



## Competition Manager Briefing Notes 2010-11

The England Hockey Board's focus is on SSPs that are part of one of our formal Club School Links, rather than whole county areas, as our efforts in the roll out of Quicksticks has focused on our Club School link SSPs where we know there are clear and effective exit routes. We've done this through offering these SSPs a funding and support package which includes:

- Assistance to set up and run a Quicksticks training course for teachers within the School Sports Partnership and coaches from the EHB Club, and the provision of a tutor to deliver the course free of charge
- Sets of Quicksticks Educational Resources for the school / SSP free of charge
- Discount vouchers or codes to offer the school / SSP discount off the cost of a full set of equipment from Davies Sports

The accompanying hockey mapping spreadsheet shows which SSPs have accessed this support package as at the end of March 2010. These are the SSPs we are asking the Competition Managers to work with, as they have all had an introduction to the game of Quicksticks, a course delivered for teachers and club reps, received free copies of the educational resources and been offered discounts off the cost of the kit bags. Any help or support that the CMs can offer in terms of encouraging the SSPs to utilise the discount offered to purchase the QS equipment would be greatly appreciated (note – the discount is offered with a redemption deadline).

Please note – some other SSPs may have run Quicksticks courses since this information went to print, and some may have also have started to deliver Quicksticks activity outside of our Club School link programme. Please contact the relevant EHB Development Officer to discuss the latest situation in a particular county as we would encourage engagement development work within these SSPs also.

Our first priority for Year 2 remains Quicksticks, with mini hockey as the second priority. We are aware that there is some confusion over exactly which age groups should be playing which version of the game. Our position remains that any SSPs introducing hockey to pupils for the first time should use Quicksticks. SSPs where mini hockey is already taking place should continue to play mini and the support should be offered to help with this delivery. We will be reviewing mini hockey over the coming months to ensure that it is more of a natural follow on from Quicksticks, so we will be in a better position to clarify specific activities for specific ages for year 3 delivery onwards.