

U16 BOYS NATIONAL CLUB CUP 2023-24

FIXTURE LIST

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
Grove Menzieshill	Inverleith HC	Kelburne
ESM HC	Dundee Wanderers	Watsonians
Hillhead	Clydesdale HC	Edinburgh HC
Grange HC		Perthshire

ROUND 1: 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
Grove Menzieshill v Hillhead ESM v Grange	Inverleith v Clydesdale	Kelburne v Edinburgh HC Watsonians v Perthshire

ROUND 2: 22 OCTOBER 2023

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
Grange v Grove Menzieshill ESM v Hillhead	Clydesdale v Dundee Wanderers	Perthshire v Kelburne Watsonians v Edinburgh HC

ROUND 3: 5 NOVEMBER 2023

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
Hillhead v Grange Grove Menzieshill v ESM	Dundee Wanderers v Inverleith	Edinburgh HC v Perthshire Kelburne v Watsonians

Rationale for Pools/Fixtures:

- Seeded per 2022-23 final positions.
- Top seeds play at home twice (Pools A & C).
- Last fixture is between top two seeds.

FORMAT AND RULES

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- Three pools of three or four teams each.
- Teams plays each other once within their pool, with points being awarded as follows:
 - Win: 3 points
 - Draw: 1 point
 - Loss: 0 points
- Teams will play home or away as determined by the competition fixture list.
- All matches must be played on the dates listed on the fixture list unless both teams agree to play on a different date.
- If a team is unable to play on the set date and their opposition are unable/unwilling to play on an alternative date, their opposition will be awarded a 5-0 win and 3 points.
- In the event of a match being cancelled due to weather the Competitions & Events Manager will determine the revised date for the fixture.
- All matches must be played **by 3 December 2023**.
- Matches should be **four quarters of 15 minutes** with a 2-minute break between quarters and a 5-minute half-time break.
- All matches will be 11-a-side and played on a full pitch using FIH rules.
- Running penalties will not be used in the pool matches – only in finals.
- Please refer to the Competition Rules issued to each participating Club and available on the Scottish Hockey website, under [Competitions – Youth Hockey](#).
- Teams do not have to complete a Match Report Form for pool matches.
- Both teams should email the result to the Competitions mailbox at Scottish Hockey: competitions@scottish-hockey.org.uk within 24 hours of the match ending.

QUALIFICATION

- At the end of the pool matches, the positions will be determined using the criteria in the competition rules (below).
- Four teams will qualify for the cup finals on **Sunday 21 April 2024** at Glasgow National Hockey Centre: The **top team** in each pool and the **best placed runner-up** (one team).
- The best placed runner-up will be determined using the criteria in competition rules (below). Only the results between the **top three teams** in each pool will be used to determine the best-placed runner-up. The results involving the fourth-placed team in Pools A & C will not be counted when determining the best-placed runner-up.

CRITERIA - TIE BREAK POINTS (BASED ON FIH RULES)

In each pool, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.

- a. If at the end of the pool matches two or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- b. If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means “goals for” less “goals against”). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- c. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of “goals for”.
- d. Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the result of the match played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.
- e. If more than two teams have the same number of points, then the teams involved shall be ranked according to Articles a, b, c, & d above. If there remains equality, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches among (only) them shall determine their respective positions.
- f. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, the Competitions & Events Manager will arrange a match between the teams involved to determine the final positions.

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