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About the event

Event Name: FIH Hockey Pro League

When: October 2022 – July 2023

Where: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, New Zealand

Teams

- **Women:** Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, New Zealand, USA
- **Men:** Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain

Broadcast and live streaming

Global broadcast and live streaming information for each individual match will be published on the [FIH Hockey Pro League website](#) as soon as it becomes available.



In territories where broadcast rights agreements are not in place, fans can watch live match action from the FIH Hockey Pro League via the [Watch.Hockey](#) app.

Official website - <https://www.fihproleague.com>

The official event website provides everything that you need to know about the event, including news updates, fixtures, results, standings, live match reporting and broadcast information.

We are delighted to announce that some new features have been added to the FIH Hockey Pro League website, with data filters allowing the user to dig a little deeper. Here is a quick overview.

Matches

Filter by: *Season, Gender, Teams, Venue.*

Standings | Teams | Stats | Officials

Filter by: *Season, Gender.*

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Additional elements

Teams: When a user clicks on a team from any previous season, the players that represented them during that season will be displayed. By clicking on a player, the user will be provided with a player profile from that season as well as their current statistics for Senior Outdoor competitions.

Stats: When a user clicks on 'More' from any previous edition, detailed stats from that season will be provided. A 'Country' filter is also available by clicking the 'More' button.

Social media

The FIH will provide comprehensive coverage of the event via our social media channels, including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [TikTok](#), [Weibo](#) and [WeChat](#) (International_Hockey).

Hashtags: #FIHProLeague



| FIH Hockey Pro League contacts and media accreditation requests

You can find an email contact for each of the competing teams below. Media accreditation applications for the FIH Hockey Pro League are handled by the host nation of the various FIH Hockey Pro League fixtures taking place across the world. If you are interested in attending a match, please use the below contact information.

Please be aware that only bona fide members of the media will be granted accreditation to FIH Hockey Pro League matches, and that all members of the media are required to sign a Terms and Conditions form to secure a matchday accreditation.

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| A message of welcome from Seif Ahmed, Acting President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

Dear All,

Welcome to Season 4 of the FIH Hockey Pro League, FIH's ground-breaking global hockey league – 'Hockey at its Best' - that features the best teams in the world!

This season includes two major innovations:

Firstly, a promotion-relegation principle will be implemented for the very first time, with the team finishing last being relegated, while the team winning the 2022 FIH Hockey Nations Cup - a new competition - will get promoted to the 2023-2024 Pro League season.

Secondly, matches will be played in "mini-tournaments" where several teams will gather in one venue to play two matches against each other. This format will have a major positive impact on players' welfare and the environment, thanks to a substantial reduction in the amount of travel needed for each team and the officials. Another great advantage of this revised format is that it increases the number of dates available for athletes to compete in their domestic leagues and club competitions.

The 144 matches will be played in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, England, India, Netherlands and New Zealand, with the iconic Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar playing hosts for the first encounters of the season.

I'm particularly delighted to welcome back Australia and New Zealand! Both Oceanian hockey powerhouses were sadly unable to join last season, due to COVID-related constraints. Together with Argentina, Belgium, China, Germany, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, Spain and USA, they form the incredible line-up of this outstanding League, much to the delight of all hockey fans around the world!

On behalf of FIH and in my personal name, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all participating National Associations, athletes, officials, our commercial and broadcast partners, our preferred suppliers, the volunteers, the media and the fans!

Whether you are following the matches via broadcast, on the Watch.Hockey app, on social media or in the news, I wish you enjoy all the action from this exciting FIH Hockey Pro League's season!

Yours in Hockey,

Seif Ahmed

FIH Acting President

| About the FIH Hockey Pro League

The FIH Hockey Pro League - "Hockey at its Best!" - is an annual global League involving hockey's best national teams in the world, Men and Women.

The best team of the season - having accumulated the highest number of points at the end of the League - is crowned Champion and receives the coveted FIH Hockey Pro League Trophy.

The FIH Hockey Pro League – an event in where the format is identical in both the men's and women's competitions – is transforming the landscape of international hockey, allowing fans the world over are able to watch their favourite sport for an extended period on the same TV channel or on the [Watch.Hockey](#) app. Moreover, those fans whose team is participating have the chance to be part of the noise and sheer excitement of watching their team regularly in their home country.

Previous winners:

2019: Netherlands (Women) and Australia (Men)

2020-21: Netherlands (Women) and Belgium (Men)

2021-22: Argentina (Women) and Netherlands (Men)

About the venues

The venues that will be used for the fourth season, which will run from 28 October 2022 to 5 July 2023, are as follows:

- Australia: Newcastle, Hobart
- Argentina: Mendoza, Santiago del Estero
- Belgium: Antwerp
- England: London
- India: Bhubaneswar, Rourkela
- Netherlands: Eindhoven, Amsterdam
- New Zealand: Christchurch, Wellington

As announced in March 2022, a new schedule – based on a series of "mini-tournaments" where several teams will gather in one venue to play two matches against each other – will come into force for this new Pro League season. This format will have a major positive impact on players' welfare and the environment, thanks to a substantial reduction in the amount of travel needed for each team and the officials. Another great advantage of this revised format is that it increases the number of dates available for athletes to compete in their domestic leagues and club competitions.

Promotion, relegation and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup

Furthermore, this season will see the implementation of a promotion-relegation principle for the very first time, with the team finishing last being relegated, while the team winning the 2022 FIH Hockey Nations Cup – a new event – being promoted for the 2023-2024 Pro League season.

FIH CEO Thierry Weil said: "The integration of the promotion-relegation principle will substantially add to the excitement around Pro League. Also, the new format is beneficial to everyone, athletes,

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National Associations, clubs and fans in particular. We're glad to welcome some new venues for this season; this is great for the growth of our sport! We're very much looking forward to the fourth edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League!"

The FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 match schedule, including the match timings, is available [here](#).

