility availability becomes known.

Any questions on this roadmap should be emailed in the first instance to president@scottish-hockey.org.uk and the Management Committee will respond at the earliest opportunity.