



Title of Report: University Ice Hockey Section Report – EIHA AGM 2018

Purpose of Report: This report provides an overview of activity within University Ice Hockey for the 2017/18 season

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Introduction

The University Section has delivered a year of growth in terms of player registrations and in the operation of existing competitions in addition to supporting player development in trips in the UK and abroad in addition to introducing a bi-annual performance sport programme in partnership with IHUK.

The BUIHA has continued to operate both its Cup and National Championships over checking and non-checking competitions with a total of 9 Divisions in the Cup and 12 Divisions in tournaments. In 2017/18 the section had an overall playing membership of 1227 across 65 teams within 24 clubs nationally. The organisation continues to see growth in all aspects of operation with clubs operating multiple teams in addition to non-represented institutions contributing in participation rates within BUIHA Competitions.

Cup Competition

Our most established competition has now seen over 1100 players take part for the first time. There continues to be a growth in the development of non-checking teams which has seen a 24% increase in 2017/18 alone.

Championship Winners

<i>Division One Checking</i>	St Andrews & Oxford
<i>Division Two Checking</i>	Northumbria & Southampton
<i>Division One Non-Checking</i>	Leeds & Cardiff
<i>Division Two Non-Checking</i>	Manchester & Southampton
<i>Division Three Non-Checking</i>	Oxford

National Championships

The three championship weekends in Sheffield continue to be the widest participation events the organisation runs supporting more players than ever across over 100 hours of ice time.



This year has seen the introduction of a Tier 6 competition that, reflected in the increase in non-checking registrations, has provided further playing opportunities for new players to the sport.

Further tournaments continue to be supported with a Womens' Tournament and an Alumni tournament played at the NIC.

Championship Winners

<i>Tier I</i>	Oxford
<i>Tier II</i>	Manchester
<i>Tier III</i>	Kent
<i>Tier IV</i>	Hull
<i>Tier V</i>	UEA
<i>Tier VI</i>	Oxford
<i>Womens</i>	Nottingham
<i>Alumni</i>	London

Development Camps

The BUIHA continues to support player development through an annual training camp in Finland. Whilst costs have risen since 2016/17 due to the cost of air travel, the camp continues to be financially sustainable and attract support from a range of players and clubs.

To compliment the international camp, a home-based camp is being coordinated for delivery in the 2018/19 season from Sheffield in coordination with Team GBR.

Team GBR

The BUIHA prepared plans to work with Ice Hockey UK and BUCS to support the performance playing pathway for university ice hockey in the UK. The development plan for the programme brings together the Mens and Womens programme in a joint structure to share best practice, resource and financial costs.

The performance pathway for the GB University teams now operates a two-year performance cycle to support player development over the two-year cycle.