More information about the brand new FIH Hockey Nations Cup can be found [here](#).



| Competition Format

The following information has been taken from the 'FIH Hockey Pro League Competition Regulations' document, created for the 2022-23 Season. More information about all FIH competition regulations can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/event-resources/>

Announcement of Match Squads and Starting Line Ups

- a) No later than 1 week before the start of a mini-Tournament that a team is involved in, Team Managers must submit to FIH the names of up to 22 players that will form that team's squad for the duration of the mini-Tournament.
- b) No later than 1 hour before the start of a match, Team Managers must submit to FIH via TMS
 - o The names of up to 18 Players that will form their team's squad for the Match of whom 2 must be goalkeepers wearing full protective equipment,
 - o The names of the 11 Players that will start the match, and
 - o the names of the Team Manager, Team Coach, Physiotherapist and Team Doctor for the match plus one other member of the team management who will be present on the team bench.
- c) A nominated player who becomes incapacitated between the announcement of the 22 Players for a mini-Tournament, and up to one hour before the start of the first match for that team in the mini-Tournament, may be replaced in the 22 by another Player whose name appears on the team's Long List, provided that a team may not nominate any Player who is suspended from playing in the League. For clarity, no replacement players will be allowed during a mini-Tournament from 1 hour before the first match for a team.
- d) A nominated starting line-up Player who becomes incapacitated between the announcement of the starting line-up and the start of a match may be replaced in the starting line up by another Player from within the match day squad of 18. The Team Manager must notify the Match Manager on duty accordingly, who will inform the Team Manager of the opposing team and the media of such a change. For clarity, no replacement from outside the match day squad of 18, is permitted after the match day squad is submitted into TMS 1 hour before the start of the match.

Competition Plan and Ranking in the League

- a) Each League Season encompasses a single league phase with each nation playing against the other nations 2 (two) times. Matches are played in mini tournament groups of a minimum of 6 matches, in a single country, including either the host nation against "away" nations or between the "away" nations playing against each other.
- b) In the event of a Match being drawn, a shoot-out competition will be played in accordance with Appendix 2. The winner of the shoot-out competition will be awarded one bonus point.
- c) The following points will be awarded for each Match :

- i three (3) points to the winner in normal time;
 - ii one (1) point to the winner of a shootout following a draw plus one (1) bonus point, making a total of two (2) points.
 - iii one (1) point to the loser of the shootout, in the event of a draw;
 - iv no points to the loser of a match in normal time.
- d) During the Season, teams will be ranked by the points gained up to that point in time. In the case of two or more teams having an equal number of points, they will be ranked according to Regulations 4.2 e – k below.
- e) If at any point of time during the Season two or more teams with the same number of points for any place in the League will be ranked according to their respective number of Matches won.
- f) If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference in normal time (which means goals for less goals against). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- g) If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of goals for.
- h) Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the aggregate results of the matches played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams in accordance with clauses c, d, e, f and g of this Article.
- i) If more than two teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches among (only) them shall determine their respective position in accordance with clauses c, d, e, f and g of this article.
- j) If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to the number of Field Goals scored in the League.
- k) If there remains equality among two or more teams these teams will be ranked according to the lesser number of red cards, followed by the lesser number of yellow cards followed by the lesser number of green cards.
- l) During the Season, if teams are still equal after regulation 4.2 k, they will be displayed in alphabetical order.
- m) At the end of the Season, if teams are still equal after regulation 4.2k, they will be ranked equally.
- n) If all matches are not completed during the season for reasons of Force majeure (for example due to the COVID pandemic), points will be awarded according to Clause 8.1 j. For the season to be considered complete and the final ranking table to be official, and League positions including the winners to be confirmed, at least 75% of the matches (54 matches) in a gender Pro League must have been completed. If less than 75% of the matches have been completed, then the season will be considered to be incomplete and no winner or relegated team will be announced. Individual match statistics will be maintained and recorded on TMS.

To download the complete FIH Hockey Pro League Competition Regulations for Season 4, click [here](#).

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Players

In the new 'mini-Tournament format, Team managers must submit the names of up to 22 players that will form the team's squad for that mini-Tournament no later than one week before it begins. A matchday squad is made up of a maximum of 18 players, composed of 11 players on the field and up to seven substitutes.

Substitutions

There are no limits on the number of substitutions, apart from during a penalty corner or video referral when substitutions are not allowed.

Match periods

Matches consist of four periods of 15 minutes.

Green and yellow cards

If a player is shown a green card by the umpire, he or she has a temporary suspension lasting two minutes. This means the team plays with one fewer player during this period. The time penalty kicks in when the suspended player sits on a chair next to the technical table. After the two minutes are up, the player can return to the pitch. If a player is shown a yellow card, the suspension shall be a minimum of five minutes. The Technical Officer on duty is responsible for timing the temporary suspension. Once the suspension is over, the player (or a substitute) can return to the pitch unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner, in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

Penalty corner countdown clock

When a penalty corner is awarded, time is stopped for 40 seconds, except in the case of re-awards or penalty corners awarded after a Video Umpire referral. In the case of a re-awarded penalty corner time will be immediately stopped but the teams will not be allowed an additional 40 seconds. The umpire will re-start play at the earliest possible opportunity, ensuring that any delay is kept to a minimum. Matches are also stopped for 40 seconds after a goal is scored, except in the case of goals awarded after a Video Umpire Referral and a Penalty Stroke.

Video umpire

Each team is allowed one video umpire team referral during the regulation time. Team referrals are restricted to decisions within the 23 metre areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and penalty corners. The on-pitch umpires will ask the video umpire to study the relevant images and for his or her advice and recommendation. If the referral is successful, the team retains the right to make another team referral. If the referral is unsuccessful, the team loses the right to use the video umpire for the rest of the game. The umpires may also consult the video umpire, using their own umpire referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

If a match ends in a draw a shoot-out competition will take place to determine the winner. In the shoot-out competition each team has the right to one team referral for the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and whether a shoot-out should be re-taken or not. Referrals remaining at the end of regulation time are not carried over into the shoot-out competition. The umpires may still also consult the video umpire, using their own referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

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Shoot-outs

A shoot-out competition will be used if the scores are equal at full time. Each team picks five players who will each take one shoot-out. If the teams are tied after a series of shoot-outs, the winner will be decided by sudden death, ie when one team has scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of shoot-outs have been taken. The process will be repeated in series of five shoot-outs for each team until a winner has been decided.

More information about the rules of hockey can be found below.

FIH Rules of Hockey (Updated January 2022): [Click here](#) .



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| TEAMS – WOMEN

Background information about the competing women's FIH Hockey Pro League teams, including notable achievements, key players and more can be found below. You can download a complete list of all squads by clicking [here](#).

Please note: not all squads had been finalized at the time of publication.



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Argentina

Nickname: Las Leonas

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 4th. 2020-21: 2nd. 2021-22: 1st.

