

# ERHA AGM July 2018

## Relationship Manager Report



ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

The **Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup** is now less than a month away. The construction of a "massive" extension to the west side of the ground highlights just how big this event will be. The fun starts on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July and runs until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August and, whilst England games are sold out, tickets are still available.

Our **'Your World Cup'** programme has attracted over 400 clubs, running over 1000 separate events between them this summer. Clubs across our region are running all sorts of events building on the excitement of the World Cup and growing interest in playing and watching our great game.

It's not too late for clubs to register activity <https://yourworldcup.hockeynation.club/>

### **AGM Governance Review**

The 2017 AGM Resolution, asking for a review of the governance of the sport, has progressed over the year. Following consultation meetings and some online surveys, the consultants produced a report which went before the England Hockey Board and the 2018 England Hockey AGM in March. A working group is developing a set of high level principles which will underpin any changes and these will be the subject of the next phase of consultation.

### **League Review**

Following consultations with Leagues and Premier League clubs, changes to the structure of the Investec Women's Hockey League and Men's Hockey League were agreed by the England Hockey Board in March 2018. The changes, the first step in adapting to the evolving landscape of the Hockey Pro League and requests from clubs to review the domestic structure, will be implemented in the 2019-20 season. England Hockey is ambitious about creating a structure that encourages clubs to continue to develop, strive for success at the highest level of European competition and support our international success objectives.

### **Hockey Pro League**

In June 2017, it was announced that both England men's and women's teams will compete in the new Hockey Pro League, which will launch in January 2019. Each of the nine participating teams will play each other on a home and away basis every year. The league will provide a way of qualifying for the Olympics so England will play under the Great Britain banner in the two years prior to the Olympic Games.

There will be lots more GB and England matches played at home over the next few years, providing more opportunities to watch our stars in action and the related opportunities around viability and further increases in participation.

### **England Hockey Championships**

The England Hockey Championships were launched this season, a re-brand of the Knockout Cup competitions. A number of changes have been implemented to both our adult and junior competition programmes. The England Hockey Championships have been designed to be more inclusive, allowing more of our clubs and respective teams to participate in a national championship, with more evenly contested games.

A new summer offer, including summer leagues and knockout competitions, has been launched this summer offering additional and new / informal ways to play.

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

GDPR came into effect on 25 May and replaced the Data Protection Act. Guidance to ensure that Clubs/Associations are compliant is available on the England Hockey website.

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