

GCE Physical Education – Exemplar Materials

Unit 2: The Critical Sports Performer (6PE02)

Task 2.2 – Local Study (Hockey)

Mark band five (13 -15):

“The student has demonstrated a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the local provision in their chosen physical activity”

General comments

This work is succinct, well researched and covers all the key areas required in very good detail. Furthermore, points made are supported with a clearly identified reference point in the appendix which would allow the reader to further enhance their understanding of the provision in the local area.

Word limit

The word limit is adhered to although it is perfectly reasonable for candidates to include case studies and tables to illustrate or develop points providing they are properly contextualised, add relevant depth to the work and are not simply additional words conveniently ‘boxed’.

Marking guide grid - to be considered in conjunction with descriptors in the specification

<i>Primary areas required for consideration in the specification</i>	Role of local governing	Funding	Additional agencies	Performer Officialing Leading	Schools	Clubs	Public Private Voluntary	Gender	Opportunities for disabled	Analysis Additional detail	Mark
<i>Student marks</i>	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	15

Content

The opening sections outline the key aspects of the local provision. The role of the local governing body is considered and the range and extent of hockey in schools and clubs are outlined, together with an insight of the financial implications of playing for one of the local clubs. Examples are provided to give the reader a clear understanding of what might be available at various schools and clubs and these are carefully referenced in the appendix.

The player pathway to first level elite and beyond is summarised with additional detail found in the appendix. There is information about how hockey is served by private, public and voluntary sectors, together with examples, and an informative paragraph about the support provided for hockey by additional agencies, which also adds information about aspects of funding.

The study outlines key points regarding opportunities for players with disabilities and how both genders access the sport – each of these has supporting evidence and information in the appendix.

Finally, the penultimate section gives a neat overview of provision for coaches and officials before a final paragraph considers some of potential areas of development required to advance the sport further in the area.

The study is data rich, well written and is a good example of the quality of work required for top band marks.

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AS P.E COURSEWORK: LOCAL STUDY

This study will review the provisions, opportunities and resources available in hockey across all levels within the boroughs of Brent and Barnet. The National Governing Body for hockey is the England Hockey Board (Appendix 1). The Middlesex Hockey Association are responsible for coordinating hockey in schools, clubs and county competitions (Appendix 2). In Middlesex, there are 6 hockey clubs (Appendix 3), 4 hockey playing schools (Appendix 4) and several public pitches (Appendix 5).

At grassroots level, Southgate Hockey Club (Appendix 11) provides a training session on Sunday mornings for 6-12 years olds. In addition, a new game called 'Quicksticks' (Appendix 6) has been designed as an introduction to hockey, aimed at 7-11 year olds.

At CENTRE 1 (Appendix 7) there is a floodlit sand-based astroturf, which allows hockey training and hockey matches to be played throughout the year. From year 9-11 (ages 13-16) hockey is compulsory for both boys and girls, however in the sixth form (ages 16-18) it is an optional sport but you have to be selected for the teams. Hockey training takes place up to three times a week, by well recognised international players and coaches at Mill Hill (Appendix 8) to enhance first elite provision.

At CENTRE 2 (Appendix 9) hockey is played on grass and on the netball courts by boys and girls from year 7-11. However, P.E lessons, including hockey take place at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre (Appendix 10), where there is a sand-based astroturf. Hockey training occurs once a week and an occasional fixture is played against neighbouring schools.

Southgate (Appendix 11) offers two astroturf pitches; one water-based and one sand-based, which can also be rented out by the public. Southgate provides training sessions to various age groups (Appendix 12). There are also development squads for U14s and U16s to allow those playing in a team to improve further. Support is given to beginners both to play for fun and to develop their game simultaneously. For those new to hockey, the club provides sticks. The first training session at Southgate Hockey Club is free to allow players to try it out, before joining, but if you continue, membership is £65 for the season and at each training session or match you have to pay an additional £4. Aside from the junior section, there are eleven men's and four ladies teams, illustrating the variety in level of participation available; from recreational to elite.

The Women's first team play in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 1 and the Men's first team were promoted last season and now play in the England Hockey League Men's Premier Division (Appendix 13).

Hockey players can be nominated by their coaches to attend county trials. This requires a high level of hockey ability; many players have reached first level of elite representation at their school or club. Success in these trials will see the participant through the EHB Single System (Appendix 14).

There are few public hockey pitches in the area that people can freely use without membership to a club or leisure centre (Appendix 5). Rental is very expensive (Appendix 15). However, many clubs and schools privately own pitches and rent out these.