Notable honours: 2x World Cup winners (2002, 2010), 4x World Cup runners up (1974, 1976, 1994, 2022), 3x World Cup bronze medallists (1978, 2006, 2014), 3x Olympic silver medallists (2000, 2012, 2021), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (2004, 2008), Hockey World League champions (2015), 7x Champions Trophy winners (2001, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016), 7x Pan-American Games gold medallists (1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2019), 6x Pan-American Cup winners (2001, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2022). FIH Hockey Pro League winners (2021-22)

About the team: Argentina are the reigning FIH Hockey Pro League thanks to their glorious title success in the 2021-22 edition, denying the mighty Netherlands a third successive win in the competition by going the duration of the season without losing in regulation time. The matches between Las Leonas and the Oranje both ended in draws, with the Dutch taking the available bonus points with success in the respective shoot-outs. It was not enough to deny Argentina their first FIH Hockey Pro League title, although the Dutch exacted revenge a month later when they defeated the South American giants in the final of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, just as they did in 2021 at the delayed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Under the guidance of head coach Fernando Ferrara and blessed with some outrageously gifted players in the shape of teenage defender Valentina Raposo, penalty corner ace Agustina Gorzelany and the Granatto sisters, Victoria and Maria, Argentina have firmly established themselves as the frontrunners to end the Dutch dominance.

Argentina will be in FIH Hockey Pro League action on home soil in Mendoza and Santiago del Estero as well as Hobart (AUS), Eindhoven (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: María José Granatto.

An explosive and extremely dynamic player, Granatto is a true icon of the world game who can create chances out of nothing. Nominated for the FIH Hockey Stars Player of the Year 2022 Award alongside compatriot Agustina Gorzelany.



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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here](#).

Australia

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 2nd. 2021-21: 5th.

Notable honours: 3x Olympic gold medallists (1988, 1996, 2000), 2x World Cup winners (1994, 1998), 3x World Cup silver medallists (1990, 2006, 2014), 2x World Cup bronze medallists (1983, 2022), FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2019), Hockey World League silver medallists (2012-13 Edition), 6x FIH Champions Trophy gold medallists (1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003), 7x Oceania champions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2013, 2015, 2017), 4x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2006, 2010, 2014)

About the team: The Covid-19 global health pandemic had a significant impact on the ability of teams from Oceania to participate in international hockey matches and competitions, including the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League. However, Australia returned to the elite stage with a superb bronze medal at the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, defeating Germany 2-1 in the match for third place with Steph Kershaw netting twice in the final quarter after trailing for most of the contest. It was an outstanding result for the Hockeyroos, with three of the group earning FIH Hockey Stars Awards nominations on the back of it. Head coach and legendary Hockeyroo Katrina Powell was nominated for the Coach of the Year Award, with Jocelyn Bartram and Amy Lawton being shortlisted for the Best Goalkeeper and Rising Star prizes respectively. The team will be excited about returning to the FIH Hockey Pro League stage, and the competition will be all the better for the inclusion of this true powerhouse of world hockey.



Australia will be in FIH Hockey Pro League action on home soil in Newcastle and Hobart as well as Christchurch (NZL), Eindhoven (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Jane Claxton. An outstanding midfielder who is a leader both on and off the field for the Hockeyroos. Adelaide-raised Claxton is the most capped player in the current Australia line-up, having made her 200th international appearance at the FIH Women's World Cup 2022.

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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here.](#)

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Belgium

Nickname: Red Panthers

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 5th. 2020-21: 7th. 2021-22: 4th.

Notable honours: 2nd Place – EuroHockey Championships (2017), 3rd Place – EuroHockey Championships (2021), 3rd Place – Hockey World Cup (1978), 4th Place – EuroHockey Nations Championships (2013),

About the team: Belgium's Red Panthers are a team that have earned huge respect in recent times, with their performances in FIH Hockey Pro League – where they finished fourth last time out – and the EuroHockey Championships drawing particular praise. A third-place finish at the 2021 Euros in Amsterdam booked their ticket to this event, bouncing back from a 3-1 semi-final defeat against hosts the Netherlands to claim bronze by beating Spain 3-1 thanks to goals from Barbara Nelen, Abi Raye and the ever-impressive Ambre Ballenghien. Penalty corner expert Stephanie Vanden Borre is another player worth keeping an eye on, having netted six times in July's FIH Women's Hockey World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022 to help her side to sixth place, their highest finish since winning bronze in 1978. The team is coached by Raoul Ehren, who guided Den Bosch women to unprecedented club success both in the Netherlands and Europe and is now working his magic at international level. With talent in abundance and a fantastic, ambitious coach with big ideas, this team can mix it with the very best.

One to watch: Charlotte Englebert. Named Best Young Player at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, 21-year-old midfielder Englebert is a player with a very bright future ahead of her. Recently shortlisted for the FIH Hockey Stars Young Player of the Year 2022.



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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here.](#)

China

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 7th. 2020-21: 8th. 2021-22: 8th.

Notable honours: Olympic silver medallists (2008), World Cup bronze medallists (2002), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2002), 2x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2003, 2006), Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2005), 3x Asian Games gold medallists (2002, 2006, 2010), 2x Asia Cup gold medallists (1989, 2009), 2x Asia Cup silver medallists (1993, 2017), 3x Asia Cup bronze medallists (1999, 2004, 2007).

About the team: China enter the fourth edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League on the back of a ninth place finish at the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022. It would be easy to dismiss that campaign as a failure, until you realise that they lost just one of their five matches, claiming two wins and two draws to show marked progress from the team's worst ever World Cup performance at the London 2018 event, where they finished 16th out of 16. Heading up China's redevelopment is Alyson Annan, the legendary former Australian international and two-time FIH Player of the Year. The appointment of Annan, who guided the Netherlands women to World Cup (2018) and Olympic (2021) glory, is a clear sign about just how seriously China are taking the challenge of revitalising their national hockey team, as is the choice of another Australian icon as assistant coach: the great Ric Charlesworth.

China will be in FIH Hockey Pro League action in Newcastle (AUS), Wellington (NZL), London (GBR) and Eindhoven (NED).

One to watch: Cui Qiuxia. The only player in the squad over the age of 30, Cui is a rock solid defender whose experience will play a crucial role in the development of this team over the years ahead.

FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here](#).



