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Surrey Hockey Junior Development Centres (JDCs) 2010 – 2011

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT PLAYERS BORN BETWEEN 1998 AND 1994

To: All Clubs and Schools

Dear Hockey Coach/Teacher,

In association with England Hockey, the Surrey Hockey Association are once again running their Junior Development Centres (JDC's), to identify and develop players with potential in the county. We are inviting nominations from clubs and schools for boys and girls aged U13 to U17 (those born from 1998 to 1994 –school years 6 to 11) - *see attached form.*

The JDCs provide the opportunity for a large number of young players to receive advanced coaching from England Hockey (EH) coaches in line with EH's Single System and Long Term Athlete Development programme for junior players within the county. Following the programme of structured training and game play activity, a smaller number will then be invited to participate in corresponding Junior Academy Centre and County Squad next season.

We would be grateful if you could nominate players to join the JDCs who you feel have the potential to reach a JAC this year or could have the potential to do so in the future. There is no limit to the number of players that you may nominate. However, we would ask that you only nominate players that you feel fulfil the following criteria:

- **U13 & U14** - we are looking for potential, as well as the more experienced players. Players with limited experience but who are athletic with good hand-ball coordination, are keen to learn and very coachable, should also be nominated, along with the more obviously 'hockey talented' players.
- **U15, U16 & U17** – players who are obviously 'hockey talented' and will benefit from a high level of coaching.
- **Goalkeepers (all ages)** - any promising goal keepers should also be included in the nominations list and will receive specialist coaching during the JDC programme.

We have scheduled the JDC programme to tie in as closely as possible with EH's principle of 'double-periodisation' (where two cycles of activity - preparation-competition-rest - are delivered over the year), whilst taking on board feedback from clubs, schools, players and parents last year. The JDCs will therefore run between May and July for the U13, U14 and U15 age groups, and in September/October for the U16 and U17 age groups. This ensures that there is no conflict with public examinations and addresses the problems faced last year of JDC sessions clashing with pre-arranged family holidays.

Timescales & Responsibilities

- **Schools and clubs** – nomination forms to be completed and e-mailed to surreyha@aol.com by **19 April 2010**.
- **Surrey HA** – where we have e-mail current addresses, we will be inviting back previous attendees.
- **Surrey HA** – once we receive player nomination forms, we will send them the JDC Information Packs, together with the Registration, Medical and Parental Consent forms.

N.B. If your school address is listed on the nomination form, please ensure that the forms are passed on to the players on receipt.

We look forward to coaching your players and hope that over the years to come we will widen the player base of players in the EH system and elevate the skill level for the future of our sport.

Yours sincerely

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