

LYG Hockey Skills Festival 2026

Entry Information & Guidance



Event Overview

Date: Friday 3rd July 2026

Approx. Timings: Registration: 10.00, Event 10.30-14:30 (*if entry numbers are high, you will be assigned an AM or PM session).

Venue: Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, E20 3AD.

Contact: emma@londonyouthgames.org

Entry Information

Team Entry Deadline: Wednesday 24th June 22:00

Team Size: Minimum - 6 & Maximum – 10

Festival: Mixed Gender (a minimum of 50% girls per group encouraged)

Age Categories

Ages	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
10-11 year olds	01/09/2014	31/08/2016	Year 5/6

Eligibility Criteria

Competition Tier: Develop

Competition Intent: Developmental event which will focus on extending children and young people's knowledge & understanding of a particular sport using station based or non-scoring games formats. The measure of success is determined by demonstrating sporting values or through the accrual of team best scores. Local qualifying festivals may be used as a selection process to these events but is not mandatory.

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Full Guidance

HOC 1 The London Youth Games School Games Hockey Festival will be run in accordance with the [England Hockey Primary School Guidance](#).

HOC1.2 It will be at the discretion of Event Director and LYG personnel as to the application of this guidance, and any subsequent decision made by the Event Director and LYG personnel as a result, will be final.

HOC 2 Age Category

HOC 2.1 The following age groups and respective minimum/maximum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games School Games Hockey Festival:

Age	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
10-11 year olds	01/09/2014	31/08/2016	Year 5/6

HOC 2.1.1 Should a school wish to bring a participant who falls beyond this age range, approval should be sought from LYG by emailing emma@londonyouthgames.org.

HOC 2.2 It is the responsibility of teachers & SGOs to ensure all participants details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to take part.

HOC 3 Eligibility Criteria

HOC 3.1 Competition Tier: Develop

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HOC 4 Squad Size Schools are permitted to bring a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 participants.

HOC 4.1 Teams should be made up of 50/50 split between boys and girls.

HOC 5 Kit & Equipment All equipment will be provided.

HOC 6 Format

HOC 6.1 Station Based Activities Each team rotates to take part in approximately 9 Activity Stations, during the event. Guidelines if you wish to run your own local Festival or practice in school can be found [here](#).

HOC 6.1.1 Timings of play time per station will be subject to entry numbers.

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HOC 7 Scoring The festival is non-scoring. Schools are encouraged to record individual participants scores in order to highlight their improvement throughout the day and keep track of their progress.