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Germany

Nickname: Die Danas

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 3rd. 2020-21: 4th. 2021-22: 6th.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004), 2x Olympic silver medallists (1984, 1992), Olympic bronze medallists (2016), 2x World champions (1976, 1981), 2x European champions (2007, 2013), FIH Hockey Pro League bronze medallists (2019), 7x European silver medallists (1991, 1999, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2019, 2021), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2006)

About the team: European giants Germany have a proud history at international level, winning every major title on offer and are always genuine contenders for a place on the podium. Die Danas just missed out on the bronze medal at the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022 event, with Australia scoring two goals in the final quarter to overturn a lead Germany held since the 14th minute. It was a painful defeat, but one that head coach Valentin Altenburg – who guided Germany' men to Olympic bronze at Rio 2016 – will use to motivate his exceptionally talented group of athletes. Their squad contains five players who have surpassed the 100 caps marker, the most experienced being Anne Schroeder, who has represented her country on 180 occasions. Nike Lorenz, Charlotte Stapenhorst, Selin Oruz and Cecile Pieper are also cap centurions, with the group being co-captained by Lorenz and Sonja Zimmermann.

Die Danas will be in FIH Hockey Pro League action in Mendoza (ARG), Newcastle (AUS), London (GBR), Amsterdam (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Charlotte Stapenhorst. This lively attacker is always an impressive performer, with her magical 3D skills and creativity being a constant scourge to opposition defences.

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FIH Pro League Team Page:
[click here.](#)



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Great Britain

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 8th. 2020-21: 3rd.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), 3x Olympic bronze medallists (1992, 2012, 2021), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (2012).

About the team: Following England's participation in season 3, it is Great Britain that will participate in the fourth edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League as the team begins preparing for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Having achieved medals at the two previous Olympic Games competitions – bronze at Tokyo 2020 and gold in Rio 2016 – head coach David Ralph will be determined that his GB side make a big impression in the Pro League this year. Team captain Hollie Pearne-Webb and Laura Unsworth – who has made over 300 international appearances – are two of the finest defenders around, while attacking talents Ellie Rayer, Lily Owsley and Hannah Martin all have electrifying speed and skills. They are also blessed with one of the best goalkeepers on the planet, with Maddie Hinch having produced heroics on countless occasions for the team.

Great Britain's women can be seen in FIH Hockey Pro League action in Santiago del Estero (ARG), Christchurch (NZL) and on home soil in London.

One to watch: Lily Owsley. Blisteringly quick with an eye for goal, attacking star Lily Owsley is blessed with all the attributes that keep defenders awake at night. She made her senior international debut in 2013 at the age of 18 and within three years was a European and Olympic champion, with England and Great Britain respectively.

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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here](#).



Netherlands

Nickname: The Oranje

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 1st. 2020-21: 1st. 2021-21: 2nd.

Notable honours: 4x Olympic gold medallists (1984, 2008, 2012, 2021), 9x World Cup winners (1974, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1990, 2006, 2014, 2018, 2022), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019, 2021), 2x Hockey World League champions (2012-14, 2016-17), 7x Champions Trophy winners (1987, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2018), 11x European champions (1984, 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2019, 2021).

About the team: The Netherlands are the dominant force in the women's game, a fact proven by their glorious FIH Women's World Cup victory in 2022, their third successive title and ninth overall. However, they enter this season's FIH Hockey Pro League not as defending champions but as a team determined to reclaim their crown following Argentina's dethroning of the mighty Dutch in the third edition of the competition. Despite this, the Oranje remain very much the team to beat. They are blessed with some of the world's most iconic players including Frederique Matla, Xan de Waard and evergreen attacker Lidewij Welten, a player who is unquestionably one of the all-time greats of the sport. Athletes from the team dominated the women's nominations in this year's FIH Hockey Stars Awards, with Felice Albers winning the 'Best Player' award ahead of nominated team-mate Frederique Matla. Josine Koning was nominated for the Best Goalkeeper prize, while Luna Fokke and Jip Dicke were both shortlisted for the Rising Star award. The team is coached by former Netherlands men's head coach Paul Van Ass, replacing Germany's Jamilon Mülders following his sensational interim spell in charge that sealed not only a World Cup title but also a nomination for the FIH Hockey Stars Coach of the Year prize.

The Netherlands women will be in FIH Hockey Pro League action in Santiago del Estero (ARG), Eindhoven (NED), London (GBR) and Amsterdam (NED).

One to watch: Felice Albers. Recently crowned FIH Hockey Stars Women's Player of the Year despite having made only 32 international appearances, Felice Albers is something of a phenomenon. A brilliant forward who, at just 22, is already an Olympic, World and European champion.



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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here.](#)

HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

New Zealand

Nickname: The Black Sticks

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 6th. 2020-21: 8th.

Notable honours: 4x Oceania Cup gold medallists (2007, 2009, 2011, 2019), Hockey World League silver medallists (2015), 7x Oceania Cup silver medallists (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2013, 2015, 2017), FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2011), 2x FIH Champions Challenge gold medallists (2005, 2009), Commonwealth Games gold medallists (2018), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2010), 2x Commonwealth Games bronze medallists (1998, 2014), 4th place at London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

About the team: New Zealand missed last season's FIH Hockey Pro League due to the country's strict Covid-19 lockdown but returned to major international action at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022. The Black Sticks were quick to remind everyone of their qualities, winning a pool containing England, India and China before a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Germany in the quarter-finals resulted in a very creditable fifth-place finish. A fourth-place finish at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games arrived in painful circumstances, with the 2018 gold medallists suffering shoot-out losses in both the semi-final against England and bronze medal match against India. The team is co-captained by ace striker Olivia Merry and key defender Megan Hull, who will lead a talented but relatively inexperienced group into battle. Aside from the Liz Thompson, who will be on the verge of joining the 200 club, the 256-capped Merry has almost three times as many caps as any other player in the squad. However, the likes of Hull, goalkeeper Grace O'Hanlon, Olivia Shannon and Frances Davies are all proven at this level.



This season, New Zealand's women will compete in FIH Hockey Pro League mini-tournaments on home soil in Wellington and Christchurch as well as in Antwerp (BEL) and Amsterdam (NED).

One to watch: Olivia Merry. One of the most feared strikers in world hockey. New Zealand's Merry finished top of the FIH Hockey Pro League scorers' charts both in season one (15 goals in 16 games) and season two (11 goals in ten games). If Merry is on song, the Black Sticks know that absolutely anything is possible.

