



Independent  
Association of  
Prep Schools

## IAPS Boys' Hockey Championships

**Bookings open** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 08:00

**Bookings close** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 23:55

### Entering the competition

#### Booking onto an event:

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
- If your chosen location is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

#### Eligibility:

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages are taken from 1st September.
- Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part. Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.

#### Terms & conditions:

- Please make sure to read our [booking terms and conditions](#) before booking onto an event.

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## Championship format

### Rules and regulations

- 7-a-side
- Max of 10 players
- The national governing body for hockey in England is [England Hockey](#).
- All IAPS hockey tournaments are conducted under the [In2Hockey](#) rules, including their ruling on gender splits within tournaments.
- **U11** → Maximum of 2 girls as part of the squad. The girls **cannot** have played in the U11 girls' competitions in the Autumn term.
- **U12** → Only year 7 pupils are eligible for this event and they cannot play in both the U12 and U13 events. Teams must consist of only boys.
- **U13** → Year 7 and 8 pupils are eligible for this event but they cannot play in both the U12 and U13 events. Teams must consist of only boys.

Please read the rules and regulations in full [here](#).

### Equipment:

- Standard ball, faceguard, gumshield
- Goalkeepers must be fully kitted

### Umpires

- Schools must provide a competent and confident umpire, unless otherwise advised.

### Qualifying for the finals

- Schools must enter a qualifier to be eligible for qualification to the finals.
- The number of teams qualifying for the finals is determined by IAPS based on the total number of entries and qualifying events.
- IAPS will publish a list confirming how many schools qualify from each qualifier after entries has closed.
- The U12 tournament is a one-off tournament without a qualifying round

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## Finals

- As many neutral umpires as possible will be provided to support the delivery of the finals.
- Schools **must** be prepared to provide an umpire for the finals.

## Medals and certificates:

### **Qualifiers**

- Cup & Plate - 1st - 3rd place will receive a medal.
- Bowl - 1st - 3rd place will receive a badge.

### **Finals**

- 1st - 3rd place in the cup, plate and bowl competition will receive a medal.

### **Certificate**

- A participation certificate is available for schools to download and issue to competitors [here](#).

## Over age playing policy

If you have a pupil who is out of age and wishes to play Hockey with their year group, you can apply directly to England Hockey for approval to play out of age.

[England Hockey Over Age Players Policy.](#)

## Scoring for the championships

### Points

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

### Pool stages

- The group order will be decided by the number of points scored by each team.
- In the event of a tie on points, the following will decide final placings:

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1. Goal difference
  2. Goals scored
  3. Winner of match between the tied teams\*
  4. Barrage of 3 penalty strokes (**3 players selected from the squad**)
  5. Sudden death penalty strokes\*
- \*Head-to-head result between two teams is the result of the match played between the two tied teams.
  - \*\*Sudden-death is started by the team that did not start the shoot-out and players may proceed in a different order from the initial best-of-three round

### Knockout stages

- In the event of a draw at full time, the winner will be decided by:
  1. A period of "Golden Goal" extra time up to a maximum of 5 minutes
  2. Barrage of 3 penalty strokes\*
  3. Sudden death penalty strokes\*

\* At U11 competitions, penalty strokes can be taken 5m from the goal line rather than 7m.

### **Injury and accidents**

- Play may be stopped if the Umpire deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a competitor.
- Great care should be taken in moving an injured competitor or ill competitor from the court.
- Should the Primary Care Person/Umpire feel that an injury is critical (e.g. head, neck or back) and that the injured competitor should not be moved without assistance from Medical Staff, the umpires and schools should note the time lost during treatment and report it to the competition organiser who will adjudicate.

### **Risk assessment**

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact [IAPS Sport](#).

### **IAPS policies**

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website [here](#).