Coaches, umpires and also managers are often parents and relatives of players and volunteer to help out with teams, as it allows clubs to save money that they can put towards developing the pitches and equipment, for example.

Due to the recent funding cuts of the School Sports Partnership scheme (Appendix 16), some schools have taken action into continuing to ensure that at least 2 hours of high quality physical activity is provided to its pupils. Kingsbury High School have set up their own Partnership Programme (Appendix 17) working with primary, secondary schools and clubs within the community to develop sports such as badminton, athletics, cricket and hockey. Sport England revealed a £2.6 billion investment into disabled sport to increase participation and to make grassroots more inclusive. The organisation aims to provide advice, support and guidance to other sporting bodies creating more opportunities for disabled people (Appendix 18). The National Hockey Foundation (Appendix 19) and the Hockey Youth Trust (Appendix 20) are also both funding partners to England Hockey.

Field hockey isn't commonly played by disabled people because it has not been developed. However, Zone Hockey has been created specifically for disabled people (Appendix 21). Unfortunately, hardly any clubs provide zone hockey, so opportunity is limited, making it difficult for disabled people to take part in hockey, particularly in Barnet as there are no local provisions for disabled people.

Generally there aren't any gender issues in hockey as both men and women can play because the majority of clubs offer both men's and women's teams. Despite this, both genders don't have equal opportunities; at Southgate (Appendix 11), there are 11 men's teams and 4 women's teams, demonstrating that there is more provision for men than women. This also shows that more men play hockey because there is a significant demand for more teams. During July and August Southgate took part in the National 'Back to Hockey' initiative (Appendix 22) to try to encourage more women to take up hockey.

There are many different levels of coaching courses, ranging from Level 1-4. A Level 1 coaching course is the minimum qualification required for those involved in hockey coaching sessions working under supervision (Appendix 23). There are no Level 1 coaching courses available in Barnet (Appendix 24), the nearest is in Milton Keynes.

There are also 4 different types of umpiring courses, from Level 1-3 and a national umpiring award, but unfortunately there are none in the area (Appendix 25), the nearest is in Essex. A Level 1 umpiring award is the pathway for club umpires to officiate 11 a-side hockey including all England Hockey adult club competitions and league games (Appendix 26).

To conclude this study, I think that they aren't enough schools in the area with the opportunity to play hockey due to their lack of facilities and cost of pitches. I believe that more support should be given to zone hockey and opportunities for disabled people. I think that there should be more coaching and umpiring courses offered in the area. I think that funding should be reimbursed into the School Sports Partnership scheme, as many children will no longer have the opportunity to play sport.

Word Count: 993 words¹

¹ 993 words not including words in brackets, e.g. (Appendix 1).

Appendix

Appendix 1

The England Hockey Board:
<http://englandhockey.co.uk/>

Appendix 2

Middlesex Hockey:
<http://www.middlesexhockeyassociation.co.uk/>

Appendix 3

Hockey Clubs in the Area:

1) Potters Bar

<http://www.pottersbarhc.co.uk/>

2) Southgate

<http://www.southgatehc.org.uk/>

3) Hendon & Mill Hill

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/hendonmillhillhc/>

4) West Herts

<http://watfordhockey.hits hockey.com/default.aspx>

5) Eastcote

<http://www.EastcoteHockeyClub.com/>

6) Harrow

<http://harrowhc.co.uk/>

Appendix 4

Schools that Play Hockey in the Area:

1) *CENTRE 1 website*

2) *CENTRE 2 website*

3) *CENTRE 3 website*

4) *CENTRE 4 website*

Appendix 5

Public Pitches:

<http://www.020.co.uk/p/pitch-and-court-hire/barnet/london.shtml>

<http://www.gll.org/centre/compton-leisure-centre.asp>

<http://www.gll.org/centre/barnet-burnt-oak-leisure-centre.asp>

Appendix 6

Hockey at Grassroots Level 'Quicksticks':

http://www.playquicksticks.co.uk/?cat_id=35&level=1

The game can be played on any surface and is played with hockey sticks and light hockey balls. 'Quicksticks' allows children to learn and develop basic skills and techniques and has been produced so that teachers and coaches can deliver the game successfully with little or no hockey knowledge.

Appendix 7

CENTRE 1 address

Appendix 8

Both Stuart Hendy and Chloe Strong are coaches at Mill Hill School. Stuart is currently an EHB Centrally Contracted Coach and has played for England as an Indoor Goalkeeper and Chloe who is a current England international and has also played for Great Britain.

