



CLIFTON ROBINSONS AS AN ENGLAND HOCKEY TALENT CENTRE CLUB

This note explains how CRHC will be part of Great Britain's Talent System (GBTS) operating as a Talent Centre Club, subject to final accreditation, from April 2022.

The new Talent System will supersede the existing England Hockey player pathway. Although counties may continue to provide a valuable coaching hub, the current County Development and Academy Centres will be discontinued in 2022 and replaced by Talent Centres. In addition, Regional Performance Centres finish in August to be replaced by Talent Academies.

What does this mean?

A Talent Centre Club is a club that provides high quality provision talent development for players from age 12 to 15 years (Talent Foundation). This provision is embedded as an integrated part of the Club's junior programme. Importantly, Talent Centre accreditation recognises the quality of the Club's overall talent development environment and provision and its part in the new Talent System.

All player development opportunities at CRHC will be aligned to the GBTS. Whilst the focus of the Talent Centre will be on training for ages 12 to 15, it will have a positive impact on the development environment for entry groups of U10 and U12s, as well as strengthen the transition into adult hockey and offer the way through to England Hockey's Talent Academy.

When and How will it work?

The Club will run a Talent Centre for 12-15 year old members from May to July. It will dovetail with other summer hockey provision. Players will be grouped to best suite their development needs. There will be a small charge to cover costs. This will also include an Academy level group to support to **all** current 'performance centre' players. Invitations will be issued to members in early April. Those involved in the current Girls Academy will be offered a place in the Talent Centre and Academy.

These will restart in Sep and run through to March are part of the full junior provision from u8 and link in with junior and adult competition opportunities.

What will the Talent Centre focus on?

The Talent Centre will focus on Hockey IQ: developing highly skilled actions and game understanding, whilst also promoting team and mental skills and physical competence. It will use and signpost support material that is part of the GBTS and include system enhancements as these are rolled out. More detail will become available to coaches and players in the coming months.

Some other Key dates

Primary selection route for players for the 2022 Talent Academies from Clubs

- Talent Academy player nominations May 2022

- 2nd Aug – 7th Aug Local Talent Academy assessment activity.
- Final Talent Academy assessment early September 2022 from players identified through Local Centres and from 2022 Performance Centres.