



# North District Hockey

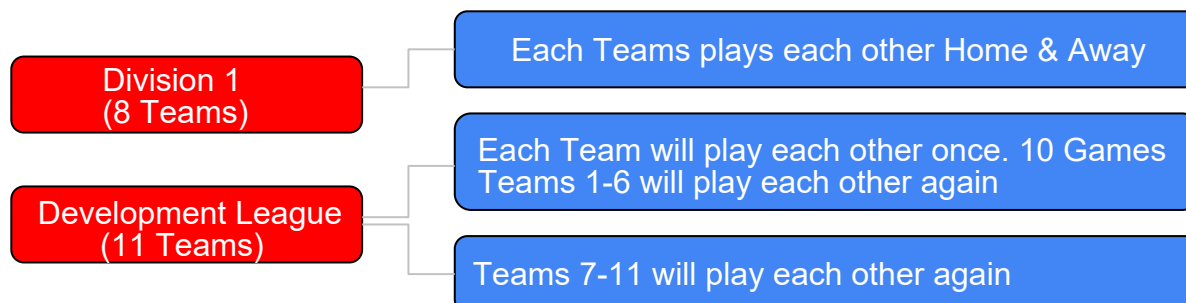
## Women's League's



### Ethos & Structure

The women's leagues have been condensed into 2 leagues from season 2023/2024. We have continued this format for this season. We continue to want players, coaches and officials to participate in game play in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment.

The leagues have been split as per diagram below:



### Match Arrangements

- The Home Team will confirm the match details with the Away Team no later than 9pm on the Sunday prior to the match. This includes the venue, start time and strip colour. Where strip colour clashes the Away team will change.
- The Away Team must respond to confirm that they have received this information by 9pm on the Monday prior to the match.
- Any team who asks to rearrange a match must complete a Match Rearrangement Form. This will be shared with the opposition and sent to [mrf@northdistrict.hockey](mailto:mrf@northdistrict.hockey) within 7 days of the fixtures original date.
- If a match cannot be played as scheduled, it must be played on a date no later than 4 weeks from the original fixtures date. Matches can be played in advance if both teams agree.
- Any team who asked to rearrange a match will be subject to the facilities cancelation policy and that team could be liable for the cost associated with the pitch booking.
- A Match Report Form(MRF) will be handed to one of the umpires before a match commences. After the match it will be signed by both teams representative and the two umpires. The home team will scan or photograph both sides of the form and email within three working days to [mfr@northdistrict.hockey](mailto:mfr@northdistrict.hockey)
- Teams must have a minimum of 8 players on the pitch at any point during the game. In the development league teams are welcome to load players to help facilitate the game being played. This should be requested and agreed in advance of the game and noted on the MRF.
- A match will consist of 4 x 17.5min quarters.

### Player Eligibility

- All players must be registered with Scottish Hockey.
- A maximum of TWO players from your higher district team can play in the development league. (these can be named players, however note NO National league players should be playing in the Development league and NO named NL players should be playing in any league) These TWO players should be playing to provide guidance and structure to support the development of others. These players should be indicated on the MRF by writing an asterisk beside their name (\*). This will be monitored.
- Please ensure that named players lists are shared with North District Executive and [mrf@northdistrict.hockey](mailto:mrf@northdistrict.hockey) before the date specified by the District.

### Officials & Discipline

- Umpires in Division 1 are expected to have achieved the level 1 umpire qualification or be working towards it (Division 1 matches can be used as Umpire assessments). An unqualified umpire, this must be approved by the opposition in advance.
- To provide opportunities for new or inexperienced umpires to develop their skills and confidence there is no requirement for umpires to have an official qualification to umpire in the development league. However, we do encourage umpires to complete the level 1 course if they have not already done so. Developing umpires can be coached during these games in a supportive manner (the coach should not be the one making decisions).
- Any disciplinary sanctions issued during the match should be noted on the MRF and will be subject to existing Scottish Hockey and North District Procedures.