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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

USA

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 9th. 2020-21: 9th. 2021-22: 9th.

Notable honours: Olympic bronze medallists (1984), Hockey World Cup bronze medallists (1994), Hockey Champions Trophy bronze medallists (1995, 2016), Hockey Champions Challenge gold medallists (2014), 2x Pan American Games gold medallists (2011, 2015), 5x Pan American Games silver medallists (1987, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007), 2x Pan American Games bronze medallists (1991, 2019), 4x Pan American Cup silver medallists (2001, 2004, 2009, 2013).

About the team: USA may have finished bottom of the standings in the three previous editions of the FIH Hockey Pro League, but a brand new coaching group will be looking to change their fortunes. Recently appointed head coach David Passmore is a man with a fine pedigree, having gained huge experience with the England and Great Britain set-up before getting heavily involved in Irish hockey over the past decade. The highly regarded Passmore is joined by assistant coach Tracey Fuchs, an undisputed legend of USA Field Hockey both as a player, winning a World Cup silver medal in 1994, and a high-performance leader. While the new coaching group clearly has plenty of work ahead of them, they will be relishing the challenge of working with the country's finest players. The expanded squad named for this season's FIH Hockey Pro League contains players aged between 17 and 27, with team captain Amanda Magadan and midfielder Lauren Moyer the only athletes to have surpassed the 100 caps milestone. They are blessed with a brilliant attacker in Erin Matson, while defensive midfielder Ashley Hoffman is another key player.

This season, the USA will compete in FIH Hockey Pro League mini-tournaments in Wellington (NZL), Hobart (AUS), London (GBR) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Erin Matson. Still only 22, attacker Matson has been a member of the USA senior women's team since 2017 and regularly produced outstanding performances. Matson's speed, skill, game intelligence and eye for goal makes her one of the most exciting young talents in world hockey. Finished top scorer at the 2022 Pan American Cup with 10 goals,



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| TEAMS – MEN

Background information about the competing men's FIH Hockey Pro League teams, including notable achievements, key players and more can be found below. You can download a complete list of all squads by clicking [here](#).

Please note: not all squads had been confirmed at the time of publication.



Argentina

Nickname: Los Leones

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 5th. 2020-21: 7th. 2021-22: 5th.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), FIH Men's World Cup bronze medallists (2014), Hockey World League silver medallists (2017), 10x Pan American Games winners (1967, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2011, 2015, 2019), 4x Pan American Cup winners (2004, 2013, 2017, 2022), FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2008), 3x FIH Champions Challenge 1 winners (2005, 2007, 2012), Sultan Azlan Shah Cup winners (2008).

About the team: The Olympic champions from Rio 2016 are Pan American hockey's most potent force, having been crowned continental champions on 14 separate occasions. With a swashbuckling style and incredible technical ability, Los Leones can match any team on the planet. The team coached by former Argentina goalkeeper Mariano Ronconi will be determined to surpass the fifth place finishes they achieved in the first and third editions of the competition. Three members of the current squad are veterans of that glorious gold medal winning squad from Rio 2016, with Agustin Mazzilli, Lucas Vila and team captain Matias Rey – named Player of the Tournament as his team swept to victory in the 2022 Men's Pan American Cup in Santiago, Chile – all continuing to play well into their 30s. There are some electrifying younger talents too, with Nicolas Keenan and Maico Casella capable of making a big impression against any opponent. They have a wonderful penalty corner expert in Jose Tolini, ensuring that the South American giants will not be short of goal-scoring options.

This season, Argentina's men will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' on home soil in Mendoza and Santiago del Estero as well as Hobart (AUS), Eindhoven (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).



One to watch: Maico Casella. A creative, intelligent attacker capable of scoring spectacular goals. Netted eight times in the 2022 Men's Pan American Cup to help Los Leones to their fourth title.

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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

Australia

Nickname: The Kookaburras

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 1st. 2020-21: 2nd.

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Oceania (2019)

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004) 4x Olympic silver medallists (1968, 1976, 1992, 2021), 5x Olympic bronze medallists (1964, 1996, 2000, 2008, 2012), 3x FIH Men's World Cup winners (1986, 2010, 2014), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019), Hockey World League champions (2015, 2017), 15x Champions Trophy winners (1983, 1984, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2018), 7x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), 11x Oceania Cup champions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019).

About the team: The Kookaburras are the most consistently outstanding men's hockey team of the last 30 years, having remained in the top four of the FIH World Rankings for the duration of that period. They have won every prize available, including Olympic, World Cup, FIH Hockey Pro League and Oceania Cup titles. Most recently, the side coached by former striker Colin Batch claimed a sensational seventh Commonwealth Games title, obliterating India 7-0 in the event final in Birmingham. Nathan Ephraums and Jacob Anderson both scored twice with Blake Govers, Tom Wickham and Flynn Ogilvie also netting in typically devastating display from the brilliant Aussies. Having finished second to Belgium at the delayed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, Australia were forced to miss the third edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League due to covid-19 related travel restrictions, but make a welcome return for season four.



This season, the Kookaburras will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' on home soil in Hobart as well as Rourkela (IND), Christchurch (NZL), Hobart (AUS), Eindhoven (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Eddie Ockenden. One of hockey's all-time greats, 35-year-old co-captain Ockenden is Australia's record caps holder and is expected to make his 400th international appearance in the early stages this season's FIH

Hockey Pro League. Equally comfortable in defence or midfield and blessed with composure in the most stressful of situations, Ockenden is, quite simply, a class apart.

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FIH Pro League Team Page: [click here](#).

Belgium

Nickname: The Red Lions

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 2nd. 2020-21: 1st. 2021-22: 2nd.

