



Above is the outline of Canterbury Hockey's competition participant opportunities, with guidance on what grade specific age groups fit into. This guidance has been created with the consultation of Clubs and advisory committees, it is important that all clubs follow the pathway to ensure athletes participate in age and stage appropriate playing opportunities. This is an active document which development and representative areas will be added to.

Winter Competitions: The pathways for winter competitions is both vertical and horizontal - meaning that the athlete moves horizontally with their age and can also move vertically depending on their ability. Competition rankings are demonstrated above with the highest ranked competitions at the top and the lowest at the bottom.

The Year 3-8 stage is quite clearly mapped out. When they are a certain age the participant plays in a specific competition, and that competition only.

The changes and choices come into play when the athlete enters high school.

Year 9-10: The athlete may play Secondary School Hockey or Platinum Hockey (they may play both if desired).

Year 11: The athlete at Year 11 may play Secondary School Hockey and Platinum Hockey or other Senior Hockey Divisions (they may play both if desired). Canterbury Hockey highly recommends that Year 11's continue to play in Platinum Division. More developed players (the top 5% of Platinum) may enter Senior Division but it is highly recommended that the Sunday Super League is the highest.

Year 12: Athletes now have a wider choice depending on their ability and competitive drive. Athletes can still play Secondary School Hockey and if they are ready and wanting to, they're encouraged to move to Senior Divisions and in particular the Sunday Super League. Limited year 12's should be moved into Division 1 and the athlete should have played in the Sunday Super League for a season before making this progression. If the athlete is still well suited to Platinum and is enjoying the competition, they're encouraged to stay there.

Year 13: Year 13's playing opportunities open up even more. Secondary School Hockey is again an option and they are encouraged to focus on this. Athletes can also fit into the Sunday Super League comfortably on the competitive pathway and start moving into Division 1 and CPL. A year in Division 1 is highly recommended before a player moves into CPL. If the athlete is still well suited to Platinum and is enjoying the competition, they're encouraged to stay there.

18 year olds: From here the athlete will finish playing Secondary School Hockey and are free to play in any Open Grade competition.