



## What is a Junior Academy Centre?

A Junior Academy Centre (JAC) is a training centre for the U13 to U17 age groups. JACs are open to any hockey player who has been nominated by a Junior Development Centre (JDC) coach. After attending a JDC, a JAC is the next step on hockey's player pathway. A JDC coach can nominate a player to attend an assessment for a JAC if and when they think it is appropriate for the player's development.

Players who have previously been involved in Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC) Tier 2 activity may also attend JACs.



## What happens at a JAC?

A JAC will provide regular training sessions where players will receive coaching on the core skills of hockey from appropriately qualified coaches. As well as training, there will be competition between local JACs. Initially, the type, level and frequency of localised competition may vary across the country as the Single System is still at the early stages of implementation.

The combination of training and competition allows players to develop in a variety of situations and ensures that they are assessed in more than just the competition environment.



## Where and when are the JACs?

Players will attend whichever JAC is closest to where they live (or in the case of boarding pupils, where they attend school). There will be a minimum of one JAC in every county. Pilot activity is being run in 2008/09, but from 2009/10 JACs will run from January to April. Information about the location of JACs is available from clubs, schools, your County Association or England Hockey Regional Office and at [www.englishockey.co.uk/jaclocations](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/jaclocations).



## Who organises the JACs?

JACs will be run by County Hockey Associations or Hockey Development Groups who will appoint coaches and managers/administrators to organise and run all activity. The manager/administrator will be the main contact regarding nominations, dates and times of the sessions and the coaches will be responsible for the training and competition.



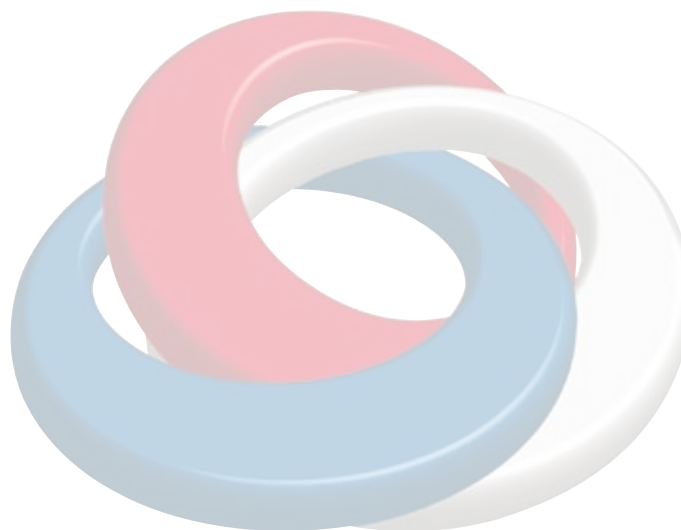
## Is there a cost to attend a JAC?

A fee will be charged for attending training sessions and competitions.



## What is the next step on the U18 Player Pathway?

Following JAC training and competition, JAC coaches will nominate players to attend Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC) assessment. JRPC activity will run from August through to November. For more information on JRPCs, please refer to the JRPC leaflet in this series or visit [www.englishockey.co.uk/jrpc](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/jrpc).



### Other leaflets available in this series:

- \* The Single System – What's it all about?
- \* Junior Development Centres (JDCs)
- \* **Junior Academy Centres (JACs)**
- \* Junior Regional Performance Centres (JRPCs)
- \* High Performance Assessment Camps (HiPACS)
- \* Futures Cup (EHFC)
- \* National Age Group Squads (NAGS)
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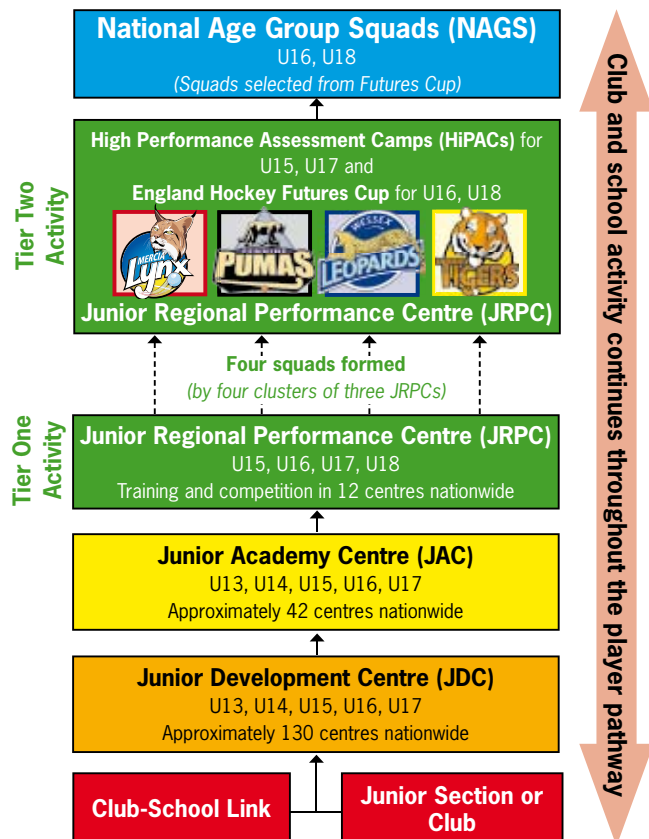
You can either download the guides from the website at [www.englishockey.co.uk/singlesystem](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/singlesystem) or contact your England Hockey Regional Office.

### Do you still have unanswered questions?

If you are still unclear about any element of the Single System for hockey, don't stay in the dark. Please contact your England Hockey Regional Office who will be happy to answer your questions, or put you in touch with the relevant people. Contact details for your Regional Office can be found on the back of this leaflet.

# Useful Information

## Under 18 Player Pathway



### Which Age Group?

Birth Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1991	Under 18s		
1992	Under 17s	Under 18s	
1993	Under 16s	Under 17s	Under 18s
1994	Under 15s	Under 16s	Under 17s
1995	Under 14s	Under 15s	Under 16s
1996	Under 13s	Under 14s	Under 15s
1997		Under 13s	Under 14s
1998			Under 13s



### A guide to the acronyms

<b>JDC</b>	Junior Development Centre	<b>NPC</b>	National Performance Centre
<b>JAC</b>	Junior Academy Centre	<b>CCC</b>	Centrally Contracted Coach
<b>JRPC</b>	Junior Regional Performance Centre	<b>NAGS</b>	National Age Group Squads
<b>HiPAC</b>	High Performance Assessment Camp	<b>EHFC</b>	England Hockey Futures Cup

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