

EGHC Junior Player Pathway's



EGHC's goal is to provide hockey to hundreds of young people, giving them a life-long love of our sport.

For different players this "life-long love" will be created by a range of different experiences.

EGHC's "Player Pathway's" are designed to guide the hockey experiences, coaching and competition provided by the club to players, to help ensure achievement of our goal.

**Players are generally defined as being club members and/or on a "Performance Pathway".
Players who exhibit high levels of potential are given opportunity to take part in hockey experiences designed to nurture that potential into Talent.**

This document outlines the potential pathway through existing's and future offerings EGHC provide for players identified with high-potential to develop Talent.

EGHC Junior Performance Pathways Player aged 9-13



Player Profile

Players in School Years 5 & 6 who exhibit high-potential

Players in School Year 7 who exhibit high-potential

Players in School Year 8 who exhibit high-potential

Must Have

EGHC Age Group Hockey

EGHC Age Group Hockey "A-Team"

EGHC Age Group Hockey "A-Team"

Performance Pathway

Invited to "Mini-Stars" program

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Invited to "Talent Foundations Academy"

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Mini-Stars program and Talent Foundations Academy are run by EGHC, these may also have "Tiers" accommodating different ability levels.

EGHC Junior Performance Player Pathway Age 13-16



Player Profile

Players in School Year 9
who exhibit high-potential

Players in School Year 10
who exhibit high-potential

Players in School Year 11
who exhibit high-potential

Must Have

EGHC Age Group Hockey
“A-Team”

EGHC Age Group Hockey
“A-Team”

EGHC Age Group Hockey
“A-Team”

Performance Pathway

Invited to “Talent
Foundations Academy”

Nominated to Talent Academy
activity for age group

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Foundations Academy”

Nominated to Talent Academy
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Participate in “performance”
adult team training/activity

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Players in these school years may also be nominated to “National Age Group Team trials”.

The definition of which adult’s teams are considered “performance” will be on a case-by-case basis when this is part of a player’s progress



EGHC Junior Participation Player Pathway

For some players who fall outside of the “Performance Pathway” but whom the club believe it will benefit the players and/or the club, they may be offered opportunities for additional participation.

This will generally involve playing some hockey in an alternate/additional age group, playing in a junior development side and/or sometimes for older (normally 15+) playing in an adult side appropriate for their ability.

Reasons for this path might include:

- There is not an appropriate age group team for the player**
- The player attends a school without a hockey program**
- The player has a relationship with an adult and playing together would be beneficial**
- The player is showing a passion for the sport but not yet at a level for the Performance Pathway**

EGHC Junior Pathway Conditions



EGHC provides these pathways as an addition to normal club activity. It is a benefit to members which comes as a bonus, not a right. We respectfully ask that this is recognised by our members, it should not be the only reason to be an EGHC member.

Parents are not always correct when assessing the ability level of their own children. Consciously or not parents are normally bias. Parents should expect to have no influence or participation in whether/which pathway their child might suit. We know our members, we employ good coaches and have experienced volunteers, please leave their pathway identification to us. EGHC reserve all rights regarding entry and exit to pathway opportunities.

We generally keep children out of adult teams, certainly until they are 16/17 years old. Other clubs let kids play in adult teams at a younger age, their reasons differ. Please refer to our [Junior Players in Adult Teams](#) policy if this document isn't clear enough.

If you feel you have an issue with any of these pathway, please follow the club complaints procedure.