



ABINGDON

IAPS U11 Boys Hockey Qualifier

Thursday 5th February 2026 at Tilsley Park (Abingdon – OX14 1PU)

Festival Information

Parking:

There is plenty of parking available at Tilsley Park adjacent to the Astro pitches.

Late Arrivals

Teams arriving late will forfeit their match with a 0 – 2 scoreline

Tournament Schedule:

- Registration will be open and pitches available to warm up on from 9.15am.
- Coaches briefing by the “hut” at 9.40am
- First matches start at 10am.
- A quick coin toss at the beginning of each match will determine who has push back
- Lunch break 12.15 -1.00pm.
- Knock out matches start at 1.00pm
- Everything should hopefully be finished by 3pm

Umpires:

Abingdon School will provide neutral umpires for the knockout matches in the afternoon and some of the morning group matches, but teams may need to provide an umpire for some of their group matches.

First Aid & Safety:

We will have first aid cover available on site throughout the day for any serious injuries, however, please come prepared with appropriate equipment for any minor ailments.

- Players must wear a **gum shield and shin pads** – please can individual staff take responsibility that all their players comply with this, otherwise they can't play.
- Schools are responsible for providing PCD equipment for their team.

Changing Facilities:

There are changing rooms and toilets available in the main clubhouse, but you're advised to come changed.

Refreshments:

There will be hot drinks and snacks available for staff and spectators throughout the day. We will also provide a hot lunch for staff but players are advised to bring a packed lunch and suitable nourishment for the day.

Pool Stages:

- The qualifier consists of 4 pools with 4 teams in each.
- All matches will be 7 minutes each way, with 1 minute for half time.
- 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- 1st & 2nd placed teams in each pool will progress to the cup competition.
- 3rd & 4th placed teams in each pool will progress to the plate competition.
- In the event of a tie on points, the following will decide the final placings:
 1. Goal difference
 2. Goals scored
 3. Result between the 2 teams (if only 2 teams level)
 4. Best of 3 penalty shootout
 5. Sudden death penalty shootout (this is started by the team that didn't start the shoot out and players may proceed in a different order)

Knockout Stages:

In the event of a draw, the winners will be decided by: Best of 3 penalty shootout, followed by sudden death penalty shootout if required.

Pitch locations:



Code of conduct for spectators

We are delighted to welcome spectators to attend IAPS events. The code of conduct below highlights IAPS' expectations of spectators, to ensure that all events are enjoyable and fair for the children involved, and we hope you would support us by reading and applying the following code:

As a **spectator/parent** you have a responsibility to:

1. Be a positive role model and lead by example. Children are involved in sport for their enjoyment and without undue spectator pressure.
2. Encourage children to play by the rules and respect the officials.
3. Always respect the officials and their decisions. Video evidence will not be accepted in any cases to dispute decisions.
4. Always respect the coaches and their decisions. They give their time, energy and experience to coach the children.
5. Refrain from any form of bad language or poor behaviour towards players, officials and fellow spectators.
6. Be friendly and respectful to the opposition.
7. Teach children that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
8. Turn defeat into victory by helping children work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude.
9. Be aware that IAPS events have comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures, available on our website: <https://iaps.uk/sport/safeguarding.html>
10. Try to relax and enjoy the event!

IAPS wants all competitions to run without any negative incidents. Excitement and emotions can run high at events, not least amongst the supporters. Unpleasant and inappropriate behaviour

is very rarely seen but you should be aware that **IAPS retains the right to ask you to leave the event if you fail to comply with the code of conduct.**

Safeguarding

IAPS believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children (young people under the age of 18) and adults at risk attending an IAPS event is of the highest concern. All such persons have the right to safety and protection and any suspicions, concerns or allegations of harm will be taken seriously and will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

IAPS expects all adults who are engaged with the delivery of sports events to fully comply with safeguarding procedures as laid out in the IAPS Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, and the KCSiE document (these are available on our website: sport.iaps.uk/safeguarding).

IAPS expects all coaches present to be DBS checked and have received relevant safeguarding training at their school/club.

IAPS expects that all adults attending events have read the IAPS code of conduct, photo policy and anti bullying policy. These are available to read and download from our website here: sport.iaps.uk/safeguarding.

If you have any safeguarding concerns today, please don't hesitate to speak to Emily Connell, Mike Kershaw or a member of the organising team.

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