Notable honours: FIH Hockey World Cup winners (2018), Olympic gold medallists (2021), Olympic silver medallists (2016), Olympic bronze medallists (1920), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2020-21), FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2019, 2021-22), Hockey World League silver medallists (2015), European champions (2019), European silver medallists (2013, 2017), European bronze medallists (2007, 2021), 5th place - Olympic Games (2012)

About the team: Belgium's rise from European also-rans to the summit of global hockey has been one of the standout stories of the past two decades. In the past five years the Red Lions have won every major title on offer, including the World Cup (2018), Olympic Games (2021), European Championship (2019) and FIH Hockey Pro League (2020-21). After losing their Pro League title to low countries neighbours the Netherlands, the team coached by Dutchman Michel van den Heuvel will be looking to regain their crown in this fourth edition of the competition. With some of the world's finest players amongst their ranks, they have every chance of doing it. In Vincent Vanasch and Loic Van Doren they have two world class goalkeepers, while Arthur Van Doren, Victor Wegnez, Felix Denayer, Florent Van Aubel, Alexander Hendrickx, Arthur de Sloover and Tom Boon – the latter two both shortlisted for the FIH Hockey Stars Player of the Year Award for 2022 – are some of the many extraordinary talents that Belgium have at their disposal. With their World Cup title defence taking

place in early in 2023, Belgium will be determined to assert their authority in the months leading up to the showpiece event in the Odisha cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

This season, Belgium men will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' in Mendoza (ARG), London (GBR) and on home soil in Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Arthur Van Doren. A key figure in the Red Lions team that claimed the Olympic, World, European and FIH Hockey Pro League titles in recent years, defender Arthur Van Doren is a two-time

winner of the FIH Player of the Year award and one of the finest players of the modern era.

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Germany

Nickname: Die Honamas

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 6th, 2020-21: 3rd, 2021-22: 4th.

Notable honours: 4x Olympic gold medallists (1972, 1992, 2008, 2012), 2x FIH Men's World Cup winners (2002, 2006), 9x Champions Trophy winners (1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2007, 2014), 8x European champions (1970, 1978, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2011, 2013)

About the team: With four Olympic gold medals, two World Cups and eight European titles, Germany have an enviable history in international hockey and, when at their best, few teams can live with them. Tactically astute and technically superb, Die Honamas have a habit for hitting form ahead of Olympic Games and World Cups, something they will be hoping to repeat in the lead-up to the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar & Roukela, which takes place in India early in 2023. Two Germany players were shortlisted for the FIH Hockey Stars Awards for 2022, with attacker Niklas Wellen gaining a nomination for the Best Player prize and goalkeeper Alexander Stadler nominated for the Best Goalkeeper award. They are far from being the only superstars in the Germany squad, with brilliant attacker Christopher Rühr, captain Mats Grambusch and penalty corner weapon Gonzalo Peilat – the man who fired Argentina to Olympic gold at Rio 2016 – just a handful of the world class players they have at their disposal.

This season, Die Honamas will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' in Mendoza (ARG), Rourkela (IND), London (GBR), Amsterdam (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Christopher Rühr. A sensational attacker blessed with speed, skill, guile and supreme confidence. Named FIH Rising Star of the Year both in 2013 and 2015.



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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

Great Britain

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 4th. 2020-21: 6th.

Notable honours: 2x Olympic gold medallists (1920, 1988), Olympic silver medallists (1948), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (1952, 1984), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (1985), 2x FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (1978, 1984)

About the team: Following England's participation in season 3, Great Britain participate in the fourth edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League as they begin preparations for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The team largely consists of players who represented England at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, where inspired performances from dazzling midfielder Phil Roper, star striker Sam Ward and competition top scorer Nick Bandurak (11 goals), proved pivotal in winning the bronze medal. However, it is not only Englishmen who can feature for GB, with Wales duo Rupert Shipperley and Jacob Draper being two notable athletes in the running for selection over the coming Olympic cycle. The team is coached by vastly experienced South African Paul Revington, who has held coaching roles with South Africa men, Malaysia men as well as two spells with the England and GB set-up. Fit, fearless and very talented, Great Britain can compete with the very best teams in the world.

This season, Great Britain will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' in Santiago del Estero (ARG), Christchurch (NZL) and on home soil in London (GBR).

One to watch: Zach Wallace. Nominated for the 2019 FIH Rising Star of the Year Award, Zach Wallace has established himself as a world class player who can have an impact in almost any position. The 23-year-old captained England at the Commonwealth Games 2022, where the team claimed the bronze medal.

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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

India

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: DNP. 2020-21: 4th. 2021-22: 3rd.

Notable honours: 8x Olympic gold medallists (1928, 1932, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1964, 1980), Olympic silver medallists (1960), 3x Olympic bronze medallists (1968, 1972, 2021), FIH Men's World Cup champions (1975), 3x Asian Games champions (1966, 1998, 2014), 2x Asia Cup champions (2003, 2007). 2x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2016, 2018), 3rd Place: Hockey Pro League (2021-22), Hockey World League bronze medallists (2015, 2017).

About the team: After years of sliding down the FIH World Rankings which culminated in failure to qualify for the Olympic Games Beijing 2008 – a competition that they had won a record eight times – India are back at the top table of the global game. A bronze medal at the delayed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 was a landmark moment for the team, who followed it up with a third-place finish in the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League. Head coach Graham Reid is getting the best out of the group, injecting a tactical discipline to their trademark skilful, fluid playing style, making them a team both respected and feared in equal measure. The star of the show is Harmanpreet Singh, a fabulous defender and one of the best drag flickers in the game, while goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, midfield ace Manpreet Singh and striker Mandeep Singh all capable of game-changing moments. As the host nation of the Odisha FIH Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar & Rourkela 2023 on

the horizon, a strong Pro League showing could stand India in good stead for their shot at the world title.

This season, India men will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' on home soil in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela and travel to London (GBR) and Eindhoven (NED).

One to watch: **Harmanpreet Singh.** India's drag-flicking defender is a proven match winner who, at Tokyo 2020, played a crucial role in helping his team back onto the Olympic

podium after an absence of 41 years. Named FIH Player of the Year both 2021 and 2022, Also finished top scorer of the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

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Netherlands

Nickname: The Oranje

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 3rd. 2020-21: 5th. 2021-22: 1st.

Notable honours: 2x Olympic gold medallists (1996, 2000), 3x FIH Men's World Cup winners (1973, 1990, 1998), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2021-22), FIH Hockey Pro League bronze medallists (2019), 8x FIH Champions Trophy winners (1981, 1982, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006), Hockey World League winners (2012-14 Edition), 6x European champions (1983, 1987, 2007, 2015, 2017, 2021).



