

U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CLUB CUP & CHALLENGE CUP 2023-24

FIXTURE LIST (UPDATED 7 SEPT)

| U16 GIRLS CUP | | U16 GIRLS CHALLENGE CUP | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| POOL A | POOL B | POOL C | POOL D |
| Watsonians | Inverleith | Western Wildcats | Dundee Wanderers |
| GHK | Grange | Perthshire | Kelburne |
| Edinburgh HC | Hillhead | ESM | Uddingston |
| Clydesdale Western | Fjordhus Reivers | Granite City Wanderers | |

ROUND 1: 1 OCTOBER 2023

| POOL A | POOL B | POOL C | POOL D |
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| Watsonians v Edinburgh HC GHK v Clydesdale Western | Inverleith v Hillhead Grange v Fjordhus Reivers | Western Wildcats v ESM Perthshire v Granite City | Dundee Wanderers v Kelburne |

ROUND 2: 29 OCTOBER 2023

| POOL A | POOL B | POOL C | POOL D |
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| Clydesdale Western v Watsonians GHK v Edinburgh HC | Fjordhus Reivers v Inverleith Grange v Hillhead | Granite City v Western Wildcats Perthshire v ESM | Kelburne v Uddingston |

ROUND 3: 12 NOVEMBER 2023

| POOL A | POOL B | POOL C | POOL D |
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| Edinburgh HC v Clydesdale Western Watsonians v GHK | Hillhead v Fjordhus Reivers Inverleith v Grange | ESM v Granite City Western Wildcats v Perthshire | Uddingston v Dundee Wanderers |

Rationale for Pools/Fixtures:

- 2 competitions: U16 Club Cup (Pools A & B) and U16 Challenge Cup (Pools C & D)
- Top 2 teams in qualifying pools last season play in the Cup; others play in the Challenge Cup.
- All pools are seeded per 2022-23 final positions.
- Higher seeded teams play two home matches and one away match (Pools A-C).

FORMAT AND RULES

- U16 Girls Cup: Two pools of four teams each (total 8 teams) – Pools A & B
- U16 Girls Challenge Cup: Two pools of four/three teams (total 7 teams) – Pools C & D
- 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).
- U16 CUP (POOLS A & B): The **top TWO teams** in each pool (four teams) will qualify for the cup finals on **Sunday 21 April 2024** at Glasgow National Hockey Centre. Teams will play semi-finals and the final on that day.
- U16 CHALLENGE CUP (POOLS C & D): The **top team** in each pool (two teams) will qualify for the Challenge Cup Final on **Sunday 21 April 2024** at Glasgow National Hockey Centre.

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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