

2026 Canterbury Hockey Association Competition Structures

Preamble

Canterbury Hockey is excited to be able to provide our season dates for the 2026 season!

As always, we aim to have a season which has good flow to it with minimal disruptions allowing teams to build momentum through the season. We look to balance high workload periods within our competitions and give teams clear playing and non-playing dates where possible. Some grades may change once entry numbers are confirmed.

Start date - Schools

SSL Boys start date	Friday 1 st May (Second Friday Term 2)
SSL Girls earliest start date	Wednesday 29 th April (Second Wednesday of Term 2)
SSP Boys and Girls	Friday 8 th May (3 rd Week Term 2)

School Grades Season Structures

Secondary School Premier

Boys and Girls

Start Date: 8th May

End Date: 21st August

Non-Playing Dates: 29th May (Kings Birthday), 3rd, 10th and 17th July (School holidays and Under 18s)

Girls – 8 Teams

1 x full round robin

Split into two groups of four as follows

Group 1

1st, 4th, 5th and 8th

Group 2

2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th

All teams carry their points from round 1 into their new pools, play each other again once followed by cross over semifinals and finals.

Boys – 7 Teams

1 x full round robin

Split into two groups as follows

Group 1

1st, 4th, 5th and Bye

Group 2

2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th

All teams carry their points from round 1 into their new pools, play each other again once followed by cross over semifinals and finals.

Secondary School League Division 1-4

Boys – 23 Teams

Earliest Start Date: 24th April

End Date: 21st August

Non-Playing Dates: 29th May (Kings Birthday), 10th and 17th July (School holidays and national under 18s tournament)

Division 1 – 10 Teams

1 full round robin followed by quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

Division 2 – 9 Teams

1 full round robin followed by Semi Finals and Finals

Division 3 – 4 Teams

3 full round robins followed by semi finals and Finals

Girls – 40 teams

Earliest Start Date: 29th April

End Date: 19th August

Non-Playing Dates: 8th and 15th July (School holidays and national under 18s tournament)

Division 1 – 10 Teams

1 full round robin followed by quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

Division 2 – 8 Teams

1 full round robin, then split into two pools as follows

Pool 1: 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th

Pool 2: 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th

All teams carry their points from round 1 into their new pools, play each other again once followed by cross over semifinals and finals.

Division 3 – 10 teams

One full round robins followed by quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

Division 4 – 6 teams

Two full round robins followed by semi-finals and finals.

Division 5 – 6 teams

Two full round robins followed by semi finals and finals.