About the team: Under head coach Jeroen Delmee, the legendary Dutch defender who as a player won two Olympic gold medals, the Netherlands have found a consistency in their performance levels which has already started to reap rewards. Since taking charge in the latter part of 2021, Delmee has injected a significant amount of fresh talent into the Oranje squad. The young guns rose to the challenge in style, winning 12 of their 16 matches in the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League to win the title for the first time. Captain Thierry Brinkman

and striker Koen Bijen top scored for the Netherlands with seven goals apiece, with six goals coming from both Dennis Warmerdam and penalty corner ace Jip Janssen. Thanks to their excellent form, three Dutchmen earned nominations for the FIH Hockey Stars Awards for 2021-22, with captain Brinkman shortlisted for the Best Men's Player prize while Miles Bukkens and Pirmin Blaak were selected for the Rising Star and Best Goalkeeper awards respectively.

This season, the Netherlands will take to the field for 'mini-tournaments' in Santiago del Estero (ARG), Eindhoven (NED), London (GBR), Amsterdam (NED) and Antwerp (BEL).

One to watch: Thierry Brinkman. A creator and scorer of goals, the Netherlands captain is an inspirational figure who is a key part of the ongoing revolution being led by head coach Jeroen Delmee.

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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

New Zealand

Nickname: The Black Sticks

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 8th. 2020-21: 8th.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (1976), Hockey World League silver medallists (2012-14 edition), Champions Challenge gold medallists (2009), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2002), 11x Oceania Cup silver medallists (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), 2x Sultan Azlan Shah Cup winners (2012, 2015).

About the team: After missing season 3 due to the impact of travel restrictions directly connected to the Covid-19 global health pandemic, New Zealand make a welcome return to the FIH Hockey Pro League for what promises to be a thrilling fourth edition of the competition. The Black Sticks will take to the field in the very first men's match of season four, travelling to Bhubaneswar for double headers against hosts India and the Red Sticks of Spain. They will be looking to hit the ground running, determined to improve on the eighth place finishes they recorded both in season one and season two. With players such as feared forward Hugo Inglis, penalty corner star Kane Russell and outstanding midfielder Hayden Phillips amongst their ranks, they certainly have the potential to finish much higher up the standings this time around.

As well as competing in Bhubaneswar, the Black Sticks men will also be in action on home soil in Christchurch as well as Antwerp (BEL) and Amsterdam (NED).

One to watch: Hugo Inglis. One of the most experienced players in the Black Sticks line-up, Inglis is a striker with a killer instinct, having netted 72 times for his country at the time of writing.

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HOCKEY AT ITS BEST

Spain

Nickname: The Red Sticks

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 7th. 2020-21: 9th. 2021-22: 7th.

Notable honours: 3x Olympic silver medallists (1980, 1996, 2008), 2x FIH Men's World Cup silver medallists (1971, 1998), 2x European champions (1974, 2005), European silver medallists (2003, 2007, 2019), FIH Champions Trophy winners (2004), FIH Champions Challenge 1 winners (2003).

About the team: Known for their flair, skill, and attacking prowess, the Red Sticks men are one of the most talented and unpredictable teams out there, having proven on countless occasions that, on their day, they can mix it with the very best teams in the world. As well as having rare talents such as electrifying attacker Enrique Gonzalez, classy captain Marc Miralles and experienced midfielder Alvaro Iglesias, they are also blessed with a revered head coach in Max Caldas, who enjoyed terrific success with the Netherlands women and men, guiding the former to World Cup and Olympic glory and the latter to two European Championship titles. The Red Sticks showed strong form at the recent EuroHockey Championship Qualifier competition on home soil in Orense, beating Czech Republic, Portugal and Poland to seal their ticket to the 2023 EuroHockey Championship. The team scored 20 times without conceding in that competition, with Pau Cunill (Rising Star nominee – FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021-22), Iglesias and former Argentina international and 2016 Olympic gold medallist Joaquin Menini each scoring three times.

This season, Spain's Red Sticks will take to the field for FIH Hockey Pro League 'mini-tournaments' in Bhubaneswar (IND), Hobart (AUS), London (GBR) and Antwerp (BEL).



One to watch: Marc Miralles. A classy midfielder who has fully embraced his role as team captain, 24-year-old Miralles is likely to be a cornerstone of the Red Sticks set-up for many years to come.

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| Competition officials

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<https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-pro-league/officials>

Information regarding the appointed officials for each match will be made available on the FIH Hockey Pro League website around 24 hours before the start of the contest. To see this information, simply visit the below link, select the match that you are interested in and then click the 'match info' tab.

<https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-pro-league/schedule-fixtures-results>



Useful Information

| At a glance: FIH Hockey Pro League 2019

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Australia, 3: Germany, 4: Argentina, 5: Belgium, 6: New Zealand, 7: China, 8: Great Britain, 9: USA

Men: 1: Australia (champions), 2: Belgium, 3: Netherlands, 4: Great Britain, 5: Argentina, 6: Germany, 7: Spain, 8: New Zealand

Tournament statistics

Number of goals

Women: 266 (162 Field goals, 97 Penalty Corners, 7 Penalty Strokes)

Men: 308 (211 Field Goals, 87 Penalty Corners, 10 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 182 (154 Green, 28 Yellow, 0 Red)

Men: 137 (110 Green, 27 Yellow, 0 Red)



Top scorers

Women's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
MERRY Olivia	NZL	9	3	3	15
MATLA Frederique	NED	7	2	1	10
FITZPATRICK Savannah	AUS	6	0	0	6
OWSLEY Lily	GBR	3	3	0	6
STAPENHORST Charlotte	GER	6	0	0	6
van MAASAKKER Caia	NED	0	6	0	6
GROTE Rebecca	GER	0	5	0	5
JANKUNAS Julieta	ARG	5	0	0	5
LORENZ Nike	GER	2	2	1	5
WILLIAMS Mariah	AUS	3	2	0	5

To view the full list, [click here](#).