Appendix 9

CENTRE 2's address

Appendix 10

Burnt Oak Leisure Centre:

Watling Avenue,

Edgware,

London

HA8 0NP

020 8201 0982

<http://www.gll.org/centre/barnet-burnt-oak-leisure-centre.asp>

Appendix 11

Southgate Hockey Club:

Trent Park,

Snakes Lane,

Barnet,

Hertfordshire

EN4 0PS

020 8440 7574

<http://www.southgatehc.org.uk/>

Appendix 12

Southgate Training Sessions:

There are two main training sessions on a Sunday morning, the first being for 6-12 year olds demonstrating hockey at grassroots level and the later for 12-18 year olds allowing children of all standards to excel in their hockey.

Appendix 13

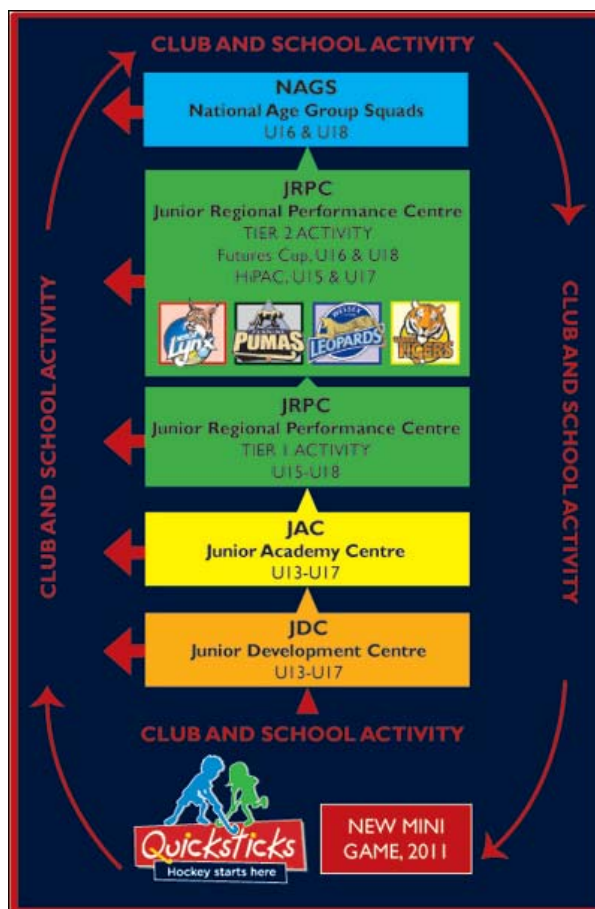
Fixtures Live:

<http://www.fixtureslive.com/default.asp>

Appendix 14

England Hockey Single System for U18s:

http://www.englishockey.co.uk/player_pathway.asp?section=898§ionTitle=Single+System+%28LTAD%29



Appendix 15

At Burnt Oak full 7 a side pitch

Leisure Centre, a costs £68 per hour.

<http://www.gll.org/centre/barnet-burnt-oak-leisure-centre.asp>

Appendix 16

School Sports Partnerships:

<http://ssx.youthsporttrust.org/page/sspwelcome/index.html>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/nov/16/school-sport-funding-cuts>

Appendix 17

Kingsbury High School Sports Partnership:

<http://www.kingsburyssp.co.uk/>

Appendix 18

Funding for Disabled Participation:

http://www.sportengland.org/media_centre/press_releases/disability_funding_announcement.aspx

Appendix 19

The National Hockey Foundation:

<http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/>

Appendix 20

The Hockey Youth Trust:

<http://thehockeyyouthtrust.co.uk/>

Appendix 21

Disability Sport England:

<http://www.eng.umu.se/e3ht02/camilla/disabled.htm>

Appendix 22

'Back to Hockey' Initiative:

<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=803§ionTitle=Back+To+Hockey>

Appendix 23

Level 1 Coaching Award:

<http://englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=93§ionTitle=Level+1+Award+in+Coaching+Hockey>

Appendix 24

Level 1 Coaching Courses:

<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/courses.asp?section=369§ionTitle=Find+a+Level+1+Course>

Appendix 25

Level 1 Umpiring Courses:

<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/courses.asp?section=296§ionTitle=Find+a+Course&coursetype=0001300000050007>

Appendix 26

Level 1 Umpiring Award:

<http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=290§ionTitle=Level+1+Umpire+Award>

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