

JUNIOR COMPETITION AGE GROUPS IN 2024

Hockey Queensland and Hockey Australia are changing their Representative age groups in 2024. BWAH will also move our Junior Competition age groups to the following :

COMPETITION	DOB	FIELD SIZE & TYPE	INFORMATION
U7s <i>Boy & Girls</i>	2017 - 2019	Quarter Field Grass	For new to & developing Hockey players 7-A-Side with modified rules Played on a Saturday morning at Rasey Park, Herston
U9s <i>Boys & Girls</i>	2015 - 2017	Half Field Grass	For new to & developing Hockey players 9-A-Side with modified rules Played on a Saturday morning at Rasey Park, Herston
U10s <i>Girls</i>	2014 - 2016	Full Field Grass	For players who are ready for full field hockey 11-A-Side with no modified rules Played on a Saturday morning at Downey Park, Windsor
U12s <i>Girls</i>	2012 - 2013	Full Field Grass	Played on a Saturday morning at Downey Park, Windsor. A turf competition will be investigated and only formed if turf is available. Note the U12 Southern Cross will continue to be played on grass.
U14T <i>Girls</i>	2010 - 2011	Full Field Turf	Played on a Friday night and Saturday morning across multiple turf venues
U14G <i>Girls</i>	2010 - 2011	Full Field Grass	Played on a Saturday morning at Downey Park, Windsor
JT (U18s) <i>Girls</i>	2006 - 2009	Full Field Turf	Played on a Friday night across multiple turf venues
JG (U18s) <i>Girls</i>	2006 - 2009	Full Field Grass	Played on a Saturday morning at Downey Park, Windsor



Frequently Asked Questions

BWAHA has formulated the following question and answer guide regarding the changes to age groups for the 2024 season. Further enquiries can be submitted to your Club Secretary who can liaise with the BWAHA Office

Q: My child is 8 years old and played in the U9 competition in 2023. My child has been playing hockey since they were 5 years old and are confident playing this sport, where should they play in 2024?

A: If your child is experienced in the game of hockey, the new U10 competition is recommended for them to move up and out of the U9 competition and start playing on a full field. Those still new to hockey and developing the skills and rules of the sport are encouraged to continue in the U9 half field competition in 2024 and move to full-field hockey in 2025.

Q: My child is 9 years old and played in the U11 age group in 2023, but now there is an U10 age group, do they have to go down a divisional age group in 2024?

A: Where possible we would encourage players to play in their correct age group, but we acknowledge that some players have greater experience and therefore need to move up a division or an age group to progress on their development pathway. Clubs should always strive to place players in the age and division that suits a player's ability.

Q: As a club, we are unsure if we can field a U10 team as our player numbers are low, but we have some children ready to move into full-field hockey from U9s. What teams do we affiliate?

A: If you don't have the numbers to create a full field U10 division, BWAHA anticipates having multiple divisions for the U12 competition (A, B, C & D). Therefore, those players coming up from U9s will be able to play in a U12 team, it is recommended you affiliate a team in the best division based on the team's level of ability and experience.

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Q: My child played in U11As in 2023 and expected to transition to the 13 Turf competition in 2024, but now the age group has changed to U12s. Will they be able to play on turf or do they have to play on grass again in 2024?

A: BWAHA will ask clubs to nominate turf affiliations for JT, 14T and a 12T for the 2024 season however there is no guarantee that a 12 Turf competition will commence. This is because of the limited turf in Brisbane for additional competition divisions. BWAHA will investigate playing 14T2 and 12T1 on a Saturday morning across turf and grass (as per the 2023 season) once affiliations are received, but if there are too many affiliations for JT and 14Ts, then the 12T will be played only on grass. Please note the U11 Southern Cross is changing to the U12 Southern Cross, with all games at this tournament played on grass, so the players will not be disadvantaged. Clubs should be grading individual players into the correct age and division that suits a player's ability.

Q: My child played in 13T1 in 2023, they are ready to play in the JT competition given their individual playing experience and skillset. Do they have to play in the 14T competition or can they move up to JTs?

A: Where possible we would encourage players to play in their correct age group, but we acknowledge that some players have greater experience and therefore need to move up a division or an age group to progress on their development pathway. Clubs should always strive to place players in the age and division that suits a player's ability.

Q: Does my child have to move from grass to turf to continue to play hockey?

A: No! BWAHA has 51 junior grass and 35 senior grass teams for all ages and abilities. Grass hockey is played on a Saturday at one venue (Downey Park, Windsor) for the duration of the winter season with juniors playing in the same timeslot in the morning and seniors playing across 3 timeslots in the afternoon. Grass hockey is affordable, competitive and social giving players, umpires, and families the opportunity to play our sport in a supportive and connected environment.