Men's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
GOVERS Blake	AUS	2	8	2	12
QUEMADA Pau	ESP	9	1	0	10
BOON Tom	BEL	8	1	0	9
CHARLIER Cédric	BEL	8	1	0	9
HERTZBERGER Jeroen	NED	6	2	1	9
ROPER Phil	GBR	6	3	0	9
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	8	0	8
PRUIJSER Mirco	NED	8	0	0	8
WARD Sam	GBR	4	4	0	8
ANDERSON Jacob	AUS	6	0	0	6

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Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	18*	29	15	1	45	14	3	0
Australia	18*	25	9	1	38	15	6	0
Germany	18*	22	12	1	36	30	4	0
Argentina	18*	22	11	0	33	17	3	0
New Zealand	16	17	9	3	29	11	1	0
China	16	17	10	0	27	15	4	0
Great Britain	16	10	11	1	22	17	3	0
Belgium	16	10	11	0	21	18	2	0
United States	16	6	9	0	15	17	2	0

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**Played two additional matches due to their qualification for the Grand Final event*

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Belgium	16*	43	14	0	57	15	3	0
Australia	16*	32	15	2	49	12	1	0
Netherlands	16*	30	12	1	43	18	2	0
Great Britain	16*	23	14	2	39	13	2	0
Spain	14	26	7	0	33	16	5	0
Argentina	14	20	9	2	31	13	3	0
Germany	14	20	8	2	30	14	6	0
New Zealand	14	17	8	1	26	9	5	0

**Played two additional matches due to their qualification for the Grand Final event*

Most attacking:

Women: Netherlands – 523 circle entries

Men: Belgium – 411 circle entries

Most saves:

Women: Australia – 98 saves

Men: Netherlands – 74 saves

Highest scoring matches

Women: 8 goals – Netherlands 7-1 USA (competition average: 3.5)

Men: 11 goals – Spain 5-6 Great Britain (competition average: 5.13)

Best Players of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2019

Women: Frédérique Matla (NED)

Men: Aran Zalewski (AUS)

| At a glance: FIH Hockey Pro League 2020-21

Note: Due to the implications of the COVID-19 global health pandemic, the 2020 edition was extended through to June 2021 to allow as many matches to take place as possible. Because numerous matches were unable to be played before the end of the season, the final ranking of the teams was determined by points percentage instead of total points.

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Argentina, 3: Great Britain, 4: Germany, 5: Australia, 6: New Zealand, 7: Belgium, 8: China, 9: USA

Men: 1: Belgium (champions), 2: Australia, 3: Germany, 4: India, 5: Netherlands, 6: Great Britain, 7: Argentina, 8: New Zealand, 9: Spain

Tournament statistics

Number of goals

Women: 156 (91 Field goals, 58 Penalty Corners, 7 Penalty Strokes)

Men: 248 (147 Field Goals, 100 Penalty Corners, 1 Penalty Stroke)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 83 (71 Green, 12 Yellow, 0 Red)

Men: 156 (118 Green, 38 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women – 4 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
MERRY Olivia	NZL	5	6	0	11
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	6	1	7
MATLA Frederique	NED	3	3	1	7
WELTEN Lidewij	NED	5	2	0	7
ROBERTSON Sarah	GBR	4	1	0	5
BALLENGHIEN Ambre	BEL	3	1	0	4
MERINO Delfina	ARG	3	1	0	4

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Men – 6 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	11	0	11
TOLINI Jose	ARG	0	10	0	10
JANSSEN Jip	NED	0	7	0	7
HERTZBERGER Jeroen	NED	5	1	0	6
QUEMADA Pau	ESP	1	5	0	6

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Highest scoring matches

Women: 9 goals – USA 0-9 Netherlands (competition average: 3.71)

Men: 10 goals – Australia 7-3 New Zealand (competition average: 4.96)



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Final Standings

Women: 1: Argentina (champions), 2: Netherlands, 3: India, 4: Belgium, 5: Spain, 6: Germany, 7: England, 8: China, 9: USA

Men: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Belgium, 3: India, 4: Germany, 5: Argentina, 6: England, 7: Spain, 8: France, 9: South Africa

Tournament statistics

Number of goals

Women: 376 (200 Field goals, 155 Penalty Corners, 21 Penalty Strokes)

Men: 308 (211 Field Goals, 87 Penalty Corners, 10 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 120 (100 Green, 20 Yellow, 0 Red)

Men: 197 (156 Green, 41 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	10	2	12
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	0	7	2	9
MAERTENS Pia	GER	7	0	0	7
MATLA Frédérique	NED	3	2	2	7
VANDEN BORRE Stephanie	BEL	1	6	0	7
BALLENGHIEN Ambre	BEL	3	2	1	6
BALSDON Grace	ENG	0	5	1	6
GINE Xantal	ESP	0	6	0	6
GRANATTO Maria	ARG	2	4	0	6
GU Bingfeng	CHN	0	5	1	6
TRINCHINETTI Eugenia	ARG	4	2	0	6

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Men's Top 11

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
SINGH Harmanpreet	IND	0	14	4	18
BOON Tom	BEL	7	5	0	12
BANDURAK Nicholas	ENG	3	7	0	10
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	8	1	9
de KERPEL Nicolas	BEL	6	2	0	8
ABHISHEK	IND	6	1	0	7
BIJEN Koen	NED	7	0	0	7
BRINKMAN Thierry	NED	7	0	0	7
CHARLET Victor	FRA	0	5	2	7
MIRALLES Marc	ESP	0	5	2	7
WARD Sam	ENG	1	4	2	7

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Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Argentina	16	21	20	2	43	17	3	0
Netherlands	16	22	16	4	42	11	1	0
Belgium	16	20	14	1	35	14	1	0
India	16	20	10	3	33	11	2	0
Germany	16	17	10	3	30	13	4	0
England	16	14	11	1	26	11	1	0
Spain	16	9	12	2	23	7	1	0
China	16	8	10	1	19	6	4	0
USA	16	4	7	2	13	10	3	0

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
India	16	31	27	4	62	18	4	0
Netherlands	16	45	13	3	61	16	2	0
Belgium	16	29	22	1	52	15	4	0
Germany	16	17	20	3	40	16	5	0
England	16	18	20	2	40	21	4	0
Spain	16	16	18	2	36	7	2	0
Argentina	16	16	13	2	31	22	6	0
France	16	18	10	3	31	20	5	0
South Africa	16	10	12	1	23	21	9	0

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Women: 10 goals

Netherlands 10-0 USA – 3 April 2022

Competition average: 3.77

Men: 12 goals:

South Africa 1-11 Netherlands – 8 Feb 2022

South Africa 2-10 India – 9 Feb 2022

South Africa 2-10 India – 13 Feb 2022.

Competition average: 5.22



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| FIH World Rankings

After a long period of testing, a new World Ranking model took effect from January 1, 2020 after approval by the FIH Executive Board.

Moving away from the previous tournament based ranking system, this new match based system involves an exchange of points between the 2 teams competing in each match played. The number of points exchanged depends on the result of the match, the relative ranking of the teams and the importance of the match.

To see the official FIH World Rankings, [click here](#).

