



## Leinster Hockey Association Coaching and Management Roles

The Leinster Hockey Association are preparing for changes to the player development programmes being run across the province and are now seeking applications from coaches and managers who wish to be involved with the player development programmes for the 2021-22 Season.

Appropriately qualified or experienced coaches who are not in a position to commit to a head coach or assistant coach role, but who would be interested in being on a coaching panel and supporting the programmes periodically are also welcome to apply.

There will be a payment associated with these roles.

### Inter-Provincial Competition Squads

The inter-provincial player development programmes are focused on the development of the top players in each junior age group. The panels are the entry points on HI player development pathway towards being a senior international.

Changes to the development programmes and competition format come into effect for the 2021-22 season.

- Competitive matches will be scheduled throughout the season culminating in a final at season end
  - o Reserve/Development matches also to be scheduled between provinces
- Development panels will consist of 24-30 players
  - o each panel to include a cohort of players who will have 2 years of eligibility in their respective age group
  - o match day squads of 18 selected from the development panel
- All provinces will be expected to follow a similar training programme, aligned to a revised Hooked for Life technical curriculum
- Training panels will be following a HI led S&C programme

The change in format will allow coaches to work with players between matches in order to maximise the development of the individual players and the panels as a whole.

General development and selection events will take place during the summer months with training panels of up to 30 players to be named in September.

- Typically the summer development panels play training matches with other provinces
- The U20 girls will likely have a competition in August
- *Players may be added to or removed from a panel during the season*

#### **Panels:**

**Leinster Girls:** U16, U18 and U20



**Leinster Boys:** U16, U18 and U21

**South East Girls:** U16 and U18

Each panel requires a head coach, an assistant coach and a manager.

### Coaching Panel

At head coach discretion, additional coaches or specialist coaches (e.g. GK Coaches, Video Analysts), from an LHA approved coaching panel, may be invited to support the programme during the season. Any coaches interested in being included in the coaching panel are invited to complete an application.

### Regional Talent Development Camps (Summer)

The LHA plan to run talent camps during the summer which will be open to all club and school players. The camps will take place in different venues around the province.

Each centre will require a head coach, at least 2 assistant coaches and a camp administrator.

### Regional / District Development Centres

Regional / District development centres will be set up in the autumn and will be located around the province

- The centres will cater for players born in 2008 / 2009 in the first year
- The players participating in the centres will do so in cycles of 4-6 sessions
- Inter-District blitz events will be arranged during the season
- Regional teams will be selected to participate in national festivals in May for both boys and girls

Each centre will require a head coach, at least 2 assistant coaches and a local manager/administrator.

### Junior Inter-Pros – May 2022

A men's and women's competition takes place in May each year. The competition is for players age 18+ , not in school and playing Division 2 or below.

#### **Teams:**

Leinster Women

Leinster Men

Each team requires a Head Coach, an assistant coach and a manager