ENGLISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR League MANAGEMENT committee

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The following will provide a pathway for a player as young as three through to 18 in the junior domestic leagues introducing young players to the sport and providing a structure to retain players and provide opportunities for elite players to excel.

Teams and Registered Years 2015/2016 Season

- U9 X Ice 2007 and After
- U11 2005 - 2006
- U13 2003 - 2004
- U15 2001 - 2002
- U18 2000 – 1999 – 1998

League and Team Placement for 2015/2016 Season

- U11 New League Regional
- U13 League status ***U14 2014/2015 Season***
- U15 League Status ***U16 2014/2015 Season***
- U18 League Status ***U18 2014/2015 Season***

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

STAGE ONE: 3 Years – 11 Years

Stage One should be considered as the entry level of the sport for our youngest players keeping travelling for players to a minimum while giving access to as much valuable ice time as possible – designed to make the transition from cross ice to full ice competitive while retaining the fun element and ensuring as many players as possible take part.

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U9 Regional Clubs X Ice

- Regional Based Club X Ice each Club to organise and run Minimum three events over 12 Months
- JLMC to organise and Host Two North/Midlands & Two Southern Conference Jamboree Events over 12 Months
- No Minimum Players per Team required
- Min age requirement 3 Years

Important Note for Players 3 – 5 Years

This is on the basis that:

1) The situation is properly risk managed and the children are properly supervised.
2) A parent is present - although not necessarily on the ice
3) Insurers do have concerns regarding the vulnerability of these very young children and would expect you to carry out the appropriate risk assessment to ensure their safety. They have suggested it may be inappropriate for them to be involved in sessions with older children who might not fully appreciate the care that needs to be taken and this does seem a prudent measure.

U11 Regional Clubs League

- U11 Rules of Play
- 3 x 16 Minute Periods Running Clock
- 15 + 1 Players per team
- Min Age Requirement 7 Years
- Regional Recorded Leagues
- National Finals

STAGE TWO: U13 and U15

Stage Two should be considered crucial to the full development of a player with progression with stop clock games at U13's to checking hockey at U15's

U13 Joint Regional Division Leagues based on level

- 3 x 15 Minute Games Stop Clock
- 12 Players Required to Register a Team
- Non Checking
- Recorded Leagues
- National Finals

U15 Joint Regional Division Leagues based on level

- 3 x 15 Minute Games Stop Clock
- 12 Players Required to Register a Team
- Checking
- Recorded Leagues
- National Finals

STAGE THREE: U18

Stage Three should be considered as the last step of progression prior to U20 and full time senior ice hockey giving players at U18 the opportunity to practice their skills in a very tough competitive structure.

U18 Joint Regional Division Leagues based on level

- 3 x 15 Minute or 3 x 20 Minute Games Stop Clock
- 12 Players Required to Register a Team

- Requirement to obtain 14th Birthday
- Checking
- Recorded Leagues
